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COUPLED COINCIDENCE POINT THEOREMS FOR MIXED (T,S) -MONOTONE OPERATORS

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Abstract. The purpose of this paper is to prove the existence and uniqueness of coupled coincidence points involving a new-contraction mapping condition for a mixed (T,S) -monotone mapping in a complete partially ordered G -metric spaces. As an application, we give an existence and uniqueness for the solution of an initial-boundary value problem. The results obtained extend and generalize some results in the literature.

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1. Introduction

In 1922, S. Banach proved the famous and well known Banach contraction principle concerning the fixed point of contraction mappings defined on a complete metric space. In recent years, Gahler [9, 10] introduced the notion of 2-metric spaces while Dhage [1] introduced the concept of D -metric spaces. Later on, Mustafa and Sims [14] showed that most of the results

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concerning Dhage's D-metric spaces are invalid. Therefore, they introduced a new notion of generalized metric space, called G-metric space.

In 2006, Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham [11] introduced the notion of coupled fixed point and proved some fixed point theorem under certain condition. Later, Lakshmikantham and Ćirić in [12] extended these results by defining of g-monotone property. After that many results appeared on fixed point theory ([7, 6, 14, 15, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22]).

Now we give preliminaries and basic definitions which are used throughout the paper.

2. Preliminaries

Definition 2.1 [14, 4] Let X be a non-empty set, $G : X \times X \times X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ 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): $G(x, y, z) = G(x, z, y) = G(y, z, x) = \dots$ (symmetry in all three variables).

(G5): $G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, a, a) + G(a, y, z)$ 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.

Definition 2.2 [14] Let (X, G) be a G-metric space, and let (x_n) be a sequence of points of X . We say that (x_n) is G-convergent to $x \in X$ if $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} G(x, x_n, x_m) = 0$, that is, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $G(x, x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$, for all $n, m \geq N$. We call x the limit of the sequence and write $x_n \longrightarrow x$ or $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n = x$.

Proposition 2.3 [14] Let (X, G) be a G-metric space. The following are equivalent:

(1): (x_n) is G-convergent to x .

(2): $G(x_n, x_n, x) \longrightarrow 0$ as $n \longrightarrow +\infty$.

(3): $G(x_n, x, x) \longrightarrow 0$ as $n \longrightarrow +\infty$.

(4): $G(x_n, x_m, x) \longrightarrow 0$ as $n, m \longrightarrow +\infty$.

Definition 2.4 [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 $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \varepsilon$ for all $m, n, l \geq N$, that is, $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) \rightarrow 0$ as $n, m, l \rightarrow +\infty$.

Proposition 2.5 [15] Let (X, G) be a G-metric space. Then the following are equivalent

- (1): the sequence (x_n) is G-Cauchy
- (2): for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$G(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \varepsilon, \text{ for all } m, n \geq N.$$

Proposition 2.6 [14] Let (X, G) be a G-metric space. A mapping $f : X \rightarrow X$ is G-continuous at $x \in X$ if and only if it is G-sequentially continuous at x , that is, whenever (x_n) is G-convergent to x , $(f(x_n))$ is G-convergent to $f(x)$.

Proposition 2.7 [14] Let (X, G) be a G-metric space. Then, the function $G(x, y, z)$ is jointly continuous in all three of its variables.

Definition 2.8 [14] A G-metric space (X, G) is called G-complete if every G-Cauchy sequence is G-convergent in (X, G) .

Definition 2.9 [2] Let (X, G) be a G-metric space. A mapping $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$ is said to be continuous if for any two G-convergent sequences (x_n) and (y_n) converging to x and y respectively, $(F(x_n, y_n))$ is G-convergent to $F(x, y)$.

A partial order is a binary relation \preceq over a set X which is reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive. Now let us recall the definition of the monotonic function $f : X \rightarrow X$ in the partially order set (X, \preceq) . We say that f is non-decreasing if for $x, y \in X$, $x \preceq y$, we have $fx \preceq fy$. Similarly, we say that f is non-increasing if for $x, y \in X$, $x \preceq y$, we have $fx \succeq fy$.

The concept of a mixed monotone property has been introduced by Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham in [11].

Definition 2.10 [11] Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set. A mapping $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$ is said to have mixed monotone property if $F(x, y)$ is monotone non-decreasing in x and is monotone non-increasing in y ; that is, for any $x, y \in X$

$$x_1, x_2 \in X, \quad x_1 \preceq x_2 \implies F(x_1, y) \preceq F(x_2, y)$$

$$y_1, y_2 \in X, \quad y_1 \preceq y_2 \implies F(x, y_2) \preceq F(x, y_1).$$

Lakshmikantham and Ćirić in [12] introduced the concept of a g -mixed monotone mapping.

Definition 2.11 [12] Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set. Let us consider mappings $F : X \times X \longrightarrow X$ and $g : X \longrightarrow X$. The map F is said to have mixed g -monotone property if $F(x, y)$ is monotone g -non-decreasing in x and is monotone g -non increasing in y ; that is, for any $x, y \in X$,

$$x_1, x_2 \in X, \quad gx_1 \preceq gx_2 \implies F(x_1, y) \preceq F(x_2, y),$$

$$y_1, y_2 \in X, \quad gy_1 \preceq gy_2 \implies F(x, y_2) \preceq F(x, y_1).$$

Definition 2.12 [11] An element $(x, y) \in X \times X$ is called a coupled fixed point of a mapping $F : X \times X \longrightarrow X$ if $F(x, y) = x$ and $F(y, x) = y$.

Definition 2.13 [12] An element $(x, y) \in X \times X$ is called a coupled coincidence point of the mappings $F : X \times X \longrightarrow X$ and $g : X \longrightarrow X$ if $F(x, y) = gx$ and $F(y, x) = gy$.

Definition 2.14 [12] We say that mappings $F : X \times X \longrightarrow X$ and $g : X \longrightarrow X$ are commutative if

$$g(F(x, y)) = F(gx, gy) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X.$$

Habib Yazidi in [5] introduced the concept of a (T, S) -mixed monotone mapping.

Definition 2.15 [5] Let X be a non-empty set endowed with a partial order \preceq .

Consider the mappings $F : X \times X \longrightarrow X$ and $T, S : X \longrightarrow X$. We say that F has the mixed (T, S) - monotone property on X if for all $x, y \in X$,

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} x_1, x_2 \in X, \quad T(x_1) \preceq S(x_2) &\implies F(x_1, y) \preceq F(x_2, y), \\ x_1, x_2 \in X, \quad T(x_1) \succeq S(x_2) &\implies F(x_1, y) \succeq F(x_2, y), \\ y_1, y_2 \in X, \quad T(y_1) \preceq S(y_2) &\implies F(x, y_1) \succeq F(x, y_2), \\ y_1, y_2 \in X, \quad T(y_1) \succeq S(y_2) &\implies F(x, y_1) \preceq F(x, y_2). \end{aligned}$$

Remark 2.16 If we take $T = S$, then F has the mixed (T, S) -monotone property implies that F has the mixed T -monotone property.

Denote by Ψ the set of functions $\psi : [0, +\infty) \longrightarrow (0, +\infty)$ which satisfy

- 1.: ψ is continuous and non-decreasing,
- 2.: $\psi(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 0$.

The elements of Ψ are called altering distance function.

Remark 2.17 If $\psi \in \Psi$ and if $\phi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ is a continuous function with the condition $\psi(t) > \phi(t)$ for all $t > 0$, then $\phi(0) = 0$.

Now, we are ready to state and prove our results.

3. Main results

Theorem 3.1 Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and G -metric on X such that (X, G) is a complete G -metric space. Let $T, S : X \rightarrow X$ and $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping having the mixed (T, S) -monotone property on X . Suppose that

$$(2) \quad \psi[G(F(x, y), F(u, v), F(w, z))] \leq \phi(\max\{G(Tx, Tu, Sw), G(Ty, Tv, Sz)\})$$

for all $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$ with $Tx \preceq Tu \preceq Sw$ or $Tx \succeq Tu \succeq Sw$ and $Ty \succeq Tv \succeq Sz$ or $Ty \preceq Tv \preceq Sz$, where $\psi \in \Psi$ and $\phi : [0, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function with the condition $\psi(t) > \phi(t)$ for all $t > 0$. Assume that $F(X \times X) \subseteq T(X) \cap S(X)$ and assume also that T, S and F satisfy the following hypothesis:

- (1) F, T and S are continuous,
- (2) F commutes respectively with T and S .

If there exist x_0, y_0, x_1 in X and y_1 such that

$$Tx_0 \preceq Sx_1 \preceq F(x_0, y_0), \quad Ty_0 \succeq Sy_1 \succeq F(y_0, x_0),$$

then there exist $x, y \in X$ such that $Tx = Sx = F(x, y)$ and $Ty = Sy = F(y, x)$, that is, T, S and F have a coupled coincidence point $(x, y) \in X \times X$.

Proof. Let $x_0, y_0, x_1, y_1 \in X$ such that

$$Tx_0 \preceq Sx_1 \preceq F(x_0, y_0); \quad Ty_0 \succeq Sy_1 \succeq F(y_0, x_0).$$

Since $F(X \times X) \subseteq T(X) \cap S(X)$, we can choose $x_2, y_2, x_3, y_3 \in X$ such that

$$\begin{cases} Tx_2 = F(x_0, y_0) \\ Ty_2 = F(y_0, x_0) \end{cases} \text{ and } \begin{cases} Sx_3 = F(x_1, y_1) \\ Sy_3 = F(y_1, x_1) \end{cases}$$

Continuing this process we can construct sequences x_n and y_n in X such that

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} Tx_{2n+2} = F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}) \\ Ty_{2n+2} = F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}) \end{cases}$$

$$(4) \quad \begin{cases} Sx_{2n+3} = F(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) \\ Sy_{2n+3} = F(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}) \end{cases}$$

for all $n \geq 0$. We shall show that for all $n \geq 0$,

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} Tx_{2n} &\preceq Sx_{2n+1} \preceq Tx_{2n+2} \\ Ty_{2n} &\succeq Sy_{2n+1} \succeq Ty_{2n+2} \end{aligned}$$

As $Tx_0 \preceq Sx_1 \preceq F(x_0, y_0) = Tx_2$ and $Ty_0 \succeq Sy_1 \succeq F(y_0, x_0) = Ty_2$, our claim is satisfied for $n = 0$. Suppose that (5) holds for some fixed $n \geq 0$. Since $Tx_{2n} \preceq Sx_{2n+1} \preceq Tx_{2n+2}$ and $Ty_{2n} \succeq Sy_{2n+1} \succeq Ty_{2n+2}$ and as F has the mixed (T, S) -monotone property, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Tx_{2n+2} &= F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}) \preceq F(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n}) \preceq \\ &F(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}) \preceq F(x_{2n+2}, y_{2n+1}) \preceq F(x_{2n+2}, y_{2n+2}), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$Tx_{2n+2} \preceq Sx_{2n+3} \preceq Tx_{2n+4}.$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} Ty_{2n+2} &= F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}) \succeq F(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n}) \succeq \\ &F(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}) \succeq F(y_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}) \succeq F(y_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$Ty_{2n+2} \succeq Sy_{2n+3} \succeq Ty_{2n+4}.$$

Thus by induction, we proved that (5) holds for all $n \geq 0$.

We complete the proof in the following steps

Step 1: We will prove that

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} G(F(x_n, y_n), F(x_n, y_n), F(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1})) &= 0 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} G(F(y_n, x_n), F(y_n, x_n), F(y_{n+1}, x_{n+1})) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

From (5) and (2), we have

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} \psi [G(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}), F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}), F(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}))] &\leq \\ \varphi (\max \{G(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n}, Sx_{2n+1}), G(Ty_{2n}, Ty_{2n}, Sy_{2n+1})\}) &. \end{aligned}$$

Using the condition of the theorem, we have

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} G(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}), F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}), F(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})) &< \\ \max \{G(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n}, Sx_{2n+1}), G(Ty_{2n}, Ty_{2n}, Sy_{2n+1})\} & . \end{aligned}$$

Again, using (5) and (2), we have

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} \psi [G(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}), F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}), F(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}))] &\leq \\ \varphi (\max \{G(Ty_{2n}, Ty_{2n}, Sy_{2n+1}), G(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n}, Sx_{2n+1})\}) & . \end{aligned}$$

Using the condition of the theorem, we have

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} G(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}), F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}), F(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1})) &< \\ \max \{G(Ty_{2n}, Ty_{2n}, Sy_{2n+1}), G(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n}, Sx_{2n+1})\} & . \end{aligned}$$

Combining (8) and (10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \max \{G(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}), F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}), F(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})), \\ G(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}), F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}), F(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}))\} &\leq \\ \max \{G(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n}, Sx_{2n+1}), G(Ty_{2n}, Ty_{2n}, Sy_{2n+1})\} & . \end{aligned}$$

Then $(\max \{G(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n}, Sx_{2n+1}), G(Ty_{2n}, Ty_{2n}, Sy_{2n+1})\})$ is a positive decreasing sequence.

Hence there exists $r \geq 0$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \max \{G(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n}, Sx_{2n+1}), G(Ty_{2n}, Ty_{2n}, Sy_{2n+1})\} = r.$$

Combining (7) and (9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \max \{ \psi (G(Tx_{2n+2}, Tx_{2n+2}, Sx_{2n+3})), \psi (G(Ty_{2n+2}, Ty_{2n+2}, Sy_{2n+3})) \} &< \\ \varphi (\max \{G(Ty_{2n}, Ty_{2n}, Sy_{2n+1}), G(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n}, Sx_{2n+1})\}) & . \end{aligned}$$

Since ψ is non-decreasing, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi\left(\max\left\{G(Tx_{2n+2}, Tx_{2n+2}, Sx_{2n+3}), G(Ty_{2n+2}, Ty_{2n+2}, Sy_{2n+3})\right\}\right) < \\ & \varphi\left(\max\left\{G(Ty_{2n}, Ty_{2n}, Sy_{2n+1}), G(Tx_{2n}, Tx_{2n}, Sx_{2n+1})\right\}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow +\infty$ in the above inequality, we get $\psi(r) \leq \varphi(r)$, by using the condition of the theorem 3.1, we have $r = 0$. Consequently

$$(11) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \max\left\{G(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}), F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}), F(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})), G(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}), F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}), F(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}))\right\} = 0.$$

By the same way, we obtain

$$(12) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \max\left\{G(F(x_{2n+2}, y_{2n+2}), F(x_{2n+2}, y_{2n+2}), F(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1})), G(F(y_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}), F(y_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}), F(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}))\right\} = 0.$$

Finally, (11) and (12) give the desired result, that is, (6) holds.

Step 2: We will prove that $(F(x_n, y_n))$ and $(F(y_n, x_n))$ are Cauchy sequences. From (6), it is sufficient to show that $(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}))$ and $(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}))$ are Cauchy sequences. We proceed by negation and suppose that at least one of the sequences $(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}))$ or $(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}))$ is not a Cauchy sequence. This implies that

$$G(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}), F(x_{2m}, y_{2m}), F(x_{2m}, y_{2m})) \not\rightarrow 0$$

or

$$G(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}), F(y_{2m}, x_{2m}), F(y_{2m}, x_{2m})) \not\rightarrow 0$$

as $n, m \rightarrow +\infty$. Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} & \max\left\{G(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}), F(x_{2m}, y_{2m}), F(x_{2m}, y_{2m})), \right. \\ & \left. G(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}), F(y_{2m}, x_{2m}), F(y_{2m}, x_{2m}))\right\} \not\rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

as $n, m \rightarrow +\infty$. Then there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ for which we can find two subsequences of positive integers (m_i) and (n_i) such that n_i is the smallest index for which $n_i > m_i > i$,

$$(13) \quad \max\left\{G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})), G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i}))\right\} \geq \varepsilon.$$

This means that

$$(14) \quad \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2n_i-2}, y_{2n_i-2})), \right. \\ \left. G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2n_i-2}, x_{2n_i-2})) \right\} < \varepsilon.$$

From (1), (14) and using the rectangle property of G , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &\leq \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})), \right. \\ &\quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i})) \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2n_i-2}, y_{2n_i-2})), \right. \\ &\quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2n_i-2}, x_{2n_i-2})) \right\} \\ &\quad + \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2n_i-2}, y_{2n_i-2}), F(x_{2n_i-2}, y_{2n_i-2}), F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1})), \right. \\ &\quad \left. G(F(y_{2n_i-2}, x_{2n_i-2}), F(y_{2n_i-2}, x_{2n_i-2}), F(y_{2n_i-1}, x_{2n_i-1})) \right\} \\ &\quad + \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1}), F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})), \right. \\ &\quad \left. G(F(y_{2n_i-1}, x_{2n_i-1}), F(y_{2n_i-1}, x_{2n_i-1}), F(y_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i})) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $i \rightarrow +\infty$ in above inequality and using (6), we obtain that

$$(15) \quad \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})), \right. \\ \left. G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i})) \right\} = \varepsilon.$$

Also, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon &\leq \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})), \right. \\
&\quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i})) \right\} \\
&\leq \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1})), \right. \\
&\quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i-1}, x_{2m_i-1})) \right\} \\
&\quad + \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})), \right. \\
&\quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i-1}, x_{2m_i-1}), F(y_{2m_i-1}, x_{2m_i-1}), F(y_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i})) \right\} \\
&\leq \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1})), \right. \\
&\quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i-1}, x_{2m_i-1})) \right\} \\
&\quad + \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i})), \right. \\
&\quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i-1}, x_{2m_i-1}), F(y_{2m_i-1}, x_{2m_i-1}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i})) \right\} \\
&\quad + \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})), \right. \\
&\quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i})) \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Using that $G(x, x, y) \leq 2G(x, y, y)$ for any $x, y \in X$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon &\leq \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})), \right. \\
&\quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i})) \right\} \\
&\leq \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1})), \right. \\
&\quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i-1}, x_{2m_i-1})) \right\} \\
&\quad + \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})), \right. \\
&\quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i-1}, x_{2m_i-1}), F(y_{2m_i-1}, x_{2m_i-1}), F(y_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i})) \right\} \\
&\leq 3 \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i})), \right. \\
&\quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i-1}, x_{2m_i-1}), F(y_{2m_i-1}, x_{2m_i-1}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i})) \right\} \\
&\quad + \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})), \right. \\
&\quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i})) \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Using (6), (15) and letting $i \rightarrow +\infty$ in the above inequality, we obtain

$$(16) \quad \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})), \right. \\
\left. G(F(y_{2m_i-1}, x_{2m_i-1}), F(y_{2m_i-1}, x_{2m_i-1}), F(y_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i})) \right\} = \varepsilon.$$

On other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})), \right. \\ & \quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i})) \right\} \\ & \leq \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2n_i+1}, y_{2n_i+1})), \right. \\ & \quad \left. G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2n_i+1}, x_{2n_i+1})) \right\} \\ & \quad + \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2n_i+1}, y_{2n_i+1}), F(x_{2n_i+1}, y_{2n_i+1}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})), \right. \\ & \quad \left. G(F(y_{2n_i+1}, x_{2n_i+1}), F(y_{2n_i+1}, x_{2n_i+1}), F(y_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i})) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since ψ is a continuous non-decreasing function, it follows from the above inequality that

$$(17) \quad \psi(\varepsilon) \leq \psi \left(\max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2n_i+1}, y_{2n_i+1})), \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2n_i+1}, x_{2n_i+1})) \right\} \right)$$

Using the contractive condition, on one hand we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi \left(G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2n_i+1}, y_{2n_i+1})) \right) \leq \\ & \varphi \left(\max \left\{ G(Tx_{2m_i}, Tx_{2m_i}, Sx_{2n_i+1}), G(Ty_{2m_i}, Ty_{2m_i}, Sy_{2n_i+1}) \right\} \right) \leq \\ & \varphi \left(\max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1})), \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. G(F(y_{2m_i-2}, x_{2m_i-2}), F(y_{2m_i-2}, x_{2m_i-2}), F(y_{2n_i-1}, x_{2n_i-1})) \right\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi \left(G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2n_i+1}, x_{2n_i+1})) \right) \leq \\ & \varphi \left(\max \left\{ G(Ty_{2m_i}, Ty_{2m_i}, Sy_{2n_i+1}), G(Tx_{2m_i}, Tx_{2m_i}, Sx_{2n_i+1}) \right\} \right) \leq \\ & \varphi \left(\max \left\{ G(F(y_{2m_i-2}, x_{2m_i-2}), F(y_{2m_i-2}, x_{2m_i-2}), F(y_{2n_i-1}, x_{2n_i-1})), \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. G(F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1})) \right\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} & \max \left\{ \psi \left(G(F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2m_i}, y_{2m_i}), F(x_{2n_i+1}, y_{2n_i+1})) \right), \right. \\ & \quad \left. \psi \left(G(F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2m_i}, x_{2m_i}), F(y_{2n_i+1}, x_{2n_i+1})) \right) \right\} \leq \\ & \psi \left(\max \left\{ G(F(y_{2m_i-2}, x_{2m_i-2}), F(y_{2m_i-2}, x_{2m_i-2}), F(y_{2n_i-1}, x_{2n_i-1})), \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. G(F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1})) \right\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

We claim that

$$(19) \quad \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \max \left\{ G(F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1})), \right. \\ \left. G(F(y_{2m_i-2}, x_{2m_i-2}), F(y_{2m_i-2}, x_{2m_i-2}), F(y_{2n_i-1}, x_{2n_i-1})) \right\} = \varepsilon.$$

In fact, using the rectangle property, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & G(F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1})) \leq \\ & G(F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1})) \\ & + G(F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})) \\ & + G(F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i}), F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1})). \end{aligned}$$

Letting $i \rightarrow +\infty$ in the above inequality and using (6) and (16), we obtain

$$(20) \quad \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} G(F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1})) \leq \varepsilon$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & G(F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})) \leq \\ & G(F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2m_i-1}, y_{2m_i-1}), F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2})) \\ & + G(F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1})) \\ & + G(F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1}), F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1}), F(x_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i})). \end{aligned}$$

Letting $i \rightarrow +\infty$ in the above inequality and using (6) and (16), we obtain

$$(21) \quad \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} G(F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1})) \geq \varepsilon.$$

Combining (20) and (21), we get

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} G(F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2m_i-2}, y_{2m_i-2}), F(x_{2n_i-1}, y_{2n_i-1})) = \varepsilon.$$

By the same way, we obtain

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} G(F(y_{2m_i-2}, x_{2m_i-2}), F(y_{2m_i-2}, x_{2m_i-2}), F(y_{2n_i-1}, x_{2n_i-1})) = \varepsilon.$$

Thus we proved (19). Finally, letting $i \rightarrow +\infty$ in (18), using (17), (19) and the continuity of ψ and ϕ , we get $\psi(\varepsilon) \leq \phi(\varepsilon)$, using the condition of the theorem 3.1, we get $\varepsilon = 0$, which is a contradiction. Thus $(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}))$ and $(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}))$ are Cauchy sequences in X , which gives us that $(F(x_n, y_n))$ and $(F(y_n, x_n))$ are also Cauchy sequences.

Step 3: Existence of a coupled coincidence point.

Since $(F(x_n, y_n))$ and $((F(y_n, x_n)))$ are Cauchy sequences in the complete metric space (X, G) , there exist $\alpha, \beta \in X$ such that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} F(x_n, y_n) = \alpha \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} F(y_n, x_n) = \beta.$$

Therefore, $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Tx_{2n+2} = \alpha$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Ty_{2n+2} = \beta$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Sx_{2n+3} = \alpha$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Sy_{2n+3} = \beta.$$

Using the continuity and the commutativity of F and T , we have

$$T(Tx_{2n+2}) = T(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n})) = F(Tx_{2n}, Ty_{2n})$$

and

$$T(Ty_{2n+2}) = T(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n})) = F(Ty_{2n}, Tx_{2n}).$$

Letting $n \rightarrow +\infty$, we get $T\alpha = F(\alpha, \beta)$ and $T\beta = F(\beta, \alpha)$.

Using also the continuity and the commutativity of F and S , by the same way, we obtain

$$S\alpha = F(\alpha, \beta) \text{ and } S\beta = F(\beta, \alpha). \text{ Therefore } T\alpha = F(\alpha, \beta) = S\alpha \text{ and } T\beta = F(\beta, \alpha) = S\beta.$$

Thus we proved that (α, β) is a coupled coincidence point of T, S and F . This completes the proof.

In the next result, we prove that the previous theorem is still valid if we replace the continuity of F by some conditions.

Theorem 3.2 *If we replace the continuity hypothesis of F in Theorem 3.1 by the following conditions:*

(i) *if a non-decreasing sequence (x_n) is such that $x_n \rightarrow x$, then $x_n \preceq x$ for all n ,*

(ii) *if a non-increasing sequence (y_n) is such that $y_n \rightarrow y$, then $y \preceq y_n$ for all n .*

(iii) $x, y \in X, x \preceq y \implies Tx \preceq Sy$,

(iv) $x, y \in X, x \succeq y \implies Tx \succeq Sy$.

Then T, S and F have a coupled coincidence point.

Proof. Following the proof of Theorem 3.1, we have that $F(x_n, y_n)$ and $F(y_n, x_n)$ are Cauchy sequences in the complete metric space (X, G) , there exist $\alpha, \beta \in X$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} F(x_n, y_n) = \alpha \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} F(y_n, x_n) = \beta.$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} F(x_{2n}, y_{2n}) = \alpha \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} F(y_{2n}, x_{2n}) = \beta.$$

Hence $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Tx_{2n+2} = \alpha$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Ty_{2n+2} = \beta$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Sx_{2n+3} = \alpha$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Sy_{2n+3} = \beta$.

Using the commutativity of F and G and of F and S and the contractive condition, it follows from conditions (iii)-(iv) that

$$(22) \quad \begin{aligned} & \psi \left(G(T(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n})), T(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n})), S(F(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}))) \right) = \\ & \psi \left(G(F(Tx_{2n}, Ty_{2n}), F(Tx_{2n}, Ty_{2n}), F(Sx_{2n+1}, Sy_{2n+1})) \right) \leq \\ & \varphi \left(\max \left\{ G(T(Tx_{2n}), T(Tx_{2n}), S(Sx_{2n+1})), G(T(Ty_{2n}), T(Ty_{2n}), S(Sy_{2n+1})) \right\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$(23) \quad \begin{aligned} & \psi \left(G(T(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n})), T(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n})), S(F(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}))) \right) = \\ & \varphi \left(G(F(Ty_{2n}, Tx_{2n}), F(Ty_{2n}, Tx_{2n}), F(Sy_{2n+1}, Sx_{2n+1})) \right) \leq \\ & \varphi \left(\max \left\{ G(T(Ty_{2n}), T(Ty_{2n}), S(Sy_{2n+1})), G(T(Tx_{2n}), T(Tx_{2n}), S(Sx_{2n+1})) \right\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Combining (22), (23) and the fact that $\max\{\varphi(a), \varphi(b)\} = \varphi(\max\{a, b\})$ for $a, b \in [0, +\infty)$, from (iii)-(iv), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi \left(\max \left\{ G(T(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n})), T(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n})), S(F(x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}))), \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. G(T(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n})), T(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n})), S(F(y_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}))) \right\} \right) \leq \\ & \varphi \left(\max \left\{ G(T(Tx_{2n}), T(Tx_{2n}), S(Sx_{2n+1})), G(T(Ty_{2n}), T(Ty_{2n}), S(Sy_{2n+1})) \right\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow +\infty$ in the last expression, using the continuity of T and S , we get This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi \left(\max \left\{ G(T\alpha, T\alpha, S\alpha), G(T\beta, T\beta, S\beta) \right\} \right) \leq \\ & \varphi \left(\max \left\{ G(T\alpha, T\alpha, S\alpha), G(T\beta, T\beta, S\beta) \right\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

By using the condition of the theorem 3.2, we have $\max\{G(T\alpha, T\alpha, S\alpha), G(T\beta, T\beta, S\beta)\} = 0$ Consequently

$$(24) \quad T\alpha = S\alpha \text{ and } T\beta = S\beta.$$

To finish the proof, we claim that $F(\alpha, \beta) = T\alpha = S\alpha$ and $F(\beta, \alpha) = T\beta = S\beta$.

Indeed, using the contractive condition, it follows from (i)-(iv) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi\left(G(F(T(x_{2n}, Ty_{2n})), F(T(x_{2n}, Ty_{2n})), F(\alpha, \beta))\right), \leq \\ & \varphi\left(\max\left\{G(T(Tx_{2n}), T(Tx_{2n}), S\alpha), G(T(Ty_{2n}), T(Ty_{2n}), S\beta)\right\}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Using the condition of the theorem, we get

$$(25) \quad \begin{aligned} & G(F(T(x_{2n}, Ty_{2n})), F(T(x_{2n}, Ty_{2n})), F(\alpha, \beta)) \leq \\ & \max\left\{G(T(Tx_{2n}), T(Tx_{2n}), S\alpha), G(T(Ty_{2n}), T(Ty_{2n}), S\beta)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi\left(G(F(T(y_{2n}, Tx_{2n})), F(T(y_{2n}, Tx_{2n})), F(\beta, \alpha))\right) \leq \\ & \varphi\left(\max\left\{G(T(Ty_{2n}), T(Ty_{2n}), S\beta), G(T(Tx_{2n}), T(Tx_{2n}), S\alpha)\right\}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Using the condition of the theorem 3.2, we see that

$$(26) \quad \begin{aligned} & G(F(T(y_{2n}, Tx_{2n})), F(T(y_{2n}, Tx_{2n})), F(\beta, \alpha)) \leq \\ & \max\left\{G(T(Ty_{2n}), T(Ty_{2n}), S\beta), G(T(Tx_{2n}), T(Tx_{2n}), S\alpha)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining (25) and (26), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \max\left\{G(F(T(x_{2n}, Ty_{2n})), F(T(x_{2n}, Ty_{2n})), F(\alpha, \beta)), \right. \\ & \quad \left. G(F(T(y_{2n}, Tx_{2n})), F(T(y_{2n}, Tx_{2n})), F(\beta, \alpha))\right\} \leq \\ & \max\left\{G(T(Ty_{2n}), T(Ty_{2n}), S\beta), G(T(Tx_{2n}), T(Tx_{2n}), S\alpha)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the commutativity of F and T , we write

$$\begin{aligned} & \max\left\{G(T(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n})), T(F(x_{2n}, y_{2n})), F(\alpha, \beta)), \right. \\ & \quad \left. G(T(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n})), T(F(y_{2n}, x_{2n})), F(\beta, \alpha))\right\} \leq \\ & \max\left\{G(T(Ty_{2n}), T(Ty_{2n}), S\beta), G(T(Tx_{2n}), T(Tx_{2n}), S\alpha)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow +\infty$, using the continuity of T , we obtain

$$\max\left\{G(T\alpha, T\alpha, F(\alpha, \beta)), G(T\beta, T\beta, F(\beta, \alpha))\right\} \leq \max\left\{G(T\beta, T\beta, S\beta), G(T\alpha, T\alpha, S\alpha)\right\}.$$

In view of (24), we deduce that

$$\max\left\{G(T\alpha, T\alpha, F(\alpha, \beta)), G(T\beta, T\beta, F(\beta, \alpha))\right\} = 0.$$

Therefore, $G(T\alpha, T\alpha, F(\alpha, \beta)) = 0$ and $G(T\beta, T\beta, F(\beta, \alpha)) = 0$. Consequently

$$(27) \quad T\alpha = F(\alpha, \beta) \text{ and } T\beta = F(\beta, \alpha).$$

By the same way, we get

$$(28) \quad S\alpha = F(\alpha, \beta) \text{ and } S\beta = F(\beta, \alpha).$$

Finally, combining (24), (27) and (28), we deduce that (α, β) is a coupled coincidence point of F , T and S . This completes the proof.

Now, we give a sufficient condition for the existence and the uniqueness of the coupled common fixed point. Notice that if (X, \preceq) is a partially ordered set, we endow $X \times X$ with the following partial order relation: for

$$(x, y), (u, v) \in X \times X, \quad (x, y) \preceq (u, v) \iff x \preceq u \text{ and } y \succeq v.$$

Theorem 3.3 *In addition to the hypotheses of Theorem 3.1 (resp. Theorem 3.2, suppose that for every $(x, y), (x', y') \in X \times X$ there exists a $(u, v) \in X \times X$ such that $(F(u, v), F(v, u))$ is comparable to $(F(x, y), F(y, x))$ and $(F(x', y'), F(y', x'))$. Then F, T and S have a unique coupled common fixed point, that is, there exist a unique $(x, y) \in X \times X$ such that $x = Tx = F(x, y) = Sx$ and $y = Ty = F(y, x) = Sy$.*

Proof. We know, from Theorem 3.1 (resp. Theorem 3.2, that exists a coupled coincidence point. We suppose that exist (x, y) and (x', y') two coupled coincidence points, that is,

$$Tx = F(x, y) = Sx, \quad Ty = F(y, x) = Sy,$$

$$Tx' = F(x', y') = Sx' \quad \text{and} \quad Ty' = F(y', x') = Sy'.$$

We claim that

$$(29) \quad Tx = Tx' = Sx' = Sx \quad \text{and} \quad Ty = Ty' = Sy' = Sy.$$

By assumption there is $(u, v) \in X \times X$ such that $(F(u, v), F(v, u))$ is comparable to $(F(x, y), F(y, x))$ and $(F(x', y'), F(y', x'))$. We distinguish two cases:

First case: We assume that

$$(F(x, y), F(y, x)) \preceq (F(u, v), F(v, u)) \text{ and } (F(x', y'), F(y', x')) \preceq (F(u, v), F(v, u)).$$

Put $u_0 = u$ and $v_0 = v$ and we choose u_1 and v_1 such that $Tu_0 \preceq Su_1 \preceq F(u_0, v_0)$, $Tv_0 \succeq Sv_1 \succeq F(v_0, u_0)$. Similarly as in the proof of Theorem ??, we can construct sequences (u_n) and (v_n) in X such that $\begin{cases} Tu_{2n+2} = F(u_{2n}, v_{2n}) \\ Tv_{2n+2} = F(v_{2n}, u_{2n}) \end{cases}$ and $\begin{cases} Su_{2n+3} = F(u_{2n+1}, v_{2n+1}) \\ Sv_{2n+3} = F(v_{2n+1}, u_{2n+1}) \end{cases}$ for all $n \geq 0$. Looking at the proof of Theorem 3.1, precisely at (5), we see that (Tu_{2n}) is a non- decreasing sequence, $Tu_{2n} \preceq Su_{2n+1}$, and (Tv_{2n}) is a non-increasing sequence, $Tv_{2n} \succeq Sv_{2n+1}$. Therefore, we have

$$(30) \quad \begin{aligned} Tx = F(x, y) &\preceq F(u_0, v_0) = Tu_2 \preceq Tu_{2n} \preceq Su_{2n+1} \\ &\text{and} \\ Ty = F(y, x) &\succeq F(v_0, u_0) = Tv_2 \succeq Tv_{2n} \succeq Sv_{2n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$(31) \quad \begin{aligned} Tx' = F(x', y') &\preceq F(u_0, v_0) = Tu_2 \preceq Tu_{2n} \preceq Su_{2n+1} \\ &\text{and} \\ Ty' = F(y', x') &\succeq F(v_0, u_0) = Tv_2 \succeq Tv_{2n} \succeq Sv_{2n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (30) and the contractive condition, we write

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi\left(G(F(x, y), F(x, y), F(u_{2n+1}, v_{2n+1}))\right) \leq \\ &\varphi\left(\max\left\{G(Tx, Tx, Su_{2n+1}), G(Ty, Ty, Sv_{2n+1})\right\}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi\left(G(F(y, x), F(y, x), F(v_{2n+1}, u_{2n+1}))\right) \leq \\ &\varphi\left(\max\left\{G(Ty, Ty, Sv_{2n+1}), G(Tx, Tx, Su_{2n+1})\right\}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi\left(\max\left\{G(F(x, y), F(x, y), F(u_{2n+1}, v_{2n+1})), \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. G(F(y, x), F(y, x), F(v_{2n+1}, u_{2n+1}))\right\}\right) \leq \\ &\varphi\left(\max\left\{G(Tx, Tx, Su_{2n+1}), G(Ty, Ty, Sv_{2n+1})\right\}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$(32) \quad \begin{aligned} &\psi\left(\max\left\{G(Tx, Tx, Su_{2n+3}), G(Ty, Ty, Sv_{2n+3})\right\}\right) \leq \\ &\varphi\left(\max\left\{G(Tx, Tx, Su_{2n+1}), G(Ty, Ty, Sv_{2n+1})\right\}\right). \end{aligned}$$

We see that

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi\left(\max\left\{G(Tx, Tx, Su_{2n+3}), G(Ty, Ty, Sv_{2n+3})\right\}\right) \leq \\ &\varphi\left(\max\left\{G(Tx, Tx, Su_{2n+1}), G(Ty, Ty, Sv_{2n+1})\right\}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Using the condition of the theorem 3.3, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \left\{ G(Tx, Tx, Su_{2n+3}), G(Ty, Ty, Sv_{2n+3}) \right\} \\ & \leq \max \left\{ G(Tx, Tx, Su_{2n+1}), G(Ty, Ty, Sv_{2n+1}) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $\left(\max \left\{ G(Tx, Tx, Su_{2n+1}), G(Ty, Ty, Sv_{2n+1}) \right\} \right)$ is a non-increasing sequence.

Hence, there exists $r \geq 0$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \max \left\{ G(Tx, Tx, Su_{2n+1}), G(Ty, Ty, Sv_{2n+1}) \right\} = r.$$

Passing to limit in (32) as $n \rightarrow +\infty$, we obtain

$$\psi(r) \leq \varphi(r),$$

by using the condition of the theorem 3.3, we get, $r = 0$. We deduce that

$$(33) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \max \left\{ G(Tx, Tx, Su_{2n+1}), G(Ty, Ty, Sv_{2n+1}) \right\} = 0.$$

Similarly, one can prove that

$$(34) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \max \left\{ G(Tx', Tx', Su_{2n+1}), G(Ty', Ty', Sv_{2n+1}) \right\} = 0.$$

By uniqueness of the limit and using (33) and (34), we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Su_{2n+1} = Tx = Tx'$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Sv_{2n+1} = Ty = Ty'$. This prove the claim (29) in this case.

Second case: We assume that

$$(F(x, y), F(y, x)) \succeq (F(u, v), F(v, u)) \text{ and } (F(x', y'), F(y', x')) \succeq (F(u, v), F(v, u)).$$

Put $u_0 = u$ and $v_0 = v$ and we choose u_1 and v_1 such that $Tu_0 \preceq Su_1 \preceq F(u_0, v_0)$, $Tv_0 \succeq Sv_1 \succeq F(v_0, u_0)$. Similarly as in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we can construct sequences (u_n) and (v_n)

$$\text{in } X \text{ such that } \begin{cases} Tu_{2n+2} = F(u_{2n}, v_{2n}) \\ Tv_{2n+2} = F(v_{2n}, u_{2n}) \end{cases} \text{ and } \begin{cases} Su_{2n+3} = F(u_{2n+1}, v_{2n+1}) \\ Sv_{2n+3} = F(v_{2n+1}, u_{2n+1}) \end{cases} \text{ for all } n \geq 0.$$

Looking at the proof of Theorem 3.1, precisely at (5), we see that (Tu_{2n}) is a non- decreasing sequence, $Tu_{2n} \preceq Su_{2n+1}$, and (Tv_{2n}) is a non-increasing sequence, $Tv_{2n} \succeq Sv_{2n+1}$. Therefore, we have

$$Tx = F(x, y) \succeq F(u_0, v_0) = Tu_2 \succeq Tu_{2n} \succeq Su_{2n+1}$$

and

$$Ty = F(y, x) \preceq F(v_0, u_0) = Tv_2 \preceq Tv_{2n} \preceq Sv_{2n+1}.$$

Similarly, we have

$$Tx' = F(x', y') \succeq F(u_0, v_0) = Tu_2 \succeq Tu_{2n} \succeq Su_{2n+1}$$

and

$$Ty' = F(y', x') \preceq F(v_0, u_0) = Tv_2 \preceq Tv_{2n} \preceq Sv_{2n+1}.$$

From this, we complete the proof identically as in the first case and we obtain the claim (29) in this case. Since $Tx = F(x, y) = Sx$ and $Ty = F(y, x) = Sy$, by the commutativity of F, T and F, S , we have

$$T(Tx) = T(F(x, y)) = F(Tx, Ty), \quad T(Ty) = T(F(y, x)) = F(Ty, Tx) \tag{35}$$

and

$$S(Sx) = S(F(x, y)) = F(Sx, Sy), \quad S(Sy) = S(F(y, x)) = F(Sy, Sx).$$

Set $Tx = a = Sx$, $Ty = b = Sy$. Then from (35),

$$Ta = F(a, b) = Sa \quad \text{and} \quad Tb = F(b, a) = Sb. \tag{36}$$

Thus (a, b) is a coupled coincidence point. Then from (29) with $x' = a$ and $y' = b$ it follows that $Ta = Tx = Sa$ and $Tb = Ty = Sb$. Therefore

$$Ta = a = Sa \quad \text{and} \quad Tb = b = Sb. \tag{37}$$

We deduce that (a, b) is a coupled common fixed point. To prove the uniqueness, assume that (c, d) is another coupled common fixed point. Then by (29) and (37) we have $c = Tc = Ta = a$ and $d = Td = Tb = b$. This complete the proof.

Corollary 3.3 *Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and G -metric on X such that (X, G) is a complete G -metric space. Let $g : X \rightarrow X$ and $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping having the mixed g -monotone property on X . Suppose that*

$$\varphi[G(F(x, y), F(u, v), F(w, z))] \leq \varphi(\max\{G(gx, gu, gw), G(gy, gv, gz)\})$$

for all $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$ with $gx \preceq gu \preceq gw$ or $gx \succeq gu \succeq gw$ and $gy \succeq gv \succeq gz$ or $gy \preceq gv \preceq gz$, where $\psi \in \Psi$ and $\varphi : [0, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function with the condition $\psi(t) > \varphi(t)$ for all $t > 0$. Assume that $F(X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$ and assume also the following hypotheses:

- (1) g is continuous,

(2) F is continuous or g is non-decreasing mapping and X satisfies the following properties:

(i) if a non-decreasing sequence (x_n) is such that $x_n \rightarrow x$, then $x_n \preceq x$ for all n ,

(ii) if a non-increasing sequence (y_n) is such that $y_n \rightarrow y$, then $y \preceq y_n$ for all n .

(3) For every $(x, y), (x', y') \in X \times X$ there exists a $(u, v) \in X \times X$ such that $(F(u, v), F(v, u))$ is comparable to $(F(x, y), F(y, x))$ and $(F(x', y'), F(y', x'))$.

(4) F commutes with g .

If there exist x_0, y_0, x_1 and y_1 such that

$$gx_0 \preceq gx_1 \preceq F(x_0, y_0), \quad gy_0 \succeq gy_1 \succeq F(y_0, x_0),$$

then there exist a unique $(x, y) \in X \times X$ such that $x = gx = F(x, y)$ and $y = gy = F(y, x)$, that is, then F and g have a unique coupled common fixed point.

Corollary 3.4 Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and G -metric on X such that (X, G) is a complete G -metric space. Let $T, S : X \rightarrow X$ and $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping having the mixed (T, S) -monotone property on X . Suppose that

$$(38) \quad \begin{aligned} &G(F(x, y), F(u, v), F(w, z)) \leq \max \{G(Tx, Tu, Sw), G(Ty, Tv, Sz)\} \\ &- \psi(\max \{G(Tx, Tu, Sw), G(Ty, Tv, Sz)\}) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$ with $Tx \preceq Tu \preceq Sw$ or $Tx \succeq Tu \succeq Sw$ and $Ty \succeq Tv \succeq Sz$ or $Ty \preceq Tv \preceq Sz$, where $\psi \in \Psi$ and $\phi : [0, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function with the condition $\psi(t) > \phi(t)$ for all $t > 0$. Assume that $F(X \times X) \subseteq T(X) \cap S(X)$ and assume also that T, S and F satisfy the following hypothesis:

(1) F, T and S are continuous,

(2) F commutes respectively with T and S .

If there exist x_0, y_0, x_1 in X and y_1 such that

$$Tx_0 \preceq Sx_1 \preceq F(x_0, y_0), \quad Ty_0 \succeq Sy_1 \succeq F(y_0, x_0),$$

then there exist $x, y \in X$ such that $Tx = Sx = F(x, y)$ and $Ty = Sy = F(y, x)$, that is, T, S and F have a coupled coincidence point $(x, y) \in X \times X$.

Proof. We replace in Theorem 2.1, ψ by $\psi(x) = x$ and ϕ by $\phi(x) = x - \psi(x)$.

Corollary 3.5 Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and G -metric on X such that (X, G) is a complete G -metric space. Let $T, S : X \longrightarrow X$ and $F : X \times X \longrightarrow X$ be a mapping having the mixed (T, S) -monotone property on X . Suppose that

(39)

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(G(F(x, y), F(u, v), F(w, z))) &\leq \psi(\max \{G(Tx, Tu, Sw), G(Ty, Tv, Sz)\}) \\ -\varphi(\max \{G(Tx, Tu, Sw), G(Ty, Tv, Sz)\}) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$ with $Tx \preceq Tu \preceq Sw$ or $Tx \succeq Tu \succeq Sw$ and $Ty \succeq Tv \succeq Sz$ or $Ty \preceq Tv \preceq Sz$, where ψ and $\varphi \in \Psi$ with the condition $\psi(t) > \varphi(t)$ for all $t > 0$. Assume that $F(X \times X) \subseteq T(X) \cap S(X)$ and assume also that T, S and F satisfy the following hypothesis:

- (1) F, T and S are continuous,
- (2) F commutes respectively with T and S .

If there exist x_0, y_0, x_1 in X and y_1 such that

$$Tx_0 \preceq Sx_1 \preceq F(x_0, y_0), \quad Ty_0 \succeq Sy_1 \succeq F(y_0, x_0),$$

then there exist $x, y \in X$ such that $Tx = Sx = F(x, y)$ and $Ty = Sy = F(y, x)$, that is, T, S and F have a coupled coincidence point $(x, y) \in X \times X$.

Proof. We replace in Theorem 3.1, φ by $\varphi(x) = \psi(x) - \varphi_1(x)$ where $\varphi_1 \in \Psi$. Let us denote by S the class of continuous function $\beta : [0, \infty) \longrightarrow [0, 1)$ which satisfies the condition $\beta(t_n) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow t_n \rightarrow 0$.

Corollary 3.6 Let (X, \preceq) be a partially ordered set and G -metric on X such that (X, G) is a complete G -metric space. Let $T, S : X \longrightarrow X$ and $F : X \times X \longrightarrow X$ be a mapping having the mixed (T, S) -monotone property on X . Suppose that

$$(40) \quad \begin{aligned} G(F(x, y), F(u, v), F(w, z)) &\leq \beta(\max \{G(Tx, Tu, Sw), G(Ty, Tv, Sz)\}) \\ \max \{G(Tx, Tu, Sw), G(Ty, Tv, Sz)\} \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$ with $Tx \preceq Tu \preceq Sw$ or $Tx \succeq Tu \succeq Sw$ and $Ty \succeq Tv \succeq Sz$ or $Ty \preceq Tv \preceq Sz$, where ψ and $\varphi \in \Psi$ with the condition $\psi(t) > \varphi(t)$ for all $t > 0$. Assume that $F(X \times X) \subseteq T(X) \cap S(X)$ and assume also that T, S and F satisfy the following hypothesis:

- (1) F, T and S are continuous,
- (2) F commutes respectively with T and S .

If there exist x_0, y_0, x_1 in X and y_1 such that

$$Tx_0 \preceq Sx_1 \preceq F(x_0, y_0), \quad Ty_0 \succeq Sy_1 \succeq F(y_0, x_0),$$

then there exist $x, y \in X$ such that $Tx = Sx = F(x, y)$ and $Ty = Sy = F(y, x)$, that is, T, S and F have a coupled coincidence point $(x, y) \in X \times X$.

Proof. We replace in Theorem 3.1, ψ by $\psi(x) = x$ and $\varphi(x) = \beta(x)x$.

4. Applications to periodic boundary value problems

In this section, we study the existence and uniqueness of solution to a periodic boundary value problem, as an application to the fixed point theorem given by Corollary 3.6.

Let $C([0, T], \mathbb{R})$ be the set of all continuous functions $u : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and consider a mapping $g : C([0, T], \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C([0, T], \mathbb{R})$. Consider the periodic boundary value problem

$$(41) \quad u' = f(t, u) + h(t, u), \quad t \in (0, T)$$

$$(42) \quad u(0) = u(T),$$

where f, h are two continuous functions satisfying the following conditions:

There exist positive constants $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \mu_1$ and μ_2 , such that for all $u, v \in (C([0, T], \mathbb{R}))$, $gv(t) \leq gu(t)$,

$$(43) \quad 0 \leq (f(t, u(t)) + \lambda_1 u(t)) - (f(t, v(t)) + \lambda_1 v(t)) \leq \mu_1 \ln[(gu(t) - gv(t))^2 + 1]$$

$$(44) \quad -\mu_2 \ln[(gu(t) - gv(t))^2 + 1] \leq (h(t, u(t)) - \lambda_2 u(t)) - (h(t, v(t)) - \lambda_2 v(t)) \leq 0$$

with

$$(45) \quad \frac{2 \max\{\mu_1, \mu_2\}}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} < 1.$$

We firstly study the existence of a solution of the following periodic system:

$$(46) \quad \begin{aligned} u' + \lambda_1 u - \lambda_2 v &= f(t, u) + h(t, v) + \lambda_1 u - \lambda_2 v \\ v' + \lambda_1 v - \lambda_2 u &= f(t, v) + h(t, u) + \lambda_1 v - \lambda_2 u, \end{aligned}$$

with the periodicity condition

$$(47) \quad u(0) = u(T) \text{ and } v(0) = v(T).$$

This problem is equivalent to the integral equations:

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= \int_0^T k_1(t, s)[f(s, u) + h(s, v) + \lambda_1 u - \lambda_2 v] \\ &\quad + \int_0^T k_2(t, s)[f(s, v) + h(s, u) + \lambda_1 v - \lambda_2 u] ds \\ v(t) &= \int_0^T k_1(t, s)[f(s, v) + h(s, u) + \lambda_1 v - \lambda_2 u] \\ &\quad + \int_0^T k_2(t, s)[f(s, u) + h(s, v) + \lambda_1 u - \lambda_2 v] ds, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} k_1(t, s) &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e^{\sigma_1(t-s)}}{1-e^{\sigma_1 T}} + \frac{e^{\sigma_2(t-s)}}{1-e^{\sigma_2 T}} \right] & 0 \leq s < t \leq T \\ \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e^{\sigma_1(t+T-s)}}{1-e^{\sigma_1 T}} + \frac{e^{\sigma_2(t+T-s)}}{1-e^{\sigma_2 T}} \right] & 0 \leq t < s \leq T \end{cases} \\ k_2(t, s) &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e^{\sigma_2(t-s)}}{1-e^{\sigma_2 T}} + \frac{e^{\sigma_1(t-s)}}{1-e^{\sigma_1 T}} \right] & 0 \leq s < t \leq T \\ \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e^{\sigma_2(t+T-s)}}{1-e^{\sigma_2 T}} + \frac{e^{\sigma_1(t+T-s)}}{1-e^{\sigma_1 T}} \right] & 0 \leq t < s \leq T \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Here, $\sigma_1 = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$ and $\sigma_2 = (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)$.

From ([11], Lemma 3.2), we have

$$(48) \quad k_1(t, s) \leq 0, \quad 0 \leq t, s \leq T \text{ and } k_2(t, s) \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq t, s \leq T.$$

We assume that there exist $\alpha, \beta \in C([0, T])$ such that

$$(49) \quad \begin{aligned} g(\alpha(t)) &\leq \int_0^1 k_1(t, s)(f(s, \alpha(s)) + h(s, \beta(s)) + \lambda_1 \alpha(s) - \lambda_2 \beta(s)) ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^1 k_2(t, s)(f(s, \beta(s)) + h(s, \alpha(s)) + \lambda_1 \beta(s) - \lambda_2 \alpha(s)) ds \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(50) \quad \begin{aligned} g(\beta(t)) &\geq \int_0^1 k_1(t, s)(f(s, \beta(s)) + h(s, \alpha(s)) + \lambda_1 \beta(s) - \lambda_2 \alpha(s)) ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^1 k_2(t, s)(f(s, \alpha(s)) + h(s, \beta(s)) + \lambda_1 \alpha(s) - \lambda_2 \beta(s)) ds \end{aligned}$$

We endow $X = C([0, T], \mathbb{R})$ with the metric $G(x, y, z) = \max_{t \in [0, T]} \{|x(t) - y(t)|, |y(t) - z(t)|, |x(t) - z(t)|\}$ for $x, y, z \in X$.

This space can be equipped with a partial order given by

$$x, y \in C([0, T]), \quad x \preceq y \iff x(t) \leq y(t), \quad \text{for any } t \in [0, T].$$

In $X \times X$ we define the following partial order

$$(x, y), (u, v) \in X \times X, (x, y) \preceq (u, v) \iff x \preceq u \text{ and } y \succeq v.$$

Since for any $x, y \in X$ we have that $\max(x, y)$ and $\min(x, y) \in X$, assumption 3 of Corollary 3.6 is satisfied for (X, \preceq) . Moreover in [3] it is proved that (X, \preceq) satisfies assumption 2 of Corollary 3.6.

Now, we shall prove the following result.

Theorem 4.1 *Suppose that $g : X \times X$ is a non-decreasing continuous mapping. Suppose also that (40)-(41) and (46)-(47) hold. Then (43)-(44) has a unique solution. Therefore (38)-(39) has also a unique solution.*

Proof. We introduce the operator $F : X \times X \longrightarrow X$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} F(u, v)(t) &= \int_0^T k_1(t, s)[f(s, u) + h(s, v) + \lambda_1 u - \lambda_2 v] ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^T k_2(t, s)[f(s, v) + h(s, u) + \lambda_1 v - \lambda_2 u] ds \end{aligned}$$

for all $u, v \in X$ and $t \in [0, T]$.

We claim that F has the mixed g-monotone property.

In fact, for $gx_1 \preceq gx_2$ and $t \in [0, T]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_1, y)(t) - F(x_2, y)(t) &= \int_0^T k_1(t, s)(f(s, x_1(s)) - f(s, x_2) + \lambda_1(x_1(s) - x_2(s))) ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^T k_2(t, s)(h(s, x_1(s)) - h(s, x_2) - \lambda_2(x_1 - x_2)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

From (40), (41) and (45), for all $t \in [0, T]$, we have

$$F(x_1, y)(t) - F(x_2, y)(t) \leq 0.$$

This implies that

$$F(x_1, y) \preceq F(x_2, y).$$

Also, for $gy_1 \preceq gy_2$ and $t \in [0, T]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, y_1)(t) - F(x, y_2)(t) &= \int_0^T k_1(t, s)(h(s, y_1(s)) - h(s, y_2) - \lambda_2(y_1(s) - y_2(s))) ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^T k_2(t, s)(f(s, y_1(s)) - f(s, y_2) + \lambda_1(y_1 - y_2)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Looking at (40), (41) and (45), for all $t \in [0, T]$, we have

$$F(x, y_1)(t) - F(x, y_2)(t) \geq 0,$$

that is

$$F(x_1, y) \succeq F(x_2, y).$$

Thus, we proved that F has the mixed g-monotone property.

For $gx \succeq gu \succeq gz$ and $gy \preceq gv \preceq gw$, we have $F(x, y) \succeq F(u, v)$, $F(x, y) \succeq F(z, w)$, $F(u, v) \succeq F(z, w)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & G(F(x, y), F(u, v), F(z, w)) \\ &= \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left\{ |F(x, y)(t) - F(u, v)(t)|, |F(x, y)(t) - F(z, w)(t)|, |F(u, v)(t) - F(z, w)(t)| \right\} \\ &= \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left\{ (F(x, y)(t) - F(u, v)(t)), (F(x, y)(t) - F(z, w)(t)), (F(u, v)(t) - F(z, w)(t)) \right\} \\ &= \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left\{ \int_0^T k_1(t, s) [(f(s, x(s)) - f(s, u(s)) + \lambda_1(x - u)) - (h(s, v(s)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - h(s, y(s)) - \lambda_2(y - v))] ds - \int_0^T k_2(t, s) [(f(s, v(s)) - f(s, y(s)) + \lambda_1(v - y)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (h(s, u(s)) - h(s, x(s)) - \lambda_2(u - x))] ds, \right. \\ &\quad \int_0^T k_1(t, s) [(f(s, x(s)) - f(s, z(s)) + \lambda_1(x - z)) \\ &\quad \left. - (h(s, w(s)) - h(s, y(s)) - \lambda_2(y - w))] ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^T k_2(t, s) [(f(s, w(s)) - f(s, y(s)) + \lambda_1(w - y)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (h(s, z(s)) - h(s, x(s)) - \lambda_2(z - x))] ds, \right. \\ &\quad \int_0^T k_1(t, s) [(f(s, u(s)) - f(s, z(s)) + \lambda_1(u - z)) \\ &\quad \left. - (h(s, w(s)) - h(s, v(s)) - \lambda_2(v - w))] ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^T k_2(t, s) [(f(s, w(s)) - f(s, v(s)) + \lambda_1(w - v)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (h(s, z(s)) - h(s, u(s)) - \lambda_2(z - u))] ds \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (40) and (41) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
G(F(x, y), F(u, v), F(z, w)) &\leq \\
\max_{t \in [0, T]} &\left\{ \int_0^T k_1(t, s) \left(\mu_1 \ln [(gx(s) - gu(s))^2 + 1] + \mu_2 \ln [(gy(s) - gv(s))^2 + 1] \right) ds \right. \\
&+ \int_0^T (-k_2(t, s)) \left(\mu_1 \ln [(gv(s) - gy(s))^2 + 1] + \mu_2 \ln [(gx(s) - gu(s))^2 + 1] \right) ds, \\
&\int_0^T k_1(t, s) \left(\mu_1 \ln [(gx(s) - gz(s))^2 + 1] + \mu_2 \ln [(gy(s) - gw(s))^2 + 1] \right) ds \\
&+ \int_0^T (-k_2(t, s)) \left(\mu_1 \ln [(gw(s) - gy(s))^2 + 1] + \mu_2 \ln [(gx(s) - gz(s))^2 + 1] \right) ds, \\
&\int_0^T k_1(t, s) \left(\mu_1 \ln [(gu(s) - gz(s))^2 + 1] + \mu_2 \ln [(gv(s) - gw(s))^2 + 1] \right) ds \\
&\left. + \int_0^T (-k_2(t, s)) \left(\mu_1 \ln [(gw(s) - gv(s))^2 + 1] + \mu_2 \ln [(gu(s) - gz(s))^2 + 1] \right) ds \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

then,

$$\begin{aligned}
G(F(x, y), F(u, v), F(z, w)) &\leq \\
&\leq \max\{\mu_1, \mu_2\} \left(\max_{t \in [0, T]} \left\{ \int_0^T (k_1(t, s) - k_2(t, s)) \ln [(gx(s) - gu(s))^2 + 1] + \right. \right. \\
&\quad \int_0^T (k_1(t, s) - k_2(t, s)) \ln [(gy(s) - gv(s))^2 + 1], \\
&\quad \int_0^T (k_1(t, s) - k_2(t, s)) \ln [(gx(s) - gz(s))^2 + 1] + \\
&\quad \int_0^T (k_1(t, s) - k_2(t, s)) \ln [(gy(s) - gw(s))^2 + 1], \\
&\quad \int_0^T (k_1(t, s) - k_2(t, s)) \ln [(gu(s) - gz(s))^2 + 1] + \\
&\quad \left. \left. \int_0^T (k_1(t, s) - k_2(t, s)) \ln [(gv(s) - gw(s))^2 + 1] \right\} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

By property (G4) of G we have

$$\begin{aligned}
G(F(x, y), F(u, v), F(z, w)) &\leq \\
&\left(\max_{t \in [0, T]} \int_0^T (k_1(t, s) - k_2(t, s)) \right) \max\{\mu_1, \mu_2\} \left(\ln [(G(gx, gu, gz))^2 + 1] + \right. \\
&\quad \left. \ln [(G(gy, gv, gw))^2 + 1] \right) \\
&\leq 2 \max\{\mu_1, \mu_2\} \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left| \int_0^T \frac{e^{\sigma_1(t-s)}}{1 - e^{\sigma_1 T}} ds + \int_0^T \frac{e^{\sigma_1(t+T-s)}}{1 - e^{\sigma_1 T}} ds \right| \\
&\quad \ln [(\max\{G(gx, gu, gz), G(gy, gv, gw)\})^2 + 1].
\end{aligned}$$

After integrating, we get

$$G(F(x, y), F(u, v), F(z, w)) \leq \frac{2 \max\{\mu_1, \mu_2\}}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \ln [(\max\{G(gx, gu, gz), G(gy, gv, gw)\})^2 + 1].$$

From (47), we obtain

$$G(F(x, y), F(u, v), F(z, w)) \leq \ln [(\max\{G(gx, gu, gz), G(gy, gv, gw)\})^2 + 1],$$

which implies that

$$(G(F(x, y), F(u, v), F(z, w)))^2 \leq \left(\ln [(\max\{G(gx, gu, gz), G(gy, gv, gw)\})^2 + 1] \right)^2.$$

Then,

Set $\psi(t) = t^2$ and $\phi(t) = (\ln(t^2 + 1))^2$. Clearly $\psi \in \Psi$ and ϕ are altering distance functions and satisfy the condition $\psi(x) > \phi(x)$ for $x > 0$ and from the above inequality, we obtain

$$\psi\left(G(F(x, y), F(u, v), F(z, w))\right) \leq \phi\left(\max\{G(gx, gu, gz), G(gy, gv, gw)\}\right)$$

for all $x, y, u, v, z, w \in X$ such that $gx \succeq gu \succeq gz$ and $gy \preceq gv \preceq gw$.

Now, let $\alpha, \beta \in X$ be the functions given by (46) and (47). Then, we have

$$g\alpha \preceq F(\alpha, \beta) \text{ and } F(\beta, \alpha) \succeq g\beta.$$

Thus, we proved that all the required hypotheses of Corollary 3.6 are satisfied. Hence, g and F have a unique coupled fixed point $(u, v) \in X \times X$, that is, (u, v) is the unique solution of (38)-(39). This completes the proof.

Conflict of Interests

The author declares that there is no conflict of interests.

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