

A GENERALIZED COMMON FIXED POINTS FOR MULTIVALUED MAPPINGS IN G_b -METRIC SPACES WITH AN APPLICATION

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In this work we are interested to prove a general common fixed point theorem for a pair of multivalued mappings satisfying a new type relation in G_b -metric spaces. The results in this paper generalize the results obtained in [3], [5],[12]. An example and application integral equation are given to illustrate the usability of the main results.

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1. Introduction and Preliminary

In analysis, the fixed point theorems turn out to be very useful tools in mathematics, especially in solving differential and functional equations. In 1922, Banach[4] proved that each contraction map in a complete metric space has a unique fixed point. Mustafa and Sims[13] introduced a new notion of generalized metric space called a G -metric space. Mustafa, Sims and others studied fixed point theorems for mappings satisfying different contractive conditions [[2],[5],[12],[13],[17],[21],[22]]. Aghajani et al., in[1], extended the notion of G -metric space to the concept of G_b -metric space. Several authors have introduced a new class of generalized metric space, obtained several results in fixed point theory, (see [1]-[22]).

As a consequence of our work we obtain some results known in the case of multi-valued mappings that we will point out, and we give an application for an integral equation.

Let X be a G_b -metric space. we shall denote $B(X)$ the set of nonempty closed bounded subsets of X . Let $H_{G_b}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ be the Hausdorff G_b -distance on $B(X)$, in [6] Kaewcharoen and Kaewkhao defined Hausdorff G -distance as, for $A, B, C \in B(X)$ we have

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

We also in this work define Hausdorff G_b -distance on $B(X)$ as follows, for $A, B, C \in B(X)$ we have

$$H_{G_b}(A, B, C) = \max\{\sup_{x \in A} G_b(x, B, C), \sup_{x \in B} G_b(x, A, C), \sup_{x \in C} G_b(x, B, A)\}$$

where

$$G_b(x, B, C) = d_{G_b}(x, B) + d_{G_b}(B, C) + d_{G_b}(x, C), \quad d_{G_b}(x, B) = \inf\{d_{G_b}(x, y), y \in B\},$$

$$d_{G_b}(B, C) = \inf\{d_{G_b}(x, y), x \in B, y \in C\}, \quad G_b(x, y, C) = \inf\{G_b(x, y, z), z \in C\}.$$

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Note that (see ([3])) $d_{G_b}(x, y)$ is given as $d_{G_b}(x, y) = G_b(x, y, y) + G_b(x, x, y)$ which defines a b -metric on X . A mapping $T : X \rightarrow B(X)$ is called a multivalued mapping. A point $x \in X$ is called a fixed point of T if $x \in Tx$.

Definition 1.1 ([3]). Let X be a nonempty set and $s \geq 1$ be a given real number. Suppose that $G_b : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ satisfies:

(G_{b1}) $G_b(x, y, z) = 0$ if $x = y = z$,

(G_{b2}) $0 < G_b(x, x, y)$, for all $x, y \in X$, with $x \neq y$,

(G_{b3}) $G_b(x, x, y) \leq G_b(x, y, z)$, for all $x, y, z \in X$, with $z \neq y$,

(G_{b4}) $G_b(x, y, z) = G_b(x, z, y) = G_b(y, x, z) = \dots$ (symmetry in all three variables), and

(G_{b5}) $G_b(x, y, z) \leq s(G_b(x, a, a) + G_b(a, y, z))$, $\forall x, y, z, a \in X$ (triangle inequality).

Then G_b is called a generalized G -metric and the pair (X, G_b) is called a G_b -metric space.

It is clear that if $s = 1$, then (X, G) becomes a G -metric space.

Example 1.1 ([1]). Let (X, G) be a G -metric space. Consider $G_b(x, y, z) = (G(x, y, z))^p$, where $p > 1$ is a real number. Then, G_b is a G_b -metric with $s = 2^{p-1}$.

Definition 1.2 ([1]). Let (X, G_b) be a G_b -metric space. A sequence (x_n) in X is said to be

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

Proposition 1.1 ([3]). Let (X, G_b) be a G_b -metric space. Then, the following are equivalent:

- (1) the sequence (x_n) is G_b -Cauchy,
- (2) $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that, $\forall m, n \geq n_0$, $G_b(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \varepsilon$.

Proposition 1.2 ([3]). Let (X, G_b) be a G_b -metric space. Then, the following are equivalent:

- (1) (x_n) is G_b -convergent to x .
- (2) $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} G_b(x_n, x_n, x) = 0$.
- (3) $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} G_b(x_n, x, x) = 0$.
- (4) $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow +\infty} G_b(x_n, x_m, x) = 0$.

Definition 1.3 ([1]). A G_b -metric space X is called G_b -complete if every G_b -Cauchy sequence is G_b -convergent in X .

Definition 1.4 ([14]). Let (X, G_b) and (X', G'_b) be two G_b -metric spaces. Then a function $T : X \rightarrow X'$ is G_b -continuous at a point $x \in X$ if and only if it is G_b -sequentially continuous at x , that is, whenever (x_n) is G_b -convergent to x , (Tx_n) is G'_b -convergent to Tx .

Mustafa and Sims proved that each G -metric function $G(x, y, z)$ is jointly continuous in all three of its variables (see, Proposition 8 [11]). But in general a G_b -metric function $G_b(x, y, z)$ for $s > 1$ is not jointly continuous in all three of its variables. Now we recall an example of a discontinuous G_b -metric.

Example 1.2. Let $X = \mathbb{N} \cup \infty$ and let $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ and $s = 3$ such that:

$$d(n, m) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m = n \\ \left| \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right| & \text{si } m, n \text{ are even or } mn = \infty \\ 5 & \text{if } m, n \text{ are odd and } m \neq n \\ 2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then it is easy to see that for all $m, n, p \in X$, we have

$$d(m, p) \leq 3(d(m, n) + d(n, p)).$$

Thus (X, d) is a b -metric space with $s = 3$. Let $G_b(x, y, z) = \max\{d(x, y), d(y, z), d(z, x)\}$. It is easy to see that G_b is a G_b -metric with $s = 3$. Now, we show that $G_b(x, y, z)$ is not a continuous function. Indeed:

suppose that G_b is continuous, take $x_n = 2n$ and $y_n = z_n = 1$, then we have $x_n \rightarrow \infty$, $y_n \rightarrow 1$ and $z_n \rightarrow 1$. The application: $T: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ with $Tx = G_b(x, 1, 1)$ will be continuous, but we have :

$$\begin{aligned} |T_{x_n} - T_\infty| &= |G_b(x_n, 1, 1) - G_b(\infty, 1, 1)| \\ &= 1 \not\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction.

2. Main results

Definition 2.1. Let $s \geq 1$, and \mathcal{F}_s be the set of all functions $F(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{11}) : \mathbb{R}_+^{11} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

(\mathcal{F}_1) : F is continuous in variables $t_1, t_2, t_3, t_6, t_7, t_{10}, t_{11}$ and non increasing in variables t_3, t_4, \dots, t_{11} .

(\mathcal{F}_2) : $\exists h_1 \in [0, 1[$, such that $\forall u, v \geq 0$:

$F(u, v, sv, u, u, s(v+u), 0, u, u, 0, s(u+v)) \leq 0$ or $F(u, u, 0, 0, 0, u, v, 0, 0, v, u) \leq 0 \Rightarrow u \leq h_1 v$.

(\mathcal{F}_3) $\exists h_2 \in [0, \frac{1}{s}[$, such that $\forall u, v \geq 0$: $F(u, 0, 0, v, v, sv, 0, v, v, 0, sv) \leq 0 \Rightarrow u \leq h_2 v$.

Moreover, if $\exists \alpha, \beta \geq 0$ such that $\forall u, v, w \geq 0$:

$F(u, v, 0, s(u+w), s(u+w), u, w, s(u+w), s(u+w), w, u) \leq 0 \Rightarrow u \leq \alpha v + \beta w$, we say that F check (\mathcal{F}_4).

Example 2.1. $F(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{11}) = t_1 - \lambda \max\{t_3, t_4, t_5\}$ with $0 \leq \lambda < \frac{1}{s}$.

Example 2.2. $F(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{11}) = t_1 - \gamma(t_2)t_2$ with $\gamma : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \frac{1}{s})$.

Example 2.3. $F(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{11}) = t_1 - \lambda \max\{t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5, t_6, t_8, t_{10}\}$ with $0 \leq \lambda < \frac{1}{s^2+s}$.

Example 2.4. $F(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{11}) = t_1 - \lambda(t_6 + t_7)$ with $0 \leq \lambda < \frac{1}{s^2+s}$.

Example 2.5. $F(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{11}) = t_1 - \lambda \max\{t_4 + t_6, t_7 + t_{10}\}$ with $0 \leq \lambda < \frac{1}{s^2+s+1}$.

Example 2.6. $F(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{11}) = t_1 - \lambda \max\{t_6 + t_7, t_8 + t_9, t_{10} + t_{11}\}$ with $0 \leq \lambda < \frac{1}{s^2+s}$.

Example 2.7. $F(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{11}) = t_1 - \lambda \max\{t_6 + t_9, t_7 + t_{10}, t_8 + t_{11}\}$ with $0 \leq \lambda < \frac{1}{s^2+s+1}$.

Theorem 2.1. Let (X, G_b) be a complete G_b -metric space with coefficient $s \geq 1$, $T, R : X \rightarrow B(X)$ such that $\forall x, y, z \in X$

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} H_{G_b}(Tx, Ry, Rz), G_b(x, y, z), G_b(x, Tx, Tx), \\ G_b(y, Ry, Ry), G_b(z, Rz, Rz), G_b(x, Ry, Ry), \\ G_b(y, Tx, Tx), G_b(y, Rz, Rz), G_b(z, Ry, Ry), \\ G_b(z, Tx, Tx), G_b(x, Rz, Rz) \end{array} \right) \leq 0, \tag{1}$$

and

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} H_{G_b}(Rx, Ty, Tz), G_b(x, y, z), G_b(x, Rx, Rx), \\ G_b(y, Ty, Ty), G_b(z, Tz, Tz), G_b(x, Ty, Ty), \\ G_b(y, Rx, Rx), G_b(y, Tz, Tz), G_b(z, Ty, Ty), \\ G_b(z, Rx, Rx), G_b(x, Tz, Tz) \end{array} \right) \leq 0, \tag{2}$$

with $F \in \mathcal{F}_s$. Then, T and R have a common fixed point $x \in X$. Moreover, if x is absolutely fixed for T and R (which means that $Tx = Rx = \{x\}$), then the fixed point is unique.

For the proof of this theorem we need two lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. *Let (X, G_b) be a G_b -metric space with $s \geq 1$ and $A, B \in B(X)$. Then for each $a \in A$, we have*

$$G_b(a, B, B) \leq H_{G_b}(A, B, B).$$

Proof.

$$H_{G_b}(A, B, B) \geq \sup_{x \in A} G_b(x, B, B) \geq G_b(a, B, B).$$

Lemma 2.2. *Let (X, G_b) be a G_b -metric space with $s \geq 1$. If $A, B \in B(X)$ and $x \in A$, then for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $y \in B$ such that*

$$G_b(x, y, y) \leq H_{G_b}(A, B, B) + \varepsilon.$$

Proof.

By Lemma 2.1 and the characterization of inf we have, for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $y \in B$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} G_b(x, y, y) &\leq \inf\{G_b(x, z, z), z \in B\} + \varepsilon \\ &\leq 2 \inf_{z \in B} (G_b(x, z, z) + G_b(z, x, x)) + \varepsilon \\ &= 2d_{G_b}(x, B) + \varepsilon = G_b(x, B, B) + \varepsilon \\ &\leq H_{G_b}(A, B, B) + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Theorem 2.1 .

Existence.

For $x_0 \in X$, and $x_1 \in Tx_0$. According to (1), with $x = x_0$ and $y = z = x_1$ we have

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} H_{G_b}(Tx_0, Rx_1, Rx_1), G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1), G_b(x_0, Tx_0, Tx_0), \\ G_b(x_1, Rx_1, Rx_1), G_b(x_1, Rx_1, Rx_1), G_b(x_0, Rx_1, Rx_1), \\ G_b(x_1, Tx_0, Tx_0), G_b(x_1, Rx_1, Rx_1), G_b(x_1, Rx_1, Rx_1), \\ G_b(x_1, Tx_0, Tx_0), G_b(x_0, Rx_1, Rx_1) \end{array} \right) \leq 0. \quad (3)$$

According to (G_{b5}) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} G_b(x_0, Tx_0, Tx_0) &\leq s(G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) + G_b(x_1, Tx_0, Tx_0)) \\ &= sG_b(x_0, x_1, x_1), \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 2.1 and (G_{b5}) we have :

$$\begin{aligned} G_b(x_0, Rx_1, Rx_1) &\leq s(G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) + G_b(x_1, Rx_1, Rx_1)) \\ &\leq s(G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) + H_{G_b}(Tx_0, Rx_1, Rx_1)). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.1, and (\mathcal{F}_1) , (3) becomes :

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} H_{G_b}(Tx_0, Rx_1, Rx_1), G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1), sG_b(x_0, x_1, x_1), H_{G_b}(Tx_0, Rx_1, Rx_1), \\ H_{G_b}(Tx_0, Rx_1, Rx_1), s(G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) + H_{G_b}(Tx_0, Rx_1, Rx_1)), \\ 0, H_{G_b}(Tx_0, Rx_1, Rx_1), H_{G_b}(Tx_0, Rx_1, Rx_1), \\ 0, s(G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) + H_{G_b}(Tx_0, Rx_1, Rx_1)) \end{array} \right) \leq 0. \quad (4)$$

According to $(\mathcal{F}_2) : \exists h_1 \in [0, 1[$, such that: $H_{G_b}(Tx_0, Rx_1, Rx_1) \leq h_1 G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1)$.

Now, by Lemma 2.2 we have for $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}(1 - h_1)G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1)$, there exists $x_2 \in Rx_1$ such that:

$$\begin{aligned} G_b(x_1, x_2, x_2) &\leq H_{G_b}(Tx_0, Rx_1, Rx_1) + \varepsilon \\ &\leq h_1 G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - h_1)G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1 + h_1)G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) = hG_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) \text{ with } h = \frac{1}{2}(1 + h_1) < 1. \end{aligned}$$

According to (2), with $x = x_1$ and $y = z = x_2$ we have :

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} H_{G_b}(Rx_1, Tx_2, Tx_2), G_b(x_1, x_2, x_2), G_b(x_1, Rx_1, Rx_1), \\ G_b(x_2, Tx_2, Tx_2), G_b(x_2, Tx_2, Tx_2), G_b(x_1, Tx_2, Tx_2), \\ G_b(x_2, Rx_1, Rx_1), G_b(x_2, Tx_2, Tx_2), G_b(x_2, Tx_2, Tx_2), \\ G_b(x_2, Rx_1, Rx_1), G_b(x_1, Tx_2, Tx_2) \end{array} \right) \leq 0. \quad (5)$$

By Lemma 2.1, (G_{b5}) and (\mathcal{F}_1) (5) becomes :

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} H_{G_b}(Rx_1, Tx_2, Tx_2), G_b(x_1, x_2, x_2), sG_b(x_1, x_2, x_2), H_{G_b}(Rx_1, Tx_2, Tx_2), \\ H_{G_b}(Rx_1, Tx_2, Tx_2), s(G_b(x_1, x_2, x_2) + H_{G_b}(Rx_1, Tx_2, Tx_2)), \\ 0, H_{G_b}(Rx_1, Tx_2, Tx_2), H_{G_b}(Rx_1, Tx_2, Tx_2), \\ 0, s(G_b(x_1, x_2, x_2) + H_{G_b}(Rx_1, Tx_2, Tx_2)) \end{array} \right) \leq 0. \quad (6)$$

According to $(\mathcal{F}_2) : \exists h_1 \in [0, 1[$, such that $H_{G_b}(Rx_1, Tx_2, Tx_2) \leq h_1 G_b(x_1, x_2, x_2)$.

By Lemma 2.2 we have for $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}(1 - h_1)G_b(x_1, x_2, x_2)$, there exists $x_3 \in Tx_2$ such that:

$$\begin{aligned} G_b(x_2, x_3, x_3) &\leq H_{G_b}(Rx_1, Tx_2, Tx_2) + \varepsilon \\ &\leq h_1 G_b(x_1, x_2, x_2) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - h_1)G_b(x_1, x_2, x_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1 + h_1)G_b(x_1, x_2, x_2) = hG_b(x_1, x_2, x_2) \text{ with } h = \frac{1}{2}(1 + h_1) < 1. \end{aligned}$$

By recurrence, we construct a sequence (x_n) with $x_{2n+1} \in Tx_{2n}$ and $x_{2n+2} \in Rx_{2n+1}$ which satisfies:

$$G_b(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}) \leq h G_b(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}) \quad (7)$$

and

$$G_b(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}) \leq h G_b(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, x_{2n}) \quad (8)$$

According to (7) and (8) for everything $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, we have

$$G_b(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) \leq h G_b(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n)$$

from where

$$G_b(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) \leq h^n G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1).$$

Now we have to show that (x_n) is a Cauchy sequence. Let $m, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, then

$$\begin{aligned} G_b(x_n, x_{n+m}, x_{n+m}) &\leq sG_b(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + s^2G_b(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+2}) + \\ &\quad s^3G_b(x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}, x_{n+3}) + \dots + s^{m-1}G_b(x_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m}, x_{n+m}). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have :

$$\begin{aligned} G_b(x_n, x_{n+m}, x_{n+m}) &\leq sh^n G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) + s^2h^{n+1}G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) + s^3h^{n+2}G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) \\ &\quad + \dots + s^{m-1}h^{n+m-2}G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) + s^{m-1}h^{n+m-1}G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) \\ &\leq sh^n(1 + (sh) + (sh)^2 + \dots + (sh)^{m-2} + (sh)^{m-1})G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) \\ &= sh^n \left(\frac{1 - (sh)^m}{1 - sh} \right) G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1) \leq \left(\frac{h^n s}{1 - sh} \right) G_b(x_0, x_1, x_1). \end{aligned}$$

from where $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_b(x_n, x_{n+m}, x_{n+m}) = 0$ for $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$. By Proposition 1.1, then (x_n) is a Cauchy sequence. As the G_b -metric space (X, G_b) is complete, there exists $x \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_b(x_n, x_n, x) = 0$. Next we show that $x \in Tx$ and $x \in Rx$, indeed, by (2) we have

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} H_{G_b}(Rx_{2n-1}, Tx, Tx), G_b(x_{2n-1}, x, x), G_b(x_{2n-1}, Rx_{2n-1}, Rx_{2n-1}), \\ G_b(x, Tx, Tx), G_b(x, Tx, Tx), G_b(x_{2n-1}, Tx, Tx), \\ G_b(x, Rx_{2n-1}, Rx_{2n-1}), G_b(x, Tx, Tx), \\ G_b(x, Tx, Tx), G_b(x, Rx_{2n-1}, Rx_{2n-1}), G_b(x_{2n-1}, Tx, Tx) \end{array} \right) \leq 0. \quad (9)$$

According to (G_{b5}) we have

$$G_b(x_{2n-1}, Tx, Tx) \leq s(G_b(x_{2n-1}, x, x) + G_b(x, Tx, Tx)),$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_b(x_{2n-1}, Rx_{2n-1}, Rx_{2n-1}) &\leq s(G_b(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, x_{2n}) + G_b(x_{2n}, Rx_{2n-1}, Rx_{2n-1})) \\ &= sG_b(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, x_{2n}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} G_b(x, Rx_{2n-1}, Rx_{2n-1}) &\leq s(G_b(x, x_{2n}, x_{2n}) + G_b(x_{2n}, Rx_{2n-1}, Rx_{2n-1})) \\ &= sG_b(x, x_{2n}, x_{2n}). \end{aligned}$$

So by (\mathcal{F}_1) , (9) becomes :

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} H_{G_b}(Rx_{2n-1}, Tx, Tx), G_b(x_{2n-1}, x, x), sG_b(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, x_{2n}), \\ G_b(x, Tx, Tx), G_b(x, Tx, Tx), s(G_b(x_{2n-1}, x, x) + G_b(x, Tx, Tx)), \\ sG_b(x, x_{2n}, x_{2n}), G_b(x, Tx, Tx), \\ G_b(x, Tx, Tx), sG_b(x, x_{2n}, x_{2n}), s(G_b(x_{2n-1}, x, x) + G_b(x, Tx, Tx)) \end{array} \right) \leq 0. \quad (10)$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ we obtain

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_{G_b}(Rx_{2n-1}, Tx, Tx), 0, 0, G_b(x, Tx, Tx), G_b(x, Tx, Tx), \\ sG_b(x, Tx, Tx), 0, G_b(x, Tx, Tx), G_b(x, Tx, Tx), 0, sG_b(x, Tx, Tx) \end{array} \right) \leq 0$$

because we have $H_{G_b}(Rx_{2n-1}, T(x_{2n}), T(x_{2n})) \leq h_1 G_b(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, x_{2n})$, $x_{2n+1} \in T(x_{2n})$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{G_b}(Rx_{2n-1}, Tx, Tx) &\leq s(H_{G_b}(Rx_{2n-1}, \{x_{2n+1}\}, \{x_{2n+1}\}) + H_{G_b}(\{x_{2n+1}\}, Tx, Tx)) \\ &\leq sH_{G_b}(Rx_{2n-1}, T(x_{2n}), T(x_{2n})) + s^2(H_{G_b}(\{x_{2n+1}\}, \{x\}, \{x\}) \\ &\quad + H_{G_b}(\{x\}, Tx, Tx)) \\ &\leq sh_1 G_b(x_{2n-1}, x_{2n}, x_{2n}) + s^2 G_b(x_{2n+1}, x, x) \\ &\quad + s^2 H_{G_b}(\{x\}, Tx, Tx), \end{aligned}$$

so we deduce that the sequence $(H_{G_b}(Rx_{2n-1}, Tx, Tx))_n$ is bounded.

Now, by (\mathcal{F}_3) , $\exists h_2 \in [0, \frac{1}{s}[$, such that:

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_{G_b}(Rx_{2n-1}, Tx, Tx) \leq h_2 G_b(x, Tx, Tx). \quad (11)$$

On the other hand we show that $G_b(x, Tx, Tx) = 0$. Suppose that $G_b(x, Tx, Tx) > 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} G_b(x, Tx, Tx) &\leq s(G_b(x, x_{2n}, x_{2n}) + G_b(x_{2n}, Tx, Tx)) \\ &\leq s(G_b(x, x_{2n}, x_{2n}) + H_{G_b}(Rx_{2n-1}, Tx, Tx)). \end{aligned}$$

By (11) we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_b(x, Tx, Tx) &\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} s(G_b(x, x_{2n}, x_{2n}) + H_{G_b}(Rx_{2n-1}, Tx, Tx)) \\ &\leq sh_2 G_b(x, Tx, Tx) < G_b(x, Tx, Tx) \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction, then $G_b(x, Tx, Tx) = 0$ from where $x \in Tx$.

In the same way by (1) with $x = x_{2n}$ and $y = z = x$, we find $G_b(x, Rx, Rx) = 0$, hence $x \in Rx$ and consequently T and R have a common fixed point $x \in X$.

Unicity.

Suppose that $Tx = Rx = \{x\}$ and $y \in X$ is an other common fixed point of T and R then by (1) we have

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} H_{G_b}(Tx, Ry, Ry), G_b(x, y, y), G_b(x, Tx, Tx), \\ G_b(y, Ry, Ry), G_b(y, Ry, Ry), G_b(x, Ry, Ry), \\ G_b(y, Tx, Tx), G_b(y, Ry, Ry), G_b(y, Ry, Ry), \\ G_b(y, Tx, Tx), G_b(x, Ry, Ry) \end{array} \right) \leq 0,$$

implies

$$F \left(\begin{matrix} G_b(x, y, y), G_b(x, y, y), 0, 0, 0, G_b(x, y, y), \\ G_b(y, x, x), 0, 0, G_b(y, x, x), G_b(x, y, y) \end{matrix} \right) \leq 0.$$

According to (\mathcal{F}_2) we have $G_b(x, y, y) \leq h_1 G_b(y, x, x)$, in the same way by (2) we find $G_b(y, x, x) \leq h_1 G_b(x, y, y)$. Then $G_b(x, y, y) \leq h_1^2 G_b(x, y, y)$ then $G_b(x, y, y) = 0$ from where $x = y$.

From Theorem 2.1 and $T = R$ we obtain corollary

Corollary 2.1. *Let (X, G_b) be a complete G_b -metric space with coefficient $s \geq 1$, $T: X \rightarrow B(X)$ such that $\forall x, y, z \in X$:*

$$F \left(\begin{matrix} H_{G_b}(Tx, Ty, Tz), G_b(x, y, z), G_b(x, Tx, Tx), \\ G_b(y, Ty, Ty), G_b(z, Tz, Tz), G_b(x, Ty, Ty), \\ G_b(y, Tx, Tx), G_b(y, Tz, Tz), G_b(z, Ty, Ty), \\ G_b(z, Tx, Tx), G_b(x, Tz, Tz) \end{matrix} \right) \leq 0, \tag{12}$$

with $F \in (\mathcal{F}_s)$. Then T has a fixed point $x \in X$. Moreover, if x is absolutely fixed, then it is unique.

Example 2.8. *Let $X = [0, +\infty[$. Define a mapping $T: X \rightarrow B(X)$ by $Tx = [0, \frac{x}{4}]$.*

Define a G_b -metric with coefficient $s = 2$ on X by

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

We prove that T check

$$H_{G_b}(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq \frac{1}{9} \max\{G_b(x, Tx, Tx), G_b(y, Ty, Ty), G_b(z, Tz, Tz)\}$$

Indeed, we have $d_{G_b}(x, y) = G_b(x, y, y) + G_b(y, x, x) = 8(x - y)^2$ for all $x, y \in X$.

Let $x, y, z \in X$. If $x = y = z = 0$ then $H_{G_b}(Tx, Ty, Tz) = 0$. Thus we may assume that x, y and z are not all zero. Without loss of generality we assume that $x \leq y \leq z$. Then

$$H_{G_b}(Tx, Ty, Tz) = H_{G_b} \left(\left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{y}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{z}{4}\right] \right) = \max \left\{ \begin{matrix} \sup_{0 \leq a \leq \frac{x}{4}} G_b \left(a, \left[0, \frac{y}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{z}{4}\right] \right), \\ \sup_{0 \leq b \leq \frac{y}{4}} G_b \left(b, \left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{z}{4}\right] \right), \\ \sup_{0 \leq c \leq \frac{z}{4}} G_b \left(c, \left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{y}{4}\right] \right) \end{matrix} \right\}.$$

Since $x \leq y \leq z$, then $[0, \frac{x}{4}] \subseteq [0, \frac{y}{4}] \subseteq [0, \frac{z}{4}]$ which implies that

$$d_{G_b} \left(\left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{y}{4}\right] \right) = d_{G_b} \left(\left[0, \frac{y}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{z}{4}\right] \right) = d_{G_b} \left(\left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{z}{4}\right] \right) = 0.$$

For each $0 \leq a \leq \frac{x}{4}$ we have

$$G_b \left(a, \left[0, \frac{y}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{z}{4}\right] \right) = d_{G_b} \left(a, \left[0, \frac{y}{4}\right] \right) + d_{G_b} \left(\left[0, \frac{y}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{z}{4}\right] \right) + d_{G_b} \left(a, \left[0, \frac{z}{4}\right] \right) = 0.$$

Also for each $0 \leq b \leq \frac{y}{4}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_b \left(b, \left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{z}{4}\right] \right) &= d_{G_b} \left(b, \left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right] \right) + d_{G_b} \left(\left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{z}{4}\right] \right) + d_{G_b} \left(b, \left[0, \frac{z}{4}\right] \right) \\ &= d_{G_b} \left(b, \left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right] \right) = \inf_{0 \leq e \leq \frac{x}{4}} d_{G_b}(b, e) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq b \leq \frac{x}{4} \\ 8 \left(b - \frac{x}{4}\right)^2, & \text{if } \frac{x}{4} \leq b \leq \frac{y}{4} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Implies

$$\sup_{0 \leq b \leq \frac{y}{4}} G_b \left(b, \left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{z}{4}\right] \right) = \frac{1}{2}(y - x)^2.$$

Moreover, for each $0 \leq c \leq \frac{z}{4}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_b\left(c, \left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{y}{4}\right]\right) &= d_{G_b}\left(c, \left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right]\right) + d_{G_b}\left(\left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{y}{4}\right]\right) + d_{G_b}\left(c, \left[0, \frac{y}{4}\right]\right) \\ &= d_{G_b}\left(c, \left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right]\right) + d_{G_b}\left(c, \left[0, \frac{y}{4}\right]\right) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq c \leq \frac{x}{4} \\ 8\left(c - \frac{x}{4}\right)^2, & \text{if } \frac{x}{4} \leq c \leq \frac{y}{4} \\ 8\left(c - \frac{x}{4}\right)^2 + 8\left(c - \frac{y}{4}\right)^2, & \text{if } \frac{y}{4} \leq c \leq \frac{z}{4} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Implies

$$\sup_{0 \leq c \leq \frac{z}{4}} G_b\left(c, \left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{y}{4}\right]\right) = \frac{1}{2} [(z-x)^2 + (z-y)^2].$$

Thus we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} H_{G_b}(Tx, Ty, Tz) &= \max\left\{0, \frac{1}{2}(y-x)^2, \frac{1}{2}[(z-x)^2 + (z-y)^2]\right\} = \frac{1}{2} [(z-x)^2 + (z-y)^2] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} [(z-x)^2 + (z-x)^2] = (z-x)^2. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$H_{G_b}(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq (z-x)^2. \quad (13)$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_b(x, Tx, Tx) &= d_{G_b}\left(x, \left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right]\right) + d_{G_b}\left(\left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right], \left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right]\right) + d_{G_b}\left(x, \left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right]\right) \\ &= 2d_{G_b}\left(x, \left[0, \frac{x}{4}\right]\right) = 2 \inf_{0 \leq e \leq \frac{x}{4}} d_{G_b}(x, e) = 16\left(x - \frac{x}{4}\right)^2 = 9x^2. \end{aligned}$$

From where

$$\max\{G_b(x, Tx, Tx), G_b(y, Ty, Ty), G_b(z, Tz, Tz)\} = 9z^2. \quad (14)$$

By (13) and (14) we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_{G_b}(Tx, Ty, Tz) &= (z-x)^2 \leq z^2 = \frac{1}{9} \times 9z^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \max\{G_b(x, Tx, Tx), G_b(y, Ty, Ty), G_b(z, Tz, Tz)\} \end{aligned}$$

All the conditions of Corollary 2.1 are satisfied with F as in Example 2.1, then 0 is the unique absolutely fixed point of T .

If T and R are single mappings, then we obtain the following :

Theorem 2.2. Let (X, G_b) be a complete G_b -metric space with coefficient $s \geq 1$, $T, R: X \rightarrow X$ such that $\forall x, y, z \in X$:

$$F \begin{pmatrix} G_b(Tx, Ry, Rz), G_b(x, y, z), G_b(x, Tx, Tx), \\ G_b(y, Ry, Ry), G_b(z, Rz, Rz), G_b(x, Ry, Ry), \\ G_b(y, Tx, Tx), G_b(y, Rz, Rz), G_b(z, Ry, Ry), \\ G_b(z, Tx, Tx), G_b(x, Rz, Rz) \end{pmatrix} \leq 0, \quad (15)$$

and

$$F \begin{pmatrix} G_b(Rx, Ty, Tz), G_b(x, y, z), G_b(x, Rx, Rx), \\ G_b(y, Ty, Ty), G_b(z, Tz, Tz), G_b(x, Ty, Ty), \\ G_b(y, Rx, Rx), G_b(y, Tz, Tz), G_b(z, Ty, Ty), \\ G_b(z, Rx, Rx), G_b(x, Tz, Tz) \end{pmatrix} \leq 0, \quad (16)$$

with $F \in \mathcal{F}_s$. Then, T and R have a unique common fixed point.

Moreover, if F check (\mathcal{F}_4) , then T and R are G_b -continuous at this point.

Proof.

The unique common fixed point of T and R becomes from Theorem 2.1.

The continuity.

Suppose that F check (\mathcal{F}_4) , let (y_n) is G_b -convergent to x . For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, by (2) we have

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} G_b(Rx, Ty_n, Ty_n), G_b(x, y_n, y_n), G_b(x, Rx, Rx), G_b(y_n, Ty_n, Ty_n), \\ G_b(y_n, Ty_n, Ty_n), G_b(x, Ty_n, Ty_n), G_b(y_n, Rx, Rx), G_b(y_n, Ty_n, Ty_n), \\ , G_b(y_n, Ty_n, Ty_n), G_b(y_n, Rx, Rx), G_b(x, Ty_n, Ty_n) \end{array} \right) \leq 0.$$

As $G_b(y_n, Ty_n, Ty_n) \leq s(G_b(y_n, x, x) + G_b(x, Ty_n, Ty_n))$. We have

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} G_b(x, Ty_n, Ty_n), G_b(x, y_n, y_n), 0, s(G_b(y_n, x, x) + G_b(x, Ty_n, Ty_n)), \\ s(G_b(y_n, x, x) + G_b(x, Ty_n, Ty_n)), G_b(x, Ty_n, Ty_n), G_b(y_n, x, x), \\ s(G_b(y_n, x, x) + G_b(x, Ty_n, Ty_n)), s(G_b(y_n, x, x) + G_b(x, Ty_n, Ty_n)), \\ G_b(y_n, x, x), G_b(x, Ty_n, Ty_n) \end{array} \right) \leq 0.$$

According to (\mathcal{F}_4) we have $G_b(x, Ty_n, Ty_n) \leq \alpha G_b(x, y_n, y_n) + \beta G_b(y_n, x, x)$ from where $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_b(x, Ty_n, Ty_n) = 0$, then (Ty_n) is G_b -convergent to $x = Tx$. Then T is G_b -continuous at x .

In the same way by (1) and (G_{b5}) we find

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} G_b(x, Ry_n, Ry_n), G_b(x, y_n, y_n), 0, s(G_b(y_n, x, x) + G_b(x, Ry_n, Ry_n)), \\ s(G_b(y_n, x, x) + G_b(x, Ry_n, Ry_n)), G_b(x, Ry_n, Ry_n), G_b(y_n, x, x), \\ s(G_b(y_n, x, x) + G_b(x, Ry_n, Ry_n)), s(G_b(y_n, x, x) + G_b(x, Ry_n, Ry_n)), \\ G_b(y_n, x, x), G_b(x, Ry_n, Ry_n) \end{array} \right) \leq 0.$$

According to (\mathcal{F}_4) we have $G_b(x, Ry_n, Ry_n) \leq \alpha G_b(x, y_n, y_n) + \beta G_b(y_n, x, x)$ from where $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_b(x, Ry_n, Ry_n) = 0$, then (Ry_n) is G_b -convergent to $x = Rx$. Then R is G_b -continuous at x .

Corollary 2.2. Let (X, G_b) be a complete G_b -metric space with coefficient $s \geq 1$, $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $T, R : X \rightarrow X$ such that $\forall x, y, z \in X$

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} G_b(T^m(x), R^n(y), R^n(z)), G_b(x, y, z), G_b(x, T^m(x), T^m(x)), \\ G_b(y, R^n(y), R^n(y)), G_b(z, R^n(z), R^n(z)), G_b(x, R^n(y), R^n(y)), \\ G_b(y, T^m(x), T^m(x)), G_b(y, R^n(z), R^n(z)), G_b(z, R^n(y), R^n(y)), \\ G_b(z, T^m(x), T^m(x)), G_b(x, R^n(z), R^n(z)) \end{array} \right) \leq 0,$$

and

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} G_b(R^n(x), T^m(y), T^m(z)), G_b(x, y, z), G_b(x, R^n(x), R^n(x)), \\ G_b(y, T^m(y), T^m(y)), G_b(z, T^m(z), T^m(z)), G_b(x, T^m(y), T^m(y)), \\ G_b(y, R^n(x), R^n(x)), G_b(y, T^m(z), T^m(z)), G_b(z, T^m(y), T^m(y)), \\ G_b(z, R^n(x), R^n(x)), G_b(x, T^m(z), T^m(z)) \end{array} \right) \leq 0,$$

with $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Then, T and R have a unique common fixed point.

Moreover, if F check (\mathcal{F}_4) , then T^m and R^n are G_b -continuous at x .

Proof.

Suppose that F check (\mathcal{F}_4) , by Theorem 2.2, T^m and R^n have a unique common fixed point $(T^m(x) = R^n(x) = x)$ and T^m, R^n are G_b -continuous at x . Then $Tx = T(T^m(x)) = T^{m+1}(x) = T^m(Tx)$, then Tx is also a fixed point for T^m , according to unicity we have $Tx = x$. In the same way we find $Rx = x$.

Then, T and R have a unique common fixed point $(Tx = Rx = x)$ and T^m, R^n are G_b -continuous at x .

From Theorem 2.2 and $T = R$ we obtain corollary

Corollary 2.3. Let (X, G_b) be a G_b -complete G_b -metric space with coefficient $s \geq 1$, $T: X \rightarrow X$ such that $\forall x, y, z \in X$:

$$F \left(\begin{array}{c} G_b(Tx, Ty, Tz), G_b(x, y, z), G_b(x, Tx, Tx), \\ G_b(y, Ty, Ty), G_b(z, Tz, Tz), G_b(x, Ty, Ty), \\ G_b(y, Tx, Tx), G_b(y, Tz, Tz), G_b(z, Ty, Ty), \\ G_b(z, Tx, Tx), G_b(x, Tz, Tz) \end{array} \right) \leq 0, \quad (17)$$

with $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Then T has a unique fixed point.

Moreover, if F check (\mathcal{F}_4) , then T is G_b -continuous at this point.

3. Consequences of the main result

From Corollary 2.3 and Example 2.1 a we obtain [Corollary 4 [3]]

From Corollary 2.3 and Example 2.2 a we obtain [Theorem 6 [3]]

From Corollary 2.3 and Example 2.3 with $s = 1$ a we obtain [Theorem 2.1 [12]].

From Corollary 2.3 and Example 2.5 with $s = 1$ a we obtain [Theorem 31 [5]].

From Corollary 2.3 and Example 2.5, $y = z$ with $s = 1$ a we obtain [Theorem 2.6 [12]].

From Corollary 2.3 and Example 2.6 with $s = 1$ a we obtain [Theorem 2.4 [12]].

From Corollary 2.3 and Example 2.7 with $s = 1$ a we obtain [Theorem 2.8 [12]].

4. Application

Let $X = C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$ be the set of real continuous functions defined on $[a, b]$. For $x, y, z \in X$, take the G_b -metric $G_b : X \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ given by

$$G_b(x, y, z) = \left(\sup_{t \in [a, b]} |x(t) - y(t)| + \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |x(t) - z(t)| + \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |y(t) - z(t)| \right)^2. \quad (18)$$

Then (X, G_b) is a complete G_b -metric space with $s = 2$.

Consider the following integral equation

$$x(t) = \int_a^b M(t, u) f(u, x(u)) du, \quad t \in [a, b], \quad (19)$$

where $f : [a, b] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function and $M : [a, b] \times [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a function such that $M(t, \cdot) \in L^1([a, b])$ for all $t \in [a, b]$.

Consider the operator $T: X \rightarrow X$ defined by

$$Tx(t) = \int_a^b M(t, u) f(u, x(u)) du, \quad t \in [a, b]. \quad (20)$$

Theorem 4.1. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied :

(H₁) For all $x(\cdot), y(\cdot) \in X$, $u \in [a, b]$, we have

$$|f(u, x(u)) - f(u, y(u))| \leq k|x(u) - y(u)| \quad \text{where } k > 0.$$

(H₂) $\sup_{t \in [a, b]} \int_a^b M(t, u) du \leq \frac{1}{k} e^{-\tau}$, with $\tau \in (\ln(\sqrt{s}), +\infty)$.

Then the integral equation (19) has a unique solution in X .

Proof.

It is clear that any fixed point of (20) is a solution of (19). By conditions (H_1) and (H_2) , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_b(Tx(t), Ty(t), Ty(t)) &= (2 \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |Tx(t) - Ty(t)|)^2 \\
 &= (2 \sup_{t \in [a,b]} | \int_a^b M(t, u) f(u, x(u)) du - \int_a^b M(t, u) f(u, y(u)) du |)^2 \\
 &= (2 \sup_{t \in [a,b]} | \int_a^b M(t, u) [f(u, x(u)) - f(u, y(u))] du |)^2 \\
 &\leq (2k \sup_{t \in [a,b]} \int_a^b M(t, u) |x(u) - y(u)| du)^2 \\
 &\leq k^2 (2 \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |x(t) - y(t)|)^2 (\sup_{t \in [a,b]} \int_a^b M(t, u) du)^2 \\
 &\leq e^{-2\tau} G_b(x(t), y(t), y(t)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then all conditions of Corollary 2.3 are satisfied with $y = z$, and F as in Example 2.2 with $\gamma(t) = e^{-2\tau}$, thus the operator T has a unique fixed point, that is the integral has a unique solution in X .

Example 4.1. Let $s \geq 1$, the following integral equation has a solution in $X = (C[1, e], \mathbb{R})$.

$$x(t) = \int_1^e \frac{\ln(ut)}{se} x(u) du, \quad t \in [1, e]. \tag{21}$$

Proof.

Let $T: X \rightarrow X$ defined by

$$Tx(t) = \int_1^e \frac{\ln(ut)}{se} x(u) du, \quad t \in [1, e].$$

By specifying $M(t, u) = \frac{\ln(ut)}{se}$, $f(u, x) = x$ and $\tau \in]\ln(\sqrt{s}), \ln(s)]$ in Theorem 4.1, we get :

(1) For all $x(\cdot), y(\cdot) \in X$, it is clear that the condition (H_1) in Theorem 4.1 is satisfied with $k = 1$.

(2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sup_{t \in [1,e]} \int_1^e \frac{\ln(ut)}{se} du &= \frac{1}{se} \sup_{t \in [1,e]} \int_1^e (\ln(u) + \ln(t)) du \\
 &= \frac{1}{se} \sup_{t \in [1,e]} [u \ln(u) - u + u \ln(t)]_1^e \\
 &= \frac{1}{se} \sup_{t \in [1,e]} (\ln(t)(e - 1) + 1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} \leq e^{-\tau}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, all conditions of Theorem 4.1 are satisfied, hence the mapping T has a fixed point in X , which is a solution to equation (21).

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