

## A GENERAL FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR A PAIR OF MAPPINGS SATISFYING A MIXED IMPLICIT RELATION IN $S$ - METRIC SPACES

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### Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to extend the notion of mixed implicit relation by [19] to  $S$  - metric spaces and to prove a general fixed point theorem for a pair of mappings in  $S$  - metric spaces, generalizing some results by [3], [10], [15] and other papers.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $f, g : X \mapsto X$ . A point  $x \in X$  such that  $fx = gx = w$  is said to be a point of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$  and  $w$  is called a point of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$ . By  $\mathcal{C}(f, g)$  we denote the set of all coincidence points of  $f$  and  $g$ .

Jungck [8] introduced the notion of weakly compatible mappings.

**Definition 1** ([8]). *Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. Two mappings  $f, g : X \mapsto X$  are said to be weakly compatible if  $fgx = gfx$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}(f, g)$ .*

**Theorem 1** ([8]). *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be weakly compatible self mappings of a nonempty set  $X$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique point of coincidence  $w$ , then  $w$  is the unique common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .*

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In [2], Alber and Guerre - Delabriere introduced the notion of weakly contractive mappings in Hilbert spaces as a generalization of contractive mappings and established a fixed point theorem.

In [23], Rhoades extend this idea in Banach spaces and proved existence of fixed point of weakly contractive mappings. In [4], Choudhury introduced the concept of weakly  $C$  - contractive mappings in metric spaces.

**Definition 2** ([4]). *A mapping  $T : X \mapsto X$ , where  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space, is said to be weakly  $C$  - contractive if for all  $x, y \in X$ ,*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \frac{1}{2} [d(x, Ty) + d(y, Tx)] - \phi(d(x, Ty), d(y, Tx)),$$

where  $\phi : [0, \infty)^2 \mapsto [0, \infty)$  is a continuous function such that  $\phi(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = 0$ .

A generalization of metric space, named  $D$  - metric spaces, is introduced in [5], [6].

Mustafa and Sims [13], [14] proved that most of the claims concerning the fundamental topological structures from  $D$  - metric spaces are incorrect and introduced an appropriate notion of metric space, named  $G$  - metric space. In fact, Mustafa, Sims and other authors studied many fixed point results for self mappings in  $G$  - metric spaces.

In [12], Mustafa initiated the study of fixed points for weakly compatible mappings in  $G$  - metric spaces. Recently, in [24], the authors introduced a generalization of  $G$  - metric spaces, named  $S$  - metric spaces.

Recently, in [7], the authors proved that the notion of  $S$  - metric space is not a generalization of  $G$  - metric or vice versa. Hence, the notion of  $G$  - metric space and  $S$  - metric space are independent.

Other results in the study of fixed points in  $S$  - metric spaces are obtained in [15], [20], [21] and in other papers. Quite recently, some results for fixed points for four mappings in  $S$  - metric spaces are obtained in [10] and [25].

Some results for weakly compatible mappings in  $S$  - metric spaces are obtained in [10] and [26].

Several fixed point theorems and common fixed point theorems in metric spaces have been unified in [16], [17] and other papers considering a general condition by an implicit function.

The method is used in the study of fixed points in metric spaces, symmetric spaces, quasi - metric spaces,  $b$  - metric spaces, ultra - metric spaces, convex metric spaces, Hilbert spaces, probabilistic metric spaces, intuitionistic metric spaces, partial metric spaces, weak partial metric spaces, dislocated metric spaces, for single - valued mappings, hybrid pairs of mappings and multi-valued mappings. With this method, the proof of existence of fixed points is more simple.

The notion of mixed implicit relation in metric spaces is recently published in [19].

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 3** ([24]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. An  $S$  - metric on  $X$  is a function  $S : X^3 \mapsto \mathbb{R}_+$  such that for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$ :

- (S<sub>1</sub>) :  $S(x, y, z) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = z$ ,
- (S<sub>2</sub>) :  $S(x, y, z) \leq S(x, x, a) + S(y, y, a) + S(z, z, a)$ .

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

**Example 1.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $S(x, y, z) = |x - z| + |y - z|$ . Then,  $(X, S)$  is a  $S$  - metric space and  $S(x, y, z)$  is said to be the usual  $S$  - metric on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Lemma 1** ([24]). If  $S$  is a  $S$  - metric on a nonempty set  $X$ , then

$$S(x, x, y) = S(y, y, x) \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

**Definition 4** ([23], [24]). Let  $(X, S)$  be a  $S$  - metric space. For  $r > 0$  and  $x \in X$ , we define the open ball  $B_S(x, r)$  with center  $x$  and radius  $r$ :

$$B_S(x, r) = \{y \in X : S(x, x, y) < r\}.$$

The topology induced by the  $S$  - metric on  $X$  is the topology generated by the base of all open balls in  $X$ .

**Definition 5** ([23], [24]). a) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $(X, S)$  converges to  $x \in X$ , denoted  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  or  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , if  $S(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

b) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $(X, S)$  is a Cauchy sequence if  $S(x_n, x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ .

c) The space  $(X, S)$  is complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $(X, S)$  is a convergent sequence.

**Lemma 2** ([23], [24]). Let  $(X, S)$  be a  $S$  - metric space. If  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$ , then  $S(x_n, x_n, y_n) \rightarrow S(x, x, y)$ .

**Lemma 3** ([24]). Let  $(X, S)$  be a  $S$  - metric space and  $\{x_n\}$  a convergent sequence. Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  is unique.

**Definition 6** ([9]). An altering distance is a function  $\psi : [0, \infty) \mapsto [0, \infty)$  such that:

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

We denote by  $\Psi$  the set of all altering distances and by  $\Phi$  the set of all continuous functions  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with  $\phi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ .

The notion of  $\phi$  - weak contraction in  $S$  - metric spaces is defined in [11].

**Definition 7** ([11]). A self mapping  $T$  of an  $S$  - metric space is said to be  $\phi$  - weak contractive if  $S(Tx, Tx, Ty) = S(x, x, y) - \phi(S(x, x, y))$ .

**Theorem 2** ([11]). If  $T$  is a  $\phi$  - weak contractive on a  $S$  - metric space, then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

Quite recently, a generalization of this theorem is proved in [3].

**Definition 8** ([3]). Let  $(X, S)$  be a  $S$  - metric space and  $f : X \mapsto X$  such that

$$\psi(S(fx, fy, fz)) \leq \psi(M(x, y, z)) - \phi(M(x, y, z)),$$

where

$$M(x, y, z) = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S(x, x, y), S(x, x, fx), S(y, y, fy), S(z, z, z), \\ \alpha S(fx, fx, fy) + (1 - \alpha) S(fy, fy, fz) \end{array} \right\},$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\psi \in \Psi$ ,  $\phi \in \Phi$ . Then  $f$  is called a  $(\alpha, \psi, \phi)$  - generalized weak contractive map.

**Theorem 3** ([3]). Let  $(X, S)$  be a complete  $S$  - metric space and  $f$  be a  $(\alpha, \psi, \phi)$  - generalized weak contractive map. Then  $f$  has a unique fixed point  $u$  and  $f$  is continuous at  $u$ .

**Remark 1.** 1) If  $y \rightarrow x$  and  $z \rightarrow y$ , then

$$M(x, x, y) = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S(x, x, y), S(x, x, fx), S(y, y, fy), \\ \alpha S(fx, fx, fx) + (1 - \alpha) S(fy, fy, y) \end{array} \right\}.$$

2) By our opinion, the proof of continuity in Theorem 3 is not correct because  $S(x_n, x_n, fx_n)$  is not  $S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})$ .

The following lemma is used in the proof of Theorem 3.

**Lemma 4** ([3, Lemma 1.26]). Let  $(X, S)$  be a  $S$  - metric space and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0$ . If  $\{x_n\}$  is not a Cauchy sequence, then there exists an  $\varepsilon > 0$  and two sequences  $\{m_k\}$  and  $\{n_k\}$  of positive integers with  $n_k > m_k > k$  such that  $S(x_{m_k}, x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) \geq \varepsilon$ ,  $S(x_{m_k-1}, x_{m_k-1}, x_{n_k}) < \varepsilon$  and

- (1)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(x_{m_k}, x_{m_k}, x_{n_k}) = \varepsilon$ ,
- (2)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(x_{m_k-1}, x_{m_k-1}, x_{n_k}) = \varepsilon$ ,
- (3)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(x_{m_k}, x_{m_k}, x_{n_k-1}) = \varepsilon$ ,
- (4)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(x_{m_k-1}, x_{m_k-1}, x_{n_k-1}) = \varepsilon$ .

The following theorem is proved in [10].

**Theorem 4.** Let  $(X, S)$  be a  $S$  - metric space and  $f, g : X \mapsto X$  be two mappings such that  $f$  is  $g$  - weak contractive map. Assume that:

- 1)  $f(X) \subset g(X)$ ,
- 2)  $g(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $(X, S)$ ,
- 3)  $f$  and  $g$  are weakly compatible.

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

### 3 Mixed implicit relations

Let  $\mathcal{F}_{MX}$  be the set of all lower semi - continuous functions  $F : \mathbb{R}_+^6 \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  such that:

- ( $F_1$ ) :  $F$  is nonincreasing in variable  $t_6$ ,
- ( $F_2$ ) : For all  $u > 0, v \geq 0$ ,  $F(u, v, v, u, 0, 2u + v) \leq 0$  implies  $u < v$ ,
- ( $F_3$ ) :  $F(t, t, 0, 0, t, t) \geq 0, \forall t > 0$ .

In the following examples property ( $F_1$ ) is obviously.

**Example 2.**  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - k \max\{t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5, t_6\}$ , where  $k \in [0, \frac{1}{3})$ .

( $F_2$ ) : Let  $u > 0, v \geq 0$  and  $F(u, v, v, u, 0, 2u + v) = u - k \max\{u, v, 2u + v\} \leq 0$ . If  $u \geq v$ , then  $u(1 - 3k) \leq 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $u < v$ .

( $F_3$ ) :  $F(t, t, 0, 0, t, t) = t(1 - k) \geq 0, \forall t > 0$ .

**Example 3.**  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - k \max\left\{t_2, t_3, t_4, \frac{t_5 + t_6}{3}\right\}$ , where  $k \in [0, 1)$ .

( $F_2$ ) : Let  $u > 0, v \geq 0$  and  $F(u, v, v, u, 0, 2u + v) = u - k \max\left\{u, v, \frac{2u+v}{3}\right\} \leq 0$ . If  $u \geq v$ , then  $u(1 - k) \leq 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $u < v$ .

( $F_3$ ) :  $F(t, t, 0, 0, t, t) = t(1 - k) \geq 0, \forall t > 0$ .

**Example 4.**  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1^2 - t_1(at_2 + bt_3 + ct_4) - ct_5t_6$ , where  $a, b, c \geq 0$ ,  $a + b + c < 1$  and  $a + d < 1$ .

( $F_2$ ) : Let  $u > 0, v \geq 0$  and  $F(u, v, v, u, 0, 2u + v) = u^2 - u(av + bv + cu) \leq 0$ . If  $u \geq v$ , then  $u^2[1 - (a + b + c)] \leq 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $u < v$ .

( $F_3$ ) :  $F(t, t, 0, 0, t, t) = t^2[1 - (a + d)] \geq 0, \forall t > 0$ .

**Example 5.**  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1^2 - at_1t_2 - bt_3t_4 - ct_5t_6$ , where  $a, b, c \geq 0$ ,  $a + b < 1$  and  $a + c < 1$ .

( $F_2$ ) : Let  $u > 0, v \geq 0$  and  $F(u, v, v, u, 0, 2u + v) = u^2 - auv - buv \leq 0$ . If  $u \geq v$ , then  $u^2[1 - (a + b)] \leq 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $u < v$ .

( $F_3$ ) :  $F(t, t, 0, 0, t, t) = t^2[1 - (a + c)] \geq 0, \forall t > 0$ .

**Example 6.**  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1^3 - at_1t_2t_3 - bt_2t_3t_4 - ct_3t_4t_5 - dt_4t_5t_6$ , where  $a, b, c, d \geq 0$  and  $a + b < 1$ .

( $F_2$ ) : Let  $u > 0, v \geq 0$  and  $F(u, v, v, u, 0, 2u + v) = u^3 - auv^2 - buv^2 \leq 0$ . If  $u \geq v$ , then  $u^3[1 - (a + b)] \leq 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $u < v$ .

( $F_3$ ) :  $F(t, t, 0, 0, t, t) = t^3 \geq 0, \forall t > 0$ .

**Example 7.**  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - at_2 - bt_3 - ct_4 - dt_5 - et_6$ , where  $a, b, c, d, e \geq 0$ ,  $a + b + c + 3e < 1$  and  $a + d + e < 1$ .

( $F_2$ ) : Let  $u > 0, v \geq 0$  and  $F(u, v, v, u, 0, 2u + v) = u - av - bv - cu - e(2u + v) \leq 0$ . If  $u \geq v$ , then  $u[1 - (a + b + c + 3e)] \leq 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $u < v$ .

( $F_3$ ) :  $F(t, t, 0, 0, t, t) = t[1 - (a + b + c + 3e)] \geq 0, \forall t > 0$ .

Let  $\mathcal{G}_{MX}$  be the set of all continuous functions  $G : \mathbb{R}_+^5 \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  such that  $G(s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5) = 0$  if and only if  $s_1 = s_2 = \dots = s_5 = 0$ .

**Example 8.**  $G(s_1, \dots, s_5) = \max\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_5\}$ .

**Example 9.**  $G(s_1, \dots, s_5) = \max\{s_1, s_2, s_3, \frac{s_4+s_5}{3}\}$ .

**Example 10.**  $G(s_1, \dots, s_5) = \max\{s_1, s_2, s_3, \frac{s_4+s_5}{3}\}$ .

**Example 11.**  $G(s_1, \dots, s_5) = \max\{s_1, \frac{s_2+s_3}{2}, \frac{s_4+s_5}{3}\}$ .

**Example 12.**  $G(s_1, \dots, s_5) = s_1^2 + s_2^2 + s_3^2 + s_4^2 + s_5^2$ .

**Example 13.**  $G(s_1, \dots, s_5) = \frac{s_1}{1+s_2} + \frac{s_2}{1+s_3} + \frac{s_3}{1+s_4} + \frac{s_4}{1+s_5} + \frac{s_5}{1+s_1}$ .

**Example 14.**  $G(s_1, \dots, s_5) = s_1 + \frac{s_2+s_3+s_4+s_5}{2}$ .

**Example 15.**  $G(s_1, \dots, s_5) = s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + s_4 + s_5$ .

**Example 16.**  $G(s_1, \dots, s_5) = as_1 + bs_2 + s_3 + s_4 + s_5$ , where  $a, b \geq 0$ ,  $a, b < 1$ .

**Definition 9.** A function  $\phi(t_1, \dots, t_6) = F(t_1, \dots, t_6) + G(t_1, \dots, t_5)$ , where  $F \in \mathcal{F}_{MX}$  and  $G \in \mathcal{G}_{MX}$  is called a mixed implicit function.

## 4 Main results

**Theorem 5.** Let  $(X, S)$  be a  $S$ -metric space and  $f, g : X \mapsto X$  two self mappings such that for all  $x, y \in X$

$$\begin{aligned} & F \left( \begin{array}{l} S(fx, fx, fy), S(gx, gx, gy), S(gx, gx, fx), \\ S(gy, gy, fy), S(gy, gy, fx), S(gx, gx, fy) \end{array} \right) + \\ & G \left( \begin{array}{l} S(gx, gx, gy), S(gx, gx, fx), \\ S(gy, gy, fy), S(gy, gy, fx), S(gx, gx, fy) \end{array} \right) \leq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

for some  $F \in \mathcal{F}_{MX}$  and some  $G \in \mathcal{G}_{MX}$ .

If  $f(X) \subset g(X)$  and  $g(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  have a point of coincidence.

Moreover, if  $f$  and  $g$  are weakly compatible, then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point of  $X$ . Since  $f(X) \subset g(X)$ , there exists  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $fx_0 = gx_1$ . Continuing this process, we define the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $fx_n = gx_{n+1}$ . If there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $fx_n = fx_{n+1}$ , then  $fx_n = gx_{n+1} = fx_{n+1} = z$  and  $z$  is a point of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$ . Suppose that  $fx_n \neq fx_{n+1}$ , for all  $x \in X$ . Hence,  $gx_n \neq gx_{n+1}$ . By (1) for  $x = x_{n-1}$  and  $y = x_n$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & F \left( \begin{array}{l} S(fx_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}, fx_n), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}), \\ S(gx_n, gx_n, fx_n), S(gx_n, gx_n, fx_{n-1}), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, fx_n) \end{array} \right) + \\ & G \left( \begin{array}{l} S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}), \\ S(gx_n, gx_n, fx_n), S(gx_n, gx_n, fx_{n-1}), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, fx_n) \end{array} \right) \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$F \left( \begin{array}{l} S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1}), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n), \\ S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1}), 0, S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1}) \end{array} \right) + \\ G \left( \begin{array}{l} S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n), \\ S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1}), 0, S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1}) \end{array} \right) \leq 0. \quad (2)$$

By Lemma 1 and  $(S_2)$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1}) &= S(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}, gx_{n-1}) \\ &\leq 2S(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}, gx_n) + S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n) \\ &= 2S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

By (2) we obtain

$$F \left( \begin{array}{l} S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1}), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n), \\ S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1}), 0, 2S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n) \end{array} \right) + \\ G \left( \begin{array}{l} S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n), \\ S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1}), 0, S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1}) \end{array} \right) \leq 0. \quad (4)$$

Since

$$G \left( \begin{array}{l} S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n), \\ S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1}), 0, S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1}) \end{array} \right) > 0,$$

then

$$F \left( \begin{array}{l} S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1}), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n), \\ S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1}), 0, 2S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n) \end{array} \right) < 0,$$

which implies by  $(F_2)$  that

$$S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1}) < S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gx_n).$$

Hence, the sequence  $\{S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1})\}$  is a nonincreasing positive sequence, which implies that  $S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1})$  is convergent to a limit  $r \geq 0$ . Suppose that  $r > 0$ . Then by (4) and (3) we obtain

$$F(r, r, r, r, 0, 3r) \leq 0.$$

By  $(F_2)$  we obtain that  $r < r$ , a contradiction. Hence

$$r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(gx_n, gx_n, gx_{n+1}) = 0.$$

We prove that  $\{gx_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . Suppose that  $\{gx_n\}$  is not a Cauchy sequence. By Lemma 4, there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  and the sequences  $\{m_k\}, \{u_k\}$  and  $S(gx_{m_k}, gx_{m_k}, gx_{n_{u_k}}) \geq \varepsilon$  and  $S(gx_{m_{k-1}}, gx_{m_{k-1}}, gx_{m_k}) < \varepsilon$  satisfying conditions (1) – (4).

By (1) for  $x = x_{m_k-1}$  and  $y = x_{u_k-1}$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& F \left( \begin{array}{l} S(fx_{m_k-1}, fx_{m_k-1}, fx_{u_k-1}), S(gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{u_k-1}), \\ S(gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{m_k-1}, fx_{m_k-1}), S(gx_{u_k-1}, gx_{u_k-1}, fx_{u_k-1}), \\ S(gx_{u_k-1}, gx_{u_k-1}, fx_{m_k-1}), S(gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{m_k-1}, fx_{u_k-1}) \end{array} \right) + \\
& G \left( \begin{array}{l} S(gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{u_k-1}), S(gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{m_k-1}, fx_{m_k-1}), \\ S(gx_{u_k-1}, gx_{u_k-1}, fx_{u_k-1}), S(gx_{u_k-1}, gx_{u_k-1}, fx_{m_k-1}), \\ S(gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{m_k-1}, fx_{u_k-1}) \end{array} \right) \leq 0, \\
& F \left( \begin{array}{l} S(gx_{m_k}, gx_{m_k}, gx_{u_k}), S(gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{u_k-1}), \\ S(gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{m_k}), S(gx_{u_k-1}, gx_{u_k-1}, gx_{u_k}), \\ S(gx_{u_k-1}, gx_{u_k-1}, gx_{m_k}), S(gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{u_k}) \end{array} \right) + \\
& G \left( \begin{array}{l} S(gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{u_k-1}), S(gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{m_k}), \\ S(gx_{u_k-1}, gx_{u_k-1}, gx_{u_k}), S(gx_{u_k-1}, gx_{u_k-1}, gx_{m_k}), \\ S(gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{m_k-1}, gx_{u_k}) \end{array} \right) \leq 0. \tag{5}
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 1,

$$S(gx_{u_k-1}, gx_{u_k-1}, gx_{m_k}) = S(gx_{m_k}, gx_{m_k}, gx_{u_k-1}).$$

Letting  $n$  tend to infinity in (5), we obtain by Lemma 4

$$F(\varepsilon, \varepsilon, 0, 0, \varepsilon, \varepsilon) + G(\varepsilon, 0, 0, \varepsilon, \varepsilon) \leq 0.$$

Since  $G(\varepsilon, 0, 0, \varepsilon, \varepsilon) > 0$ , then  $F(\varepsilon, \varepsilon, 0, 0, \varepsilon, \varepsilon) < 0$ , a contradiction of  $(F_3)$ .

Hence,  $\{gx_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $g(X)$ . Since  $g(X)$  is complete, there exists  $t$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = t \in g(X)$ . Hence, there exists  $p = g(t)$ . We prove that  $fp = gp$ . By (1) for  $x = x_{n-1}$  and  $y = p$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& F \left( \begin{array}{l} S(fx_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}, fp), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gp), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}), \\ S(gp, gp, fp), S(gp, gp, fx_{n-1}), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, fp) \end{array} \right) + \\
& G \left( \begin{array}{l} S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, gp), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, fx_{n-1}), \\ S(gp, gp, fp), S(gp, gp, fx_{n-1}), S(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n-1}, fp) \end{array} \right) \leq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n$  tend to infinity we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& F(S(gp, gp, fp), 0, 0, S(gp, gp, fp), 0, S(gp, gp, fp)) + \\
& G(0, 0, S(gp, gp, fp), 0, S(gp, gp, fp)) \leq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $G(0, 0, S(gp, gp, fp), 0, S(gp, gp, fp)) > 0$ , then

$$F(S(gp, gp, fp), 0, 0, S(gp, gp, fp), 0, S(gp, gp, fp)) < 0.$$

By  $(F_2)$ ,  $S(gp, gp, fp) < 0$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $gp = fp = t$  and  $t$  is a point of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$ .



We prove that  $t$  is the unique point of coincidence for  $f$  and  $g$ . Suppose that there exists  $z = fw = gw$ . By (1) for  $x = p$  and  $y = w$  we obtain

$$F \left( \begin{array}{l} S(fp, fp, fw), S(gp, gp, gw), S(gp, gp, fp), \\ S(gw, gw, fw), S(gw, gw, fp), S(gp, gp, fw) \end{array} \right) + \\ G \left( \begin{array}{l} S(gp, gp, gw), S(gp, gp, fp), \\ S(gw, gw, fw), S(gw, gw, fp), S(gp, gp, fw) \end{array} \right) \leq 0.$$

By Lemma 1 we obtain

$$F(S(t, t, z), S(t, t, z), 0, 0, S(t, t, z), S(t, t, z)) + \\ G(S(t, t, z), 0, 0, S(t, t, z), S(t, t, z)) \leq 0.$$

Hence

$$F(S(t, t, z), S(t, t, z), 0, 0, S(t, t, z), S(t, t, z)) < 0,$$

a contradiction of  $(F_3)$  if  $S(t, t, z) > 0$ . Hence  $S(t, t, z) = 0$  which implies  $z = t$  and  $t$  is the unique point of coincidence of  $f$  and  $g$ .

Moreover, if  $f$  and  $g$  are weakly compatible, then by Theorem 1,  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point.  $\square$

If  $\psi(t) = t$ ,  $F(t_1, \dots, t_6) = t_1 - \max \left\{ t_2, t_3, t_4, \frac{t_5 + t_6}{3} \right\}$  and  $G(s_1, \dots, s_5) = \max \left\{ s_1, \frac{s_2 + s_3}{2}, \frac{s_4 + s_5}{3} \right\}$ , by Theorem 5 we obtain

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $(X, S)$  be a  $S$ -metric space and  $f, g : (X, S) \mapsto (X, S)$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$*

$$S(fx, fx, fy)$$

$$- \max \left\{ S(gx, gx, gy), S(gx, gx, fx), S(gy, gy, fy), \frac{S(gy, gy, fx) + S(gx, gx, fy)}{3} \right\} \\ + \max \left\{ S(gx, gx, gy), \frac{S(gx, gx, fx) + S(gy, gy, fy)}{2}, \frac{S(gy, gy, fx) + S(gx, gx, fy)}{3} \right\} \\ \leq 0. \tag{6}$$

*If  $f(X) \subset g(X)$  and  $g(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  have a point of coincidence.*

*Moreover, if  $f$  and  $g$  are weakly compatible, then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point.*

**Example 17.** *Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $S(x, y, z) = |z - x| + |z - y|$ . Then, by Example 1,  $(X, S)$  is a complete  $S$ -metric space. Let*

$$fx = 1, \quad gx = 2x - 1.$$

*Then  $f(X) = \{1\}$  and  $g(X) = \mathbb{R}$ . Hence,  $f(X) \subset g(X)$  and  $g(X)$  is a complete subspace of  $X$ . If  $fx = gx$ , then  $\mathcal{C}(f, g) = \{1\}$  and  $fg1 = gf1 = 1$ . Hence,  $f$  and  $g$  are weakly compatible.*

*On the other hand,  $S(fx, fx, fy) = 0$ . Therefore, for all  $x, y \in X$ , (6) is trivially.*

*By Corollary 1,  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point  $x = 1$ .*

**Remark 2.** *Combining Examples 2-7 with Examples 8-16, by Theorem 5 we obtain new particular results.*

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