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# Contractive Mapping in Generalized, Ordered Metric Spaces with Application in Integral Equations

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We consider the concept of  $\Omega$ -distance on a complete, partially ordered  $G$ -metric space and prove some fixed point theorems. Then, we present some applications in integral equations of our obtained results.

## 1. Introduction

The Banach fixed point theorem for contraction mapping has been generalized and extended in many directions [1–11]. Nieto and Rodríguez-López [10], Ran and Reurings [12], and Petrusel and Rus [13] presented some new results for contractions in partially ordered metric spaces. The main idea in [10, 12, 14] involves combining the ideas of an iterative technique in the contraction mapping principle with those in the monotone technique. Also, Mustafa and Sims [15] introduced the concept of  $G$ -metric. Some authors [16, 17] have proved some fixed point theorems in these spaces. Recently, Saadati et al. [18], using the concept of  $G$ -metric, defined an  $\Omega$ -distance on complete  $G$ -metric space and generalized the concept of  $w$ -distance due to Kada et al. [19].

In this paper, we extend some recent fixed point theorems by using this concept and prove various fixed point theorems in generalized partially ordered  $G$ -metric spaces.

At first we recall some definitions and lemmas. For more information see [15–18, 20–23].

*Definition 1* (see [15]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A function  $G : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called a  $G$ -metric if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $G(x, y, z) = 0$  if  $x = y = z$  (coincidence),
- (ii)  $G(x, x, y) > 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , where  $x \neq y$ ,
- (iii)  $G(x, x, z) \leq G(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , with  $z \neq y$ ,
- (iv)  $G(x, y, z) = G(p\{x, y, z\})$ , where  $p$  is a permutation of  $x, y, z$  (symmetry),
- (v)  $G(x, y, z) \leq G(x, a, a) + G(a, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$  (rectangle inequality).

A  $G$ -metric is said to be symmetric if  $G(x, y, y) = G(y, x, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

*Definition 2.* Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G$ -metric space,

- (1) a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be  $G$ -Cauchy sequence if, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that for all  $m, n, l \geq n_0$ ,  $G(x_n, x_m, x_l) < \varepsilon$ ;
- (2) a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be  $G$ -convergent to a point  $x \in X$  if, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that for all  $m, n \geq n_0$ ,  $G(x_m, x_n, x) < \varepsilon$ .

*Definition 3* (see [15]). Let  $(X, G)$  be a  $G$ -metric space. Then a function  $\Omega : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a)  $\Omega(x, y, z) \leq \Omega(x, a, a) + \Omega(a, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$ ,
- (b) for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $\Omega(x, y, \cdot), \Omega(x, \cdot, y) : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  are lower semicontinuous,
- (c) for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\Omega(x, a, a) \leq \delta$  and  $\Omega(a, y, z) \leq \delta$  imply  $G(x, y, z) \leq \varepsilon$ .

*Example 1* (see [18]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $G : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by

$$G(x, y, z) = \max\{d(x, y), d(y, z), d(x, z)\}, \quad (1.1)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then  $\Omega = G$  is an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$ .

*Example 2* (see [18]). In  $X = \mathbb{R}$  we consider the  $G$ -metric  $G$  defined by

$$G(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{3}(|x - y| + |y - z| + |x - z|), \quad (1.2)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\Omega : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by

$$\Omega(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{3}(|z - x| + |x - y|), \quad (1.3)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  is an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

For more example see [18].

**Lemma 1.1** (see [18]). Let  $X$  be a metric space with metric  $G$  and  $\Omega$  be an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$ . Let  $x_n, y_n$  be sequences in  $X$ ,  $\alpha_n, \beta_n$  be sequences in  $[0, \infty)$  converging to zero and let  $x, y, z, a \in X$ . Then one has the following.

- (1) If  $\Omega(y, x_n, x_n) \leq \alpha_n$  and  $\Omega(x_n, y, z) \leq \beta_n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $G(y, y, z) < \varepsilon$  and hence  $y = z$ .
- (2) If  $\Omega(y_n, x_n, x_n) \leq \alpha_n$  and  $\Omega(x_n, y_m, z) \leq \beta_n$  for  $m > n$  then  $G(y_n, y_m, z) \rightarrow 0$  and hence  $y_n \rightarrow z$ .
- (3) If  $\Omega(x_n, x_m, x_l) \leq \alpha_n$  for any  $l, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n \leq m \leq l$ , then  $x_n$  is a  $G$ -Cauchy sequence.
- (4) If  $\Omega(x_n, a, a) \leq \alpha_n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $x_n$  is a  $G$ -Cauchy sequence.

**Definition 4** (see [18]).  $G$ -metric space  $X$  is said to be  $\Omega$ -bounded if there is a constant  $M > 0$  such that  $\Omega(x, y, z) \leq M$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

## 2. Fixed Point Theorems on Partially Ordered $G$ -Metric Spaces

**Definition 5.** Suppose  $(X, \leq)$  is a partially ordered space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is a mapping of  $X$  into itself. We say that  $T$  is nondecreasing if for  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$x \leq y \implies T(x) \leq T(y). \quad (2.1)$$

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered space. Suppose that there exists a  $G$ -metric on  $X$  such that  $(X, G)$  is a complete  $G$ -metric space and  $\Omega$  is an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$  such that  $X$  is  $\Omega$ -bounded. Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  weakly compatible and  $f, g$  be non-decreasing mapping such that

- (a)  $g(X) \subseteq f(X)$ ;
- (b)  $\Omega(gx, gy, gz) \leq k \max\{\Omega(fx, fy, fz), \Omega(fx, gx, fz), \Omega(fy, gy, fz), \Omega(fx, gy, fz), \Omega(fy, gx, fz)\}$ ; for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $0 \leq k < 1$ ,
- (c) for every  $x \in X$  and  $y \in X$  with  $f(y) \neq g(y)$ ,  $\inf\{\Omega(fx, y, fx) + \Omega(fx, y, gx) + \Omega(fx, gx, y) : f(x) \leq g(x)\} > 0$ ;
- (d) there exist  $x_0 \in X$  that  $f(x_0) \leq g(x_0)$ ; then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point  $u$  in  $X$  and  $\Omega(u, u, u) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$  that  $f(x_0) \leq g(x_0)$ . By part (a), we can choose  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $f(x_1) = g(x_0)$ . Again from part (a), we can choose  $x_2 \in X$  such that  $f(x_2) = g(x_1)$ . Continuing this process we can construct sequences  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that,

$$\begin{aligned} y_n = gx_n = fx_{n+1}, \quad \forall n \geq 0, \\ x_n \leq x_{n+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Now, since  $g$  is non-decreasing mapping then,

$$gx_n \leq gx_{n+1}, \quad \forall n \geq 0, \quad (2.3)$$

so, for all  $s \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+s}) &= \Omega(gx_n, gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+s}) \\
&\leq k \max\{\Omega(fx_n, fx_{n+1}, fx_{n+s}), \Omega(fx_n, gx_n, fx_{n+s}), \Omega(fx_{n+1}, gx_{n+1}, fx_{n+s}), \\
&\quad \Omega(fx_n, gx_{n+1}, fx_{n+s}), \Omega(fx_{n+1}, gx_n, fx_{n+s})\} \\
&= k \max\{\Omega(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_{n+s-1}), \Omega(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_{n+s-1}), \Omega(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+s-1}), \\
&\quad \Omega(y_{n-1}, y_{n+1}, y_{n+s-1}), \Omega(y_n, y_n, y_{n+s-1})\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+s}) &\leq k \max\{\Omega(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_{n+s-1}), \Omega(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+s-1}), \\
&\quad \Omega(y_{n-1}, y_{n+1}, y_{n+s-1}), \Omega(y_n, y_n, y_{n+s-1})\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

Now since,

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega(y_{n-1}, y_{n+1}, y_{n+s-1}) &\leq k \max\{\Omega(y_{n-2}, y_n, y_{n+s-2}), \Omega(y_{n-2}, y_{n-1}, y_{n+s-2}), \Omega(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+s-2}), \\
&\quad \Omega(y_{n-2}, y_{n+1}, y_{n+s-2}), \Omega(y_n, y_{n-1}, y_{n+s-2})\} \\
\Omega(y_n, y_n, y_{n+s-1}) &\leq k \max\{\Omega(y_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, y_{n+s-2}), \Omega(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_{n+s-2}), \Omega(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_{n+s-2}), \\
&\quad \Omega(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_{n+s-2}), \Omega(y_{n-1}, y_n, y_{n+s-2})\},
\end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+s}) &\leq k^2 \max\{\Omega(y_i, y_j, y_t), \quad n-2 \leq i \leq n, n-1 \leq j \leq n+1, n+s-2 \leq t \leq n+s-1\} \\
&\quad \vdots \\
&\leq k^{n-1} \max\{\Omega(y_i, y_j, y_t); \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, 2 \leq j \leq n+1, s+1 \leq t \leq n+s-1\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

So  $\Omega(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+s}) \leq k^{n-1} M_{n,s}$  where

$$M_{n,s} := \max\{\Omega(y_i, y_j, y_t), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, 2 \leq j \leq n+1, s+1 \leq t \leq n+s-1\}. \tag{2.8}$$

Now, for any  $l > m > n$  with  $m = n + k$  and  $l = m + t$  ( $k, t \in \mathbb{N}$ ), we have,

$$\lim_{m,n,l \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(y_n, y_m, y_l) = 0. \tag{2.9}$$

Since  $X$  is  $\Omega$ -bounded and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega(y_n, y_m, y_l) &\leq \Omega(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) + \Omega(y_{n+1}, y_m, y_l) \\
 &\leq \Omega(y_n, y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) + \Omega(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, y_{n+2}) + \cdots + \Omega(y_{m-1}, y_m, y_l) \\
 &\leq k^{n-1}M_{n,1} + k^n M_{n+1,2} + \cdots + k^{m-2}M_{m-1,t+1} \\
 &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{n-m+2} k^{n-j}M \leq \frac{k^{n-1}}{1-k}M,
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

so, by Part (3) of Lemma 1.1,  $\{y_n\}$  is a G-Cauchy sequence. Since  $X$  is G-complete,  $\{y_n\}$  converges to a point  $y \in X$ . Thus, for  $\varepsilon > 0$  and by the lower semicontinuity of  $\Omega$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega(y_n, y_m, y) &\leq \liminf_{p \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(y_n, y_m, y_p) \leq \varepsilon, \quad m \geq n \\
 \Omega(y_n, y, y_l) &\leq \liminf_{p \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(y_n, y_p, y_l) \leq \varepsilon, \quad l \geq n.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

Assume that  $fy \neq gy$ . Since,

$$y_n = fx_{n+1} = gx_n \leq gx_{n+1} = fx_{n+2} = y_{n+1}, \tag{2.12}$$

so,  $y_n \leq y_{n+1}$ , and,

$$0 < \inf\{\Omega(y_n, y, y_n) + \Omega(y_n, y_{n+1}, y) + \Omega(y_n, y, y_{n+1})\} \leq 3\varepsilon, \tag{2.13}$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , that is a contraction. So, we have  $fy = gy$ . Then, by (b),

$$\Omega(gy, gy, gy) \leq k\Omega(gy, gy, gy), \tag{2.14}$$

so,  $\Omega(gy, gy, gy) = 0$ . Similarly,  $\Omega(g^2y, g^2y, gy) = 0$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega(gy, g^2y, gy) &\leq k \max\{\Omega(gy, g^2y, gy), \Omega(g^2y, gy, gy), \\
 &\quad \Omega(g^2y, g^2y, gy), \Omega(gy, gy, gy)\} \\
 &= k \max\{\Omega(gy, g^2y, gy), \Omega(g^2y, gy, gy)\} \\
 \Omega(g^2y, gy, gy) &\leq k \max\{\Omega(gy, g^2y, gy), \Omega(g^2y, gy, gy)\}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

Thus,

$$\Omega(gy, g^2y, gy) = 0, \quad \Omega(g^2y, gy, gy) = 0. \tag{2.16}$$

By Part (c) of Definition 3,  $G(g^2y, g^2y, gy) = 0$  and consequently  $g^2y = gy$  which implies that  $gy$  is a fixed point for  $g$ . Now,

$$f(gy) = g(fy) = g^2y = gy. \quad (2.17)$$

So, it is enough to put  $gy = u$ , then  $u$  is a common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

*Uniqueness:* Assume that there exist  $v \in X$  such that  $fv = gv = v$ . Hence, we have,

$$\Omega(v, v, v) \leq k\Omega(v, v, v), \quad (2.18)$$

and so  $\Omega(v, v, v) = 0$ . Also,  $\Omega(v, v, u) = 0$ . On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(v, u, u) &\leq k \max\{\Omega(v, u, u), \Omega(u, v, u)\}, \\ \Omega(u, v, u) &\leq k \max\{\Omega(u, v, u), \Omega(v, u, u)\}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

which follows that,  $\Omega(v, u, u) = \Omega(u, v, u) = 0$ . Then by Part (c) of Definition 3,  $u = v$  and  $\Omega(u, u, u) = 0$ .  $\square$

The following corollary is a generalization of [24, Theorem 2.1].

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered space. Suppose that there exists a  $G$ -metric on  $X$  such that  $(X, G)$  is a  $G$ -metric space and  $\Omega$  is an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$  such that  $X$  be  $\Omega$ -bounded. Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be weakly compatible and  $f, g$  be a non-decreasing mapping such that*

- (a)  $g(X) \subseteq f(X)$  and either  $f(X)$  or  $g(X)$  is complete;
- (b) for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $0 \leq k < 1$ ,  $\Omega(gx, gy, gz) \leq k\Omega(fx, fy, fz)$ ;
- (c) for every  $x \in X$  and  $y \in X$  with  $f(y) \neq g(y)$ ,  $\inf\{\Omega(fx, y, fx) + \Omega(fx, y, gx) + \Omega(fx, gx, y) : f(x) \leq g(x)\} > 0$ ;
- (d) there exist  $x_0 \in X$  that  $f(x_0) \leq g(x_0)$ ;

then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point  $y$  in  $X$  and  $\Omega(y, y, y) = 0$ .

*Definition 6* (see [25]). Let  $\Phi$  be the set of all functions  $\varphi$  such that  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a continuous and nondecreasing function with  $\varphi(t) < t$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi^n(t) < \infty$  for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . The function  $\varphi$  is called a growth or control function of  $T : X \rightarrow X$ .

It is clear that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^n(t) = 0, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \varphi^n(0) = 0. \quad (2.20)$$

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered space. Suppose that there exists a  $G$ -metric on  $X$  such that  $(X, G)$  is a complete  $G$ -metric space and  $\Omega$  is an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$  and  $T$  is a non-decreasing mapping from  $X$  into itself. Let  $X$  be  $\Omega$ -bounded. Suppose that  $\varphi \in \Phi$  and*

$$\Omega(Tx, T^2x, Tw) \leq \varphi(\Omega(x, Tx, w)) \quad \forall x \leq Tx, w \in X. \quad (2.21)$$

Also, for every  $x \in X$

$$\inf\left\{\Omega(x, y, x) + \Omega(x, y, Tx) + \Omega(x, T^2x, y) : x \leq Tx\right\} > 0, \quad (2.22)$$

for every  $y \in X$  with  $y \neq Ty$ . If there exists an  $x_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \leq Tx_0$ , then  $T$  has a unique fixed point. Moreover, if  $v = Tv$ , then  $\Omega(v, v, v) = 0$ .

*Proof.* If  $x_0 = Tx_0$ , then the proof is finished. Suppose that  $Tx_0 \neq x_0$ . since  $x_0 \leq Tx_0$  and  $T$  is non-decreasing, we obtain

$$x_0 \leq Tx_0 \leq T^2x_0 \leq \dots \leq T^{n+1}x_0 \leq \dots \quad (2.23)$$

For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(T^n x_0, T^{n+1} x_0, T^{n+t} x_0) &\leq \varphi\left(\Omega(T^{n-1} x_0, T^n x_0, T^{n+t-1} x_0)\right) \\ &\leq \varphi^2\left(\Omega(T^{n-2} x_0, T^{n-1} x_0, T^{n+t-2} x_0)\right) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq \varphi^n\left(\Omega(x_0, Tx_0, T^t x_0)\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

We claim that for  $m = n + k$  and  $l = m + t$  ( $k, t \in \mathbb{N}$ ) with  $l > m > n$ ,

$$\lim_{m, n, l \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(T^n x_0, T^m x_0, T^l x_0) = 0. \quad (2.25)$$

We prove by,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(T^n x_0, T^m x_0, T^l x_0) &\leq \Omega(T^n x_0, T^{n+1} x_0, T^{n+1} x_0) + \Omega(T^{n+1} x_0, T^m x_0, T^l x_0) \\ &\leq \Omega(T^n x_0, T^{n+1} x_0, T^{n+1} x_0) + \Omega(T^{n+1} x_0, T^{n+2} x_0, T^{n+2} x_0) \\ &\quad + \dots + \Omega(T^{m-1} x_0, T^m x_0, T^l x_0) \\ &\leq \varphi^n(\Omega(x_0, Tx_0, Tx_0)) + \varphi^{n+1}(\Omega(x_0, Tx_0, Tx_0)) \\ &\quad + \dots + \varphi^{m-2}(\Omega(x_0, Tx_0, Tx_0)) + \varphi^{m-1}(\Omega(x_0, Tx_0, T^{t+1} x_0)) \\ &\leq \varphi^{n-1}(M) \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi^n(M) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi^n(M) < \infty$ , so,

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(T^n x_0, T^m x_0, T^l x_0) = 0. \quad (2.27)$$

By Part (c) of Lemma 1.1  $\{T^n x_0\}$  is a G-Cauchy sequence. Since  $X$  is G-complete,  $\{T^n x_0\}$  converges to a point  $u \in X$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be fixed. By lower semicontinuity of  $\Omega$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega(T^n x_0, T^m x_0, u) &\leq \liminf_{p \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(T^n x_0, T^m x_0, T^p x_0) \leq \varepsilon, \quad m > n, \\ \Omega(T^n x_0, u, T^l x_0) &\leq \liminf_{p \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(T^n x_0, T^p x_0, T^m x_0) \leq \varepsilon, \quad l \geq n.\end{aligned}\tag{2.28}$$

Assume that  $u \neq Tu$ . Since  $T^n x_0 \leq T^{n+1} x_0$ ,

$$0 < \inf \left\{ \Omega(T^n x_0, u, T^n x_0) + \Omega(T^n x_0, u, T^{n+1} x_0) + \Omega(T^n x_0, T^{n+2} x_0, u) : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \leq 3\varepsilon, \tag{2.29}$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore, we have  $u = Tu$ .

*Uniqueness:* let  $v$  be another fixed point of  $T$ , then

$$\Omega(u, u, v) = \Omega(Tu, T^2u, Tv) \leq \varphi(\Omega(u, Tu, v)) < \Omega(u, u, v), \tag{2.30}$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, fixed point  $u$  is unique. Now, if  $v = Tv$ , we have,

$$\Omega(v, v, v) = \Omega(Tv, T^2v, T^3v) \leq \varphi(\Omega(v, Tv, T^2v)) = \varphi(\Omega(v, v, v)). \tag{2.31}$$

So  $\Omega(v, v, v) = 0$ . □

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let the assumptions of Theorem 2.3 hold and*

$$\Omega(T^m x, T^{m+1} x, T^m w) \leq \varphi(\Omega(x, Tx, w)) \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}, x \leq Tx, w \in X, \tag{2.32}$$

*then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.*

*Proof.* From Theorem 2.3,  $T^m$  has a unique fixed point  $u$ . However,

$$Tu = T(T^m u) = T^{m+1} u = T^m Tu, \tag{2.33}$$

so  $Tu$  is also a fixed point of  $T^m$ . Since the fixed point of  $T^m$  is unique, it must be the case that  $Tu = u$ . □

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let the assumptions of Theorem 2.3 hold and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  satisfies,*

$$\Omega(Tx, T^2x, Tx) \leq \varphi(\Omega(x, Tx, x)) \quad \forall x \leq Tx. \tag{2.34}$$

*Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.*

*Proof.* Take  $w = x$ , and apply Theorem 2.3. □



**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered space. Suppose that there exists a G-metric on  $X$  such that  $(X, G)$  is a complete G-metric space,  $\Omega$  is an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$ , and  $T$  is a non-decreasing mapping from  $X$  into itself. Let  $X$  be  $\Omega$ -bounded. Suppose that

$$\Omega(Tx, T^2x, Tw) \leq k(\Omega(x, T^2x, Tw) + \Omega(x, Tx, Tx)), \quad (2.35)$$

where  $x \leq Tx, w \in X, k \in [0, 1/3)$ . Also for every  $x \in X$ ,

$$\inf\{\Omega(x, y, x) + \Omega(x, y, Tx) + \Omega(x, T^2x, y) : x \leq Tx\} > 0, \quad (2.36)$$

for every  $y \in X$  with  $y \neq Ty$ . If there exists an  $x_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \leq Tx_0$ , then  $T$  has a unique fixed point say  $u$  and  $\Omega(u, u, u) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$  be an arbitrary point, and define the sequence  $x_n$  by  $x_n = T^n x_0$ . By (2.35) and for all  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$\Omega(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+t}) \leq k(\Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+t}) + \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n)). \quad (2.37)$$

But by Part (a) of Definition 3,

$$\Omega(x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+t}) \leq \Omega(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n) + \Omega(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+t}). \quad (2.38)$$

Hence,

$$\Omega(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+t}) \leq k[2\Omega(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n) + \Omega(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+t})], \quad (2.39)$$

which implies,

$$\Omega(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+t}) \leq \frac{2k}{1-k}\Omega(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n). \quad (2.40)$$

Let  $r = 2k/(1-k)$ , then  $r < 1$  and by repeated application of (2.40), we have

$$\Omega(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+t}) \leq r^n \Omega(x_0, x_1, x_1). \quad (2.41)$$

Now, for any  $l > m > n$  with  $m = n + k$  and  $l = m + t$  ( $k, t \in \mathbb{N}$ ), we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(x_n, x_m, x_l) &\leq \Omega(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + \Omega(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+2}) \\ &\quad + \Omega(x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}, x_{n+3}) + \cdots + \Omega(x_{m-1}, x_m, x_l) \\ &\leq (r^n + r^{n+1} + \cdots + r^{m-1})\Omega(x_0, x_1, x_1) \\ &\leq \frac{r^n}{1-r}\Omega(x_0, x_1, x_1). \end{aligned} \quad (2.42)$$

So,

$$\lim_{m,n,l \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(x_n, x_m, x_l) = 0. \quad (2.43)$$

By Part (3) of Lemma 1.1,  $x_n$  is a G-Cauchy sequence. Since  $X$  is G-complete,  $x_n$  converges to a point  $u \in X$ . Now, similar to proving Theorem 2.1,  $T$  has a unique fixed point and  $\Omega(u, u, u) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let the assumptions of Theorem 2.6 hold and*

$$\Omega(T^m x, T^{m+2} x, T^m w) \leq k \left( \Omega(x, T^{m+2} x, T^m w) + \Omega(x, T^m x, T^m x) \right) \quad (2.44)$$

where  $k \in [0, 1/3)$ , then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

*Proof.* The argument is similar to that used in the proof of Corollary 2.4.  $\square$

### 3. Applications

In this section, we give an existence theorem for a solution of a class of integral equations. Denote by  $\Lambda$  the set of all functions  $\lambda : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  satisfying the following hypotheses:

- (i)  $\lambda$  is a Lebesgue-integrable mapping on each compact of  $[0, +\infty)$ ,
- (ii) for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have  $\int_0^\epsilon \lambda(s) ds > 0$ ,
- (iii)  $\|\lambda\| < 1$ , where  $\|\lambda\|$  denotes to the norm of  $\lambda$ .

Now, we have the following results.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered space. Suppose that there exists a G-metric on  $X$  such that  $(X, G)$  is a complete G-metric space and  $\Omega$  is an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$  and  $T$  is a non-decreasing mapping from  $X$  into itself. Let  $X$  be  $\Omega$ -bounded. Suppose that*

$$\Omega(Tx, T^2x, Tw) \leq \int_0^{\Omega(x, Tx, w)} \alpha(s) ds, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Also, suppose that for every  $x \in X$

$$\inf \left\{ \Omega(x, y, x) + \Omega(x, y, Tx) + \Omega(x, T^2x, y) : x \leq Tx \right\} > 0, \quad (3.2)$$

for every  $y \in X$  with  $y \neq Ty$ . If there exists an  $x_0 \in X$  with  $x_0 \leq Tx_0$ , then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

*Proof.* Define  $\phi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  by  $\phi(t) = \int_0^t \alpha(s) ds$ . It is clear that  $\phi$  is nondecreasing and continuous. From (iii), we have

$$\phi(t) = \left| \int_0^t \lambda(s) ds \right| \leq \int_0^t |\lambda(s)| ds \leq \|\lambda\| t < t. \quad (3.3)$$

Also, note that

$$\phi^2(t) = \phi(\phi(t)) \leq \|\lambda\|\phi(t) \leq \|\lambda\|^2 t. \quad (3.4)$$

In general, we have  $\phi^n(t) \leq \|\lambda\|^n t$ . Thus, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi^n(t) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|\lambda\|^n t = \frac{\|\lambda\|t}{1 - \|\lambda\|} < +\infty. \quad (3.5)$$

Therefore  $\phi$  satisfies all the hypotheses of Definition 6. By inequality (3.1), we have  $\Omega(Tx, T^2x, Tw) \leq \phi(\Omega(x, Tx, w))$ . Therefore by Theorem 2.3,  $T$  has a unique fixed point.  $\square$

Now, our aim is to give an existence theorem for a solution of the following integral equation:

$$u(t) = \int_0^1 K(t, s, u(s))ds + g(t), \quad t \in [0, 1]. \quad (3.6)$$

Let  $X = C([0, 1])$  be the set of all continuous functions defined on  $[0, 1]$ . Define

$$G : X \times X \times X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \quad (3.7)$$

by

$$G(x, y, z) = \max\{\|x - y\|, \|x - z\|, \|y - z\|\}, \quad (3.8)$$

where  $\|x\| = \sup\{|x(t)| : t \in [0, 1]\}$ . Then  $(X, G)$  is a complete  $G$ -metric space. Let  $\Omega = G$ . Then  $\Omega$  is an  $\Omega$ -distance on  $X$ .

Define an ordered relation  $\leq$  on  $X$  by

$$x \leq y \quad \text{iff} \quad x(t) \leq y(t), \quad \forall t \in [0, 1]. \quad (3.9)$$

Then  $(X, \leq)$  is a partially ordered set. Now, we prove the following result.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Suppose the following hypotheses hold.*

- (a)  $K : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $g : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  are continuous.
- (b)  $K$  is nondecreasing in its first coordinate and  $g$  is nondecreasing.
- (c) There exist a continuous function  $G : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  such that

$$|K(t, s, u) - K(t, s, v)| \leq G(t, s)|u - v|, \quad (3.10)$$

for each comparable  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and each  $t, s \in [0, 1]$ .

- (d)  $\sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \int_0^1 G(t, s)ds \leq r$  for some  $r < 1$ .

Then the integral equation (3.6) has a solution  $u \in C([0, 1])$ .

*Proof.* Define  $T : C([0, 1]) \rightarrow C([0, 1])$  by

$$Tx(t) = \int_0^1 K(t, s, x(s))ds + g(t), \quad t \in [0, 1]. \quad (3.11)$$

By hypothesis (b), we have that  $T$  is nondecreasing.

Now, if

$$\inf\{\Omega(x, y, x) + \Omega(x, y, Tx) + \Omega(x, T^2x, y) : x \leq Tx\} = 0, \quad (3.12)$$

for  $y \in C([0, 1])$  with  $y \neq Ty$ , then for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $x_n \in C([0, 1])$  with  $x_n \leq Tx_n$  such that

$$\Omega(x_n, y, x_n) + \Omega(x_n, y, Tx_n) + \Omega(x_n, T^2x_n, y) \leq \frac{1}{n}. \quad (3.13)$$

So, we have

$$\Omega(x_n, y, Tx_n) = \max\{\|x_n - y\|, \|x_n - Tx_n\|, \|y - Tx_n\|\} \leq \frac{1}{n}. \quad (3.14)$$

Therefore, for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n(t) &= y(t), \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Tx_n(t) &= y(t). \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

By the continuity of  $K$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Tx_n(t) \\ &= \int_0^1 K\left(t, s, \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n(s)\right)ds + g(t) \\ &= \int_0^1 K(t, s, y(s))ds + g(t) = Ty(t). \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

Thus, we have  $y = Ty$ , a contradiction. Thus,

$$\inf\{\Omega(x, y, x) + \Omega(x, y, Tx) + \Omega(x, T^2x, y) : x \leq Tx\} > 0. \quad (3.17)$$

Define  $\phi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  by  $\phi(t) = rt$ . For  $x \in C([0, T])$  with  $x \leq Tx$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega(Tx, T^2x, Tx) &= \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |Tx(t) - T^2x(t)| \\
 &= \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \left| \int_0^1 K(t, s, x(s)) - K(t, s, Tx(s)) ds \right| \\
 &\leq \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \int_0^1 |K(t, s, x(s)) - K(t, s, Tx(s))| ds \\
 &\leq \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \int_0^1 G(t, s) |x(s) - Tx(s)| ds \\
 &\leq \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |x(t) - Tx(t)| \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \int_0^T G(t, s) ds \\
 &= \Omega(x, Tx, x) \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \int_0^1 G(t, s) ds \\
 &\leq r\Omega(x, Tx, x) \\
 &= \phi(\Omega(x, Tx, x)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.18}$$

Moreover, take  $x_0 = 0$ , then  $x_0 \leq Tx_0$ . Thus all the required hypotheses of Corollary 2.5 are satisfied. Thus there exists a solution  $u \in C([0, T])$  of the integral equation (3.6).  $\square$

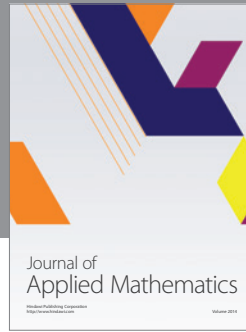
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