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## TRIPLED FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR HYBRID PAIR OF MAPPINGS UNDER GENERALIZED NONLINEAR CONTRACTION

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce the concept of w-compatibility and weakly commutativity for hybrid pair of mappings  $F: X \times X \times X \to 2^X$  and  $g: X \to X$ and establish a common tripled fixed point theorem under generalized nonlinear contraction. An example is also given to validate our result. We improve, extend and generalize various known results.

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let (X, d) be a metric space and CB(X) be the set of all nonempty closed bounded subsets of X. Let D(x, A) denote the distance from x to  $A \subset X$  and H denote the Hausdorff metric induced by d, that is,

$$D(x, A) = \inf_{a \in A} d(x, a)$$
  
and  $H(A, B) = \max\{\sup_{a \in A} D(a, B), \sup_{b \in B} D(b, A)\}, \text{ for all } A, B \in CB(X).$ 

Markin [23] initiated the study of fixed points for multivalued contractions and non-expansive maps using the Hausdorff metric. Fixed points existence for various multivalued contractive mappings has been studied by several authors under different conditions. For details, we refer the reader to [1, 2, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27] and the reference therein. Multivalued maps theory has application in control theory, convex optimization, differential equations and economics.

Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham [10], established some coupled fixed point theorems and apply these to study the existence and uniqueness of solution for periodic

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boundary value problems. Lakshmikantham and Ciric [22] proved coupled coincidence and common coupled fixed point theorems for nonlinear contractive mappings in partially ordered complete metric spaces and extended the results of Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham [10].

Berinde and Borcut [8] introduced the concept of tripled fixed point for single valued mappings in partially ordered metric spaces. In [8], Berinde and Borcut established the existence of tripled fixed point of single-valued mappings in partially ordered metric spaces. For more details on tripled fixed point theory, we also refer the reader to [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11]. Samet and Vetro [24] introduced the notion of fixed point of N order in case of single-valued mappings. In particular for N=3 (tripled case), we have the following definition:

**Definition 1.1** ([24]). Let X be a non-empty set and  $F : X \times X \times X \to X$  be a given mapping. An element  $(x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X$  is called a *tripled fixed point* of the mapping F if

$$F(x, y, z) = x, F(y, z, x) = y$$
 and  $F(z, x, y) = z$ .

In this paper, we prove a common tripled fixed point for hybrid pair of mappings under generalized nonlinear contraction. We improve, extend and generalize the results of Ding, Li and Radenovic [17] and Abbas, Ciric, Damjanovic and Khan [2]. The effectiveness of the present work is validated with the help of suitable example.

## 2. Main Results

First we introduce the following:

**Definition 2.1.** Let X be a nonempty set,  $F : X \times X \times X \to 2^X$  (a collection of all nonempty subsets of X) and g be a self-map on X. An element  $(x, y, z) \in X \times X \times X$  is called

- (1) a tripled fixed point of F if  $x \in F(x, y, z)$ ,  $y \in F(y, z, x)$  and  $z \in F(z, x, y)$ .
- (2) a tripled coincidence point of hybrid pair  $\{F, g\}$  if  $g(x) \in F(x, y, z), g(y) \in F(y, z, x)$  and  $g(z) \in F(z, x, y)$ .
- (3) a common tripled fixed point of hybrid pair  $\{F, g\}$  if  $x = g(x) \in F(x, y, z)$ ,  $y = g(y) \in F(y, z, x)$  and  $z = g(z) \in F(z, x, y)$ .

We denote the set of tripled coincidence points of mappings F and g by C(F, g). Note that if  $(x, y, z) \in C(F, g)$ , then (y, z, x) and (z, x, y) are also in C(F, g). **Definition 2.2.** Let  $F: X \times X \times X \to 2^X$  be a multivalued mapping and g be a self-map on X. The hybrid pair  $\{F, g\}$  is called *w*-compatible if  $g(F(x, y, z)) \subseteq F(gx, gy, gz)$  whenever  $(x, y, z) \in C(F, g)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $F: X \times X \times X \to 2^X$  be a multivalued mapping and g be a self-map on X. The mapping g is called F-weakly commuting at some point  $(x, y, z) \in X^3$  if  $g^2x \in F(gx, gy, gz), g^2y \in F(gy, gz, gx)$  and  $g^2z \in F(gz, gx, gy)$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** Let (X, d) be a metric space. Then, for each  $a \in X$  and  $B \in CB(X)$ , there is  $b_0 \in B$  such that  $D(a, B) = d(a, b_0)$ , where  $D(a, B) = \inf_{b \in B} d(a, b)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a \in X$  and  $B \in CB(X)$ . Since the function d is continuous. Thus, by the closedness of B, there exists  $b_0 \in B$  such that  $\inf_{b \in B} d(a, b) = d(a, b_0)$ , that is,  $D(a, B) = d(a, b_0)$ .

Let  $\Phi$  denote the set of all functions  $\varphi: [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  satisfying

 $(i_{\varphi}) \varphi$  is non-decreasing,

 $(ii_{\varphi}) \lim_{n \to \infty} \varphi^n(t) = 0 \text{ for all } t > 0.$ 

It is clear that  $\varphi(t) < t$  for each t > 0. In fact, if  $\varphi(t_0) \ge t_0$  for some  $t_0 > 0$ , then, since  $\varphi$  is non-decreasing,  $\varphi^n(t_0) \ge t_0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , which contradicts with  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \varphi^n(t_0) = 0$ . In addition, it is easy to see that  $\varphi(0) = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let (X, d) be a metric space. Assume  $F : X \times X \times X \to CB(X)$ and  $g : X \to X$  be two mappings satisfying

$$(2.1) \qquad \leq \varphi \left[ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} H(F(x, y, z), F(u, v, w)) \\ d(gx, gu), D(gx, F(x, y, z)), D(gu, F(u, v, w)), \\ d(gy, gv), D(gy, F(y, z, x)), D(gv, F(v, w, u)), \\ d(gz, gw), D(gz, F(z, x, y)), D(gw, F(w, u, v)), \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gx, F(u, v, w)) + D(gu, F(x, y, z))], \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gy, F(v, w, u)) + D(gv, F(y, z, x))], \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gz, F(w, u, v)) + D(gw, F(z, x, y))] \end{array} \right\} \right],$$

for all  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$ , where  $\varphi \in \Phi$ . Furthermore assume that  $F(X \times X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$  and g(X) is a complete subset of X. Then F and g have a tripled coincidence point. Moreover, F and g have a common tripled fixed point, if one of the following conditions holds:

(a) F and g are w-compatible. lim<sub>n→∞</sub> g<sup>n</sup>x = u, lim<sub>n→∞</sub> g<sup>n</sup>y = v and lim<sub>n→∞</sub> g<sup>n</sup>z = w for some (x, y, z) ∈ C(F, g) and for some u, v, w ∈ X and g is continuous at u, v and w.

- (b) g is F-weakly commuting for some (x, y, z) ∈ C(F, g) and gx, gy and gz are fixed points of g, that is, g<sup>2</sup>x = gx, g<sup>2</sup>y = gy and g<sup>2</sup>z = gz.
- (c) g is continuous at x, y and z.  $\lim_{n\to\infty} g^n u = x$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} g^n v = y$  and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} g^n w = z$  for some  $(x, y, z) \in C(F, g)$  and for some  $u, v, w \in X$ .
- (d) g(C(g, F)) is singleton subset of C(g, F).

*Proof.* Let  $x_0, y_0, z_0 \in X$  be arbitrary. Then  $F(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ ,  $F(y_0, z_0, x_0)$  and  $F(z_0, x_0, y_0)$  are well defined. Choose  $gx_1 \in F(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ ,  $gy_1 \in F(y_0, z_0, x_0)$  and  $gz_1 \in F(z_0, x_0, y_0)$ , because  $F(X \times X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$ . Since  $F: X \times X \times X \to CB(X)$ , therefore by Lemma 2.1, there exist  $u_1 \in F(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ ,  $u_2 \in F(y_1, z_1, x_1)$  and  $u_3 \in F(z_1, x_1, y_1)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} &d(gx_1, u_1) &\leq & H(F(x_0, y_0, z_0), F(x_1, y_1, z_1)), \\ &d(gy_1, u_2) &\leq & H(F(y_0, z_0, x_0), F(y_1, z_1, x_1)), \\ &d(gz_1, u_3) &\leq & H(F(z_0, x_0, y_0), F(z_1, x_1, y_1)). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $F(X \times X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$ , there exist  $x_2, y_2, z_2 \in X$  such that  $u_1 = gx_2, u_2 = gy_2$ and  $u_3 = gz_2$ . Thus

$$\begin{array}{rcl} d(gx_1,gx_2) &\leq & H(F(x_0,y_0,z_0),F(x_1,y_1,z_1)), \\ d(gy_1,gy_2) &\leq & H(F(y_0,z_0,x_0),F(y_1,z_1,x_1)), \\ d(gz_1,gz_2) &\leq & H(F(z_0,x_0,y_0),F(z_1,x_1,y_1)). \end{array}$$

Continuing this process, we obtain sequences  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  and  $\{z_n\}$  in X such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $gx_{n+1} \in F(x_n, y_n, z_n)$ ,  $gy_{n+1} \in F(y_n, z_n, x_n)$  and  $gz_{n+1} \in F(z_n, x_n, y_n)$  such that

$$d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \leq H(F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, z_{n-1}), F(x_n, y_n, z_n)) \\ \leq H(F(x_{n-1}, gx_n), D(gx_{n-1}, F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, z_{n-1})), D(gx_n, F(x_n, y_n, z_n)), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), D(gy_{n-1}, F(y_{n-1}, z_{n-1}, x_{n-1})), D(gy_n, F(y_n, z_n, x_n)), d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n), D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})), D(gy_n, F(y_n, z_n, x_n)), \frac{D(gx_{n-1}, F(x_n, y_n, z_n)) + D(gx_n, F(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, z_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gy_{n-1}, F(y_n, z_n, x_n)) + D(gy_n, F(y_{n-1}, z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gy_n, F(y_{n-1}, z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gy_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gz_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gz_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gz_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gz_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gz_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gz_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gz_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gz_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gz_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gz_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gz_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gz_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gz_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}}, \frac{D(gz_{n-1}, F(z_n, x_n, y_n)) + D(gz_n, F(z_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}))}{2}}$$

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$$\leq \varphi \left[ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n), d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n), d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), \\ d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), \\ d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n), d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1}) + d(gx_n, gx_n)}{2}, \frac{d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n+1}) + d(gy_n, gy_n)}{2}, \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n), \\ d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_{n-1}, gz_{n+1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n+1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gz_{n+1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n+1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gz_{n+1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n+1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n+1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n+1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n+1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gy_{n-1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n-1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n-1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gy_{n-1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n-1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n-1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n-1}), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n-1}), d(g$$

Thus

$$(2.2) \quad d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) \le \varphi \left[ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), \\ d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n), d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), \\ d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1})}{2}, \frac{d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n+1})}{2}, \frac{d(gz_{n-1}, gz_{n+1})}{2} \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

Similarly

$$(2.3) \quad d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}) \leq \varphi \left[ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), \\ d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n), d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), \\ d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1})}{2}, \frac{d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n+1})}{2}, \frac{d(gz_{n-1}, gz_{n+1})}{2} \end{array} \right\} \right],$$

$$(2.4) \quad d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}) \leq \varphi \left[ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), \\ d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n), d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), \\ d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1})}{2}, \frac{d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n+1})}{2}, \frac{d(gz_{n-1}, gz_{n+1})}{2} \end{array} \right\} \right].$$

Combining (2.2), (2.3) and (2.4), we get

$$\max \left\{ d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}) \right\} \\ \leq \varphi \left[ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n), \\ d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_{n+1})}{2}, \frac{d(gy_{n-1}, gy_{n+1})}{2}, \frac{d(gz_{n-1}, gz_{n+1})}{2} \end{array} \right\} \right] \\ \leq \varphi \left[ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n), \\ d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}), \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n) + d(gx_n, gx_{n+1})}{2}, \\ \frac{d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n) + d(gy_n, gy_{n+1})}{2}, \\ \frac{d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n) + d(gy_n, gy_{n+1})}{2}, \\ \frac{d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n), \\ d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}), \\ \end{array} \right\} \right] .$$

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Thus

(2.5) 
$$\max \left\{ d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}) \right\} \\ \leq \varphi \left[ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n), \\ d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}) \end{array} \right\} \right].$$

If we suppose that

$$\max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n), \\ d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}) \end{array} \right\}$$
  
= 
$$\max \left\{ d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}) \right\},$$

then by (2.5),  $(i_{\varphi})$  and  $(ii_{\varphi})$ , we have

$$\max \{ d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}) \}$$
  

$$\leq \varphi \left[ \max \{ d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}) \} \right]$$
  

$$< \max \{ d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}) \} ,$$

which is a contradiction. Thus, we must have

$$\max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n), \\ d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}) \end{array} \right\}$$
  
= 
$$\max \left\{ d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n) \right\}.$$

Hence by (2.5), we have for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\max \{ d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1}) \}$$
  

$$\leq \varphi \left[ \max \{ d(gx_{n-1}, gx_n), d(gy_{n-1}, gy_n), d(gz_{n-1}, gz_n) \} \right]$$
  

$$\leq \varphi^n \left[ \max \{ d(gx_0, gx_1), d(gy_0, gy_1), d(gz_0, gz_1) \} \right].$$

Thus

(2.6) 
$$\max\left\{d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1})\right\} \le \varphi^n(\delta),$$

where

$$\delta = \max \left\{ d(gx_0, gx_1), d(gy_0, gy_1), d(gz_0, gz_1) \right\}.$$

Without loss of generality, one can assume that  $\max\{d(gx_0, gx_1), d(gy_0, gy_1), d(gz_0, gz_1)\} \neq 0$ . In fact, if this is not true, then  $gx_0 = gx_1 \in F(x_0, y_0, z_0), gy_0 = gy_1 \in F(y_0, z_0, x_0)$  and  $gz_0 = gz_1 \in F(z_0, x_0, y_0)$ , that is,  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is a tripled coincidence point of F and g.

Thus, for  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with m > n, by triangle inequality and (2.6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &d(gx_n, gx_{m+n}) \\ &\leq \quad d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}) + d(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2}) + \ldots + d(gx_{n+m-1}, gx_{m+n}) \\ &\leq \quad \max\left\{d(gx_n, gx_{n+1}), d(gy_n, gy_{n+1}), d(gz_n, gz_{n+1})\right\} \\ &+ \max\left\{d(gx_{n+1}, gx_{n+2}), d(gy_{n+1}, gy_{n+2}), d(gz_{n+1}, gz_{n+2})\right\} \\ &+ \ldots + \max\left\{d(gx_{n+m-1}, gx_{n+m+1}), d(gy_{n+m-1}, gy_{n+m}), d(gz_{n+m-1}, gz_{n+m})\right\} \\ &\leq \quad \varphi^n(\delta) + \varphi^{n+1}(\delta) + \ldots + \varphi^{n+m-1}(\delta) \\ &\leq \quad \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \varphi^i(\delta), \end{aligned}$$

which implies, by  $(ii_{\varphi})$ , that  $\{gx_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in g(X). Similarly we obtain that  $\{gy_n\}$  and  $\{gz_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in g(X). Since g(X) is complete, there exist  $x, y, z \in X$  such that

(2.7) 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} gx_n = gx, \lim_{n \to \infty} gy_n = gy \text{ and } \lim_{n \to \infty} gz_n = gz.$$

Now, since  $gx_{n+1} \in F(x_n, y_n, z_n)$ ,  $gy_{n+1} \in F(y_n, z_n, x_n)$  and  $gz_{n+1} \in F(z_n, x_n, y_n)$ , therefore by using condition (2.1), we get

(2.8) 
$$D(gx_{n+1}, F(x, y, z)) \le H(F(x_n, y_n, z_n), F(x, y, z)) \le \varphi[\Delta_n],$$

(2.9) 
$$D(gy_{n+1}, F(y, z, x)) \leq H(F(y_n, z_n, x_n), F(y, z, x)) \leq \varphi[\Delta_n],$$

(2.10) 
$$D(gz_{n+1}, F(z, x, y)) \leq H(F(z_n, x_n, y_n), F(z, x, y)) \leq \varphi[\Delta_n],$$

where

$$\Delta_{n} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(gx_{n}, gx), d(gx_{n}, gx_{n+1}), D(gx, F(x, y, z)), \\ d(gy_{n}, gy), d(gy_{n}, gy_{n+1}), D(gy, F(y, z, x)), \\ d(gz_{n}, gz), d(gz_{n}, gz_{n+1}), D(gz, F(z, x, y)), \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gx_{n}, F(x, y, z)) + d(gx, gx_{n+1})], \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gy_{n}, F(y, z, x)) + d(gy, gy_{n+1})], \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gz_{n}, F(z, x, y)) + d(gz, gz_{n+1})] \end{array} \right\}.$$

Since  $\lim_{n\to\infty} gx_n = gx$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} gy_n = gy$  and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} gz_n = gz$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n > n_0$ ,

$$\Delta_n = \max\left\{D(gx, F(x, y, z)), D(gy, F(y, z, x)), D(gz, F(z, x, y))\right\}.$$

Combining this with (2.8), (2.9) and (2.10), we get for all  $n > n_0$ ,

(2.11) 
$$\max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} D(gx_{n+1}, F(x, y, z)), D(gy_{n+1}, F(y, z, x)), \\ D(gz_{n+1}, F(z, x, y)) \\ \leq \varphi \left[ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} D(gx, F(x, y, z)), D(gy, F(y, z, x)), \\ D(gz, F(z, x, y)) \end{array} \right\} \right]. \end{array} \right.$$

Now, we claim that

(2.12) 
$$\max \{ D(gx, F(x, y, z)), D(gy, F(y, z, x)), D(gz, F(z, x, y)) \} = 0.$$

If this is not true, then

$$\max \left\{ D(gx,F(x,y,z)), D(gy,F(y,z,x)), D(gz,F(z,x,y)) \right\} > 0.$$

Thus, by (2.11),  $(i_{\varphi})$  and  $(ii_{\varphi})$ , we get for all  $n > n_0$ ,

$$\max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} D(gx_{n+1}, F(x, y, z)), D(gy_{n+1}, F(y, z, x)), \\ D(gz_{n+1}, F(z, x, y)) \end{array} \right\} \\ \leq \varphi \left[ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} D(gx, F(x, y, z)), D(gy, F(y, z, x)), \\ D(gz, F(z, x, y)) \end{array} \right\} \right] \\ < \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} D(gx, F(x, y, z)), D(gy, F(y, z, x)), \\ D(gz, F(z, x, y)) \end{array} \right\}.$$

Thus

(2.13) 
$$\max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} D(gx_{n+1}, F(x, y, z)), D(gy_{n+1}, F(y, z, x)), \\ D(gz_{n+1}, F(z, x, y)) \\ < \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} D(gx, F(x, y, z)), D(gy, F(y, z, x)), \\ D(gz, F(z, x, y)) \end{array} \right\} \right.$$

Letting  $n \to \infty$  in (2.13), by using (2.7), we obtain

$$\max \{ D(gx, F(x, y, z)), D(gy, F(y, z, x)), D(gz, F(z, x, y)) \}$$
  
< 
$$\max \{ D(gx, F(x, y, z)), D(gy, F(y, z, x)), D(gz, F(z, x, y)) \},$$

which is a contradiction. So (2.12) holds. Thus, it follows that

$$gx \in F(x, y, z), gy \in F(y, z, x) \text{ and } gz \in F(z, x, y),$$

that is, (x, y, z) is a tripled coincidence point of F and g. Hence C(F, g) is nonempty. Suppose now that (a) holds. Assume that for some  $(x, y, z) \in C(F, g)$ ,

(2.14) 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} g^n x = u, \lim_{n \to \infty} g^n y = v \text{ and } \lim_{n \to \infty} g^n z = w,$$

where  $u, v, w \in X$ . Since g is continuous at u, v and w. We have, by (2.14), that u, v and w are fixed points of g, that is,

$$(2.15) gu = u, gv = v \text{ and } gw = w.$$

As F and g are w-compatible, so for all  $n \ge 1$ ,

(2.16) 
$$g^{n}x \in F(g^{n-1}x, g^{n-1}y, g^{n-1}z), \\ g^{n}y \in F(g^{n-1}y, g^{n-1}z, g^{n-1}x), \\ g^{n}x \in F(g^{n-1}z, g^{n-1}x, g^{n-1}y).$$

Now, by using (2.1) and (2.16), we obtain

$$\begin{array}{ll} (2.17) & D(g^n x, F(u, v, w)) &\leq H(F(g^{n-1}x, g^{n-1}y, g^{n-1}z), F(u, v, w)) \leq \varphi[\nabla_n], \\ (2.17) & D(g^n y, F(v, w, u)) &\leq H(F(g^{n-1}y, g^{n-1}z, g^{n-1}x), F(v, w, u)) \leq \varphi[\nabla_n], \\ & D(g^n z, F(w, u, v)) &\leq H(F(g^{n-1}z, g^{n-1}x, g^{n-1}y), F(w, u, v)) \leq \varphi[\nabla_n], \end{array}$$

where

$$\nabla_n = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(g^n x, gu), D(gu, F(u, v, w)), \frac{D(g^n x, F(u, v, w)) + d(gu, g^n x)}{2}, \\ d(g^n y, gv), D(gv, F(v, w, u)), \frac{D(g^n y, F(v, w, u)) + d(gv, g^n y)}{2}, \\ d(g^n z, gw), D(gw, F(w, u, v)), \frac{D(g^n z, F(w, u, v)) + d(gw, g^n z)}{2} \end{array} \right\}.$$

By (2.14) and (2.15), there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n > n_0$ ,

$$\nabla_n = \max \left\{ D(gu, F(u, v, w)), D(gv, F(v, w, u)), D(gw, F(w, u, v)) \right\}.$$

Combining this with (2.17), we get for all  $n > n_0$ ,

(2.18) 
$$\max\left\{\begin{array}{l} D(g^n x, F(u, v, w)),\\ D(g^n y, F(v, w, u)),\\ D(g^n z, F(w, u, v))\end{array}\right\} \le \varphi\left[\max\left\{\begin{array}{l} D(gu, F(u, v, w)),\\ D(gv, F(v, w, u)),\\ D(gw, F(w, u, v))\end{array}\right\}\right]$$

Now, we claim that

(2.19) 
$$\max \{ D(gu, F(u, v, w)), D(gv, F(v, w, u)), D(gw, F(w, u, v)) \} = 0.$$

If this is not true, then

$$\max \{ D(gu, F(u, v, w)), D(gv, F(v, w, u)), D(gw, F(w, u, v)) \} > 0.$$

Thus, by (2.18),  $(i_{\varphi})$  and  $(ii_{\varphi})$ , we get for all  $n > n_0$ ,

(2.20) 
$$\max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D(g^{n}x, F(u, v, w)), \\ D(g^{n}y, F(v, w, u)), \\ D(g^{n}z, F(w, u, v)) \end{array} \right\} < \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D(gu, F(u, v, w)), \\ D(gv, F(v, w, u)), \\ D(gw, F(w, u, v)) \end{array} \right\}.$$

On taking limit as  $n \to \infty$  in (2.20), by using (2.14) and (2.15), we get

$$\max \left\{ D(gu, F(u, v, w)), D(gv, F(v, w, u)), D(gw, F(w, u, v)) \right\}$$

$$< \max \{ D(gu, F(u, v, w)), D(gv, F(v, w, u)), D(gw, F(w, u, v)) \} ,$$

which is a contradiction. So (2.19) holds. Thus, it follows that

(2.21) 
$$gu \in F(u, v, w), gv \in F(v, w, u) \text{ and } gw \in F(w, u, v).$$

Now, from (2.15) and (2.21), we have

 $u = gu \in F(u, v, w), v = gv \in F(v, w, u)$  and  $w = gw \in F(w, u, v),$ 

that is, (u, v, w) is a common tripled fixed point of F and g.

Suppose now that (b) holds. Assume that for some  $(x, y, z) \in C(F, g)$ , g is F-weakly commuting, that is,  $g^2x \in F(gx, gy, gz)$ ,  $g^2y \in F(gy, gz, gx)$ ,  $g^2z \in F(gz, gx, gy)$  and  $g^2x = gx$ ,  $g^2y = gy$ ,  $g^2z = gz$ . Thus  $gx = g^2x \in F(gx, gy, gz)$ ,  $gy = g^2y \in F(gy, gz, gx)$  and  $gz = g^2z \in F(gz, gx, gy)$ , that is, (gx, gy, gz) is a common tripled fixed point of F and g.

Suppose now that (c) holds. Assume that for some  $(x, y, z) \in C(F, g)$  and for some  $u, v, w \in X$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} g^n u = x$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} g^n v = y$  and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} g^n w = z$ . Since g is continuous at x, y and z. We have that x, y and z are fixed point of g, that is, gx = x, gy = y and gz = z. Since  $(x, y, z) \in C(F, g)$ , therefore, we obtain

$$x = gx \in F(x, y, z), \ y = gy \in F(y, z, x)$$

and

$$z = gz \in F(z, x, y),$$

that is, (x, y, z) is a common tripled fixed point of F and g.

Finally, suppose that (d) holds. Let  $g(C(F, g)) = \{(x, x, x)\}$ . Then  $\{x\} = \{gx\} = F(x, x, x)$ . Hence (x, x, x) is tripled fixed point of F and g.

**Example 2.1.** Suppose that X = [0, 1], equipped with the metric  $d : X \times X \to [0, +\infty)$  defined by  $d(x, y) = \max\{x, y\}$  and d(x, x) = 0 for all  $x, y \in X$ . Let  $F : X \times X \times X \to CB(X)$  be defined as

$$F(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} \{0\}, & \text{for } x, y, z = 1\\ \left[0, \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{6}\right], & \text{for } x, y, z \in [0, 1) \end{cases}$$

and  $g: X \to X$  be defined as

$$g(x) = x^2$$
, for all  $x \in X$ .

Define  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  by

$$\varphi(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{2}, & \text{for } t \neq 1 \\ \frac{3}{4}, & \text{for } t = 1. \end{cases}$$

Now, for all  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$  with  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in [0, 1)$ , we have

Case (a) If  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = u^2 + v^2 + w^2$ , then

$$\begin{split} &H(F(x,y,z),F(u,v,w)) \\ &= \frac{u^2 + v^2 + w^2}{6} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{6} \max\left\{x^2, u^2\right\} + \frac{1}{6} \max\left\{y^2, v^2\right\} + \frac{1}{6} \max\left\{z^2, w^2\right\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{6} d(gx,gu) + \frac{1}{6} d(gy,gv) + \frac{1}{6} d(gz,gw) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \max\left\{ \begin{array}{c} d(gx,gu), D(gx,F(x,y,z)), D(gu,F(u,v,w)), \\ d(gy,gv), D(gy,F(y,z,x)), D(gv,F(v,w,u)), \\ d(gz,gw), D(gz,F(z,x,y)), D(gw,F(w,u,v)), \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gx,F(u,v,w)) + D(gu,F(x,y,z))], \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gz,F(w,u,v)) + D(gv,F(y,z,x))], \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gz,F(w,u,v)) + D(gw,F(z,x,y))] \\ &\leq \varphi \left[ \max\left\{ \begin{array}{c} d(gx,gu), D(gx,F(x,y,z)), D(gv,F(w,u,w)), \\ d(gy,gv), D(gy,F(y,z,x)), D(gv,F(v,w,u)), \\ d(gy,gv), D(gz,F(z,x,y)), D(gv,F(v,w,u)), \\ d(gz,gw), D(gz,F(z,x,y)), D(gw,F(w,u,v)), \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gx,F(w,v,w)) + D(gw,F(x,y,z))], \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gy,F(v,w,u)) + D(gv,F(y,z,x))], \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gz,F(w,u,v)) + D(gw,F(z,x,y))] \\ &\leq D(gz,F(w,u,v)) + D(gw,F(z,x,y))] \\ \end{array} \right\} \right]. \end{split}$$

Case (b) If  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \neq u^2 + v^2 + w^2$  with  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 < u^2 + v^2 + w^2$ , then

$$\begin{array}{l} H(F(x,y,z),F(u,v,w)) \\ = & \frac{u^2+v^2+w^2}{6} \\ \leq & \frac{1}{6}\max\left\{x^2,u^2\right\} + \frac{1}{6}\max\left\{y^2,v^2\right\} + \frac{1}{6}\max\left\{z^2,w^2\right\} \\ \leq & \frac{1}{6}d(gx,gu) + \frac{1}{6}d(gy,gv) + \frac{1}{6}d(gz,gw) \\ \leq & \frac{1}{2}\left[\max\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(gx,gu),D(gx,F(x,y,z)),D(gu,F(u,v,w)),\\ d(gy,gv),D(gy,F(y,z,x)),D(gv,F(v,w,u)),\\ d(gz,gw),D(gz,F(z,x,y)),D(gw,F(w,u,v)),\\ \frac{1}{2}[D(gx,F(u,v,w)) + D(gu,F(x,y,z))],\\ \frac{1}{2}[D(gz,F(w,u,v)) + D(gv,F(z,x,y))],\\ \frac{1}{2}[D(gz,F(w,u,v)) + D(gw,F(z,x,y))] \\ \frac{1}{2}[D(gz,F(w,u,v)) + D(gw,F(z,x,y))] \\ \frac{1}{2}[D(gy,F(v,w,u)) + D(gw,F(v,w,u)),\\ d(gz,gw),D(gz,F(z,x,y)),D(gv,F(w,u,v)),\\ \frac{1}{2}[D(gy,F(v,w,u)) + D(gw,F(x,y,z))],\\ \frac{1}{2}[D(gy,F(v,w,u)) + D(gw,F(x,y,z))],\\ \frac{1}{2}[D(gz,F(w,u,v)) + D(gw,F(z,x,y))] \\ \frac{1}{2}[D(gz,F(w,u,v)) + D(gw,F(z,x,y))],\\ \frac{1}{2}[D(gz,F(w,u,v)) + D(gw,F(z,x,y))],\\ \frac{1}{2}[D(gz,F(w,u,v)) + D(gw,F(z,x,y))] \\ \end{array} \right\} \right]. \end{array}$$

Similarly, we obtain the same result for  $u^2 + v^2 + w^2 < x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ . Thus the contractive condition (2.1) is satisfied for all  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$  with  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in [0, 1)$ . Again, for all  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$  with  $x, y, z \in [0, 1)$  and u, v, w = 1, we have

$$\begin{array}{l} H(F(x,y,z),F(u,v,w)) \\ = & \displaystyle \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{6} \\ \leq & \displaystyle \frac{1}{6} \max\left\{x^2,u^2\right\} + \frac{1}{6} \max\left\{y^2,v^2\right\} + \frac{1}{6} \max\left\{z^2,w^2\right\} \\ \leq & \displaystyle \frac{1}{6} d(gx,gu) + \frac{1}{6} d(gy,gv) + \frac{1}{6} d(gz,gw) \\ \leq & \displaystyle \frac{1}{2} \left[ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(gx,gu), D(gx,F(x,y,z)), D(gu,F(u,v,w)), \\ d(gy,gv), D(gy,F(y,z,x)), D(gv,F(v,w,u)), \\ d(gz,gw), D(gz,F(z,x,y)), D(gw,F(w,u,v)), \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gx,F(u,v,w)) + D(gu,F(x,y,z))], \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gy,F(v,w,u)) + D(gw,F(z,x,y))], \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gz,F(w,u,v)) + D(gw,F(z,x,y))] \\ d(gz,gw), D(gz,F(z,x,y)), D(gw,F(w,u,v)), \\ d(gz,gw), D(gz,F(z,x,y)), D(gw,F(w,u,v)), \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gy,F(v,w,u)) + D(gw,F(x,y,z))], \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gz,F(w,u,v)) + D(gw,F(z,x,y))], \\ \frac{1}{2} [D(gz,F(w,u,v)) + D(gw,F(z,x,y))] \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

Thus the contractive condition (2.1) is satisfied for all  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$  with  $x, y, z \in [0, 1)$  and u, v, w = 1. Similarly, we can see that the contractive condition (2.1) is satisfied for all  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$  with x, y, z, u, v, w = 1. Hence, the hybrid pair  $\{F, g\}$  satisfies the contractive condition (2.1), for all  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$ . In addition, all the other conditions of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied and z = (0, 0, 0) is a common tripled fixed point of hybrid pair  $\{F, g\}$ . The function  $F: X \times X \times X \to CB(X)$  involved in this example is not continuous at the point  $(1, 1, 1) \in X \times X \times X$ .

**Remark 2.1.** We improve, extend and generalize the result of Ding, Li and Radenovic [17] in the following sense:

(i) We prove our result in the settings of multivalued mapping and for hybrid pair of mappings while Ding, Li and Radenovic [17] proved result for single valued mappings.

- (ii) We prove tripled coincidence and common tripled fixed point theorem while Ding, Li and Radenovic [17] proved coupled coincidence and common coupled fixed point theorems.
- (iii) To prove the result we consider non complete metric space and the space is also not partially ordered.
- (iv) The mapping  $F: X \times X \times X \to CB(X)$  is discontinuous and not satisfying mixed g-monotone property.
- (v) The function  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  involved in our theorem and example is discontinuous.
- (vi) Our proof is simple and different from the other results in the existing literature.

If we put g = I (*I* is the identity mapping) in Theorem 2.1, then we have the following result:

**Corollary 2.2.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space,  $F : X \times X \times X \to CB(X)$ be a mapping satisfying

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} H(F(x,y,z),F(u,v,w)) \\ \leq & \varphi \left[ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{c} d(x,u),D(x,F(x,y,z)),D(u,F(u,v,w)), \\ d(y,v),D(y,F(y,z,x)),D(v,F(v,w,u)), \\ d(z,w),D(z,F(z,x,y)),D(w,F(w,u,v)), \\ \frac{1}{2}[D(x,F(u,v,w))+D(u,F(x,y,z))], \\ \frac{1}{2}[D(y,F(v,w,u))+D(v,F(y,z,x))], \\ \frac{1}{2}[D(z,F(w,u,v))+D(w,F(z,x,y))] \end{array} \right\} \right],$$

for all  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$ , where  $\varphi \in \Phi$ . Then F has a tripled fixed point.

If we put  $\varphi(t) = kt$  where 0 < k < 1 in Theorem 2.1, then we have the following result:

**Corollary 2.3.** Let (X, d) be a metric space. Assume  $F : X \times X \times X \to CB(X)$ and  $g : X \to X$  be two mappings satisfying

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} H(F(x,y,z),F(u,v,w)) \\ \leq & k \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(gx,gu),D(gx,F(x,y,z)),D(gu,F(u,v,w)), \\ d(gy,gv),D(gy,F(y,z,x)),D(gv,F(v,w,u)), \\ d(gz,gw),D(gz,F(z,x,y)),D(gw,F(w,u,v)), \\ \frac{1}{2}\left[D(gx,F(u,v,w))+D(gu,F(x,y,z))\right], \\ \frac{1}{2}\left[D(gy,F(v,w,u))+D(gv,F(y,z,x))\right], \\ \frac{1}{2}\left[D(gz,F(w,u,v))+D(gw,F(z,x,y))\right] \\ \end{array} \right\},$$

for all  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$ , where 0 < k < 1. Furthermore assume that  $F(X \times X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$  and g(X) is a complete subset of X. Then F and g have a tripled coincidence point. Moreover, F and g have a common tripled fixed point, if one of the following conditions holds:

- (a) F and g are w-compatible.lim<sub>n→∞</sub> g<sup>n</sup>x = u, lim<sub>n→∞</sub> g<sup>n</sup>y = v and lim<sub>n→∞</sub> g<sup>n</sup>z = w for some (x, y, z) ∈ C(F, g) and for some u, v, w ∈ X and g is continuous at u, v and w.
- (b) g is F-weakly commuting for some (x, y, z) ∈ C(F, g) and gx, gy and gz are fixed points of g, that is, g<sup>2</sup>x = gx, g<sup>2</sup>y = gy and g<sup>2</sup>z = gz.
- (c) g is continuous at x, y and z.  $\lim_{n\to\infty} g^n u = x$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} g^n v = y$  and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} g^n w = z$  for some  $(x, y, z) \in C(F, g)$  and for some  $u, v, w \in X$ .
- (d) g(C(g, F)) is singleton subset of C(g, F).

If we put g = I (*I* is the identity mapping) in Corollary 2.3, then we have the following result:

**Corollary 2.4.** Let (X, d) be a complete metric space,  $F : X \times X \times X \to CB(X)$ be a mapping satisfying

$$\begin{array}{c} H(F(x,y,z),F(u,v,w)) \\ \leq & k \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(x,u),D(x,F(x,y,z)),D(u,F(u,v,w)), \\ d(y,v),D(y,F(y,z,x)),D(v,F(v,w,u)), \\ d(z,w),D(z,F(z,x,y)),D(w,F(w,u,v)), \\ \frac{1}{2}\left[D(x,F(u,v,w))+D(u,F(x,y,z))\right], \\ \frac{1}{2}\left[D(y,F(v,w,u))+D(v,F(y,z,x))\right], \\ \frac{1}{2}\left[D(z,F(w,u,v))+D(w,F(z,x,y))\right] \end{array} \right\}, \end{array} \right\},$$

for all  $x, y, z, u, v, w \in X$ . Then F has a tripled fixed point.

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