



## EVEN TUPLED COINCIDENCE AND COMMON FIXED POINT RESULTS FOR WEAKLY CONTRACTIVE MAPPINGS IN COMPLETE METRIC SPACES VIA NEW FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we prove results on even tupled coincidence and common fixed points in ordered complete metric spaces for a pair of weakly contractive compatible mappings under some new control functions. Moreover, we also illustrate our main result with an example in arbitrary even order case.

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## 1. Introduction

Branciari [7] established a fixed point result for an integral-type inequality, which is a generalization of Banach contraction principle. Vijayaraju *et al.* [27] obtained a general principle, which made it possible to prove many fixed point theorems for pairs of integral type maps. Kada *et al.* [14] defined the concept of  $w$ -distance in a metric space and studied some fixed point

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theorems. Afterwards, Razani *et al.* [25] proved a fixed point theorem which is a new version of the main theorem in [7], by considering the concept of the  $w$ -distance, as follows:

**Theorem 1.1.** ([25]) *Let  $p$  be a  $w$ -distance on a complete metric space  $(X, d)$ . Let  $\phi$  be non-decreasing, continuous and  $\phi(\varepsilon) > 0$  for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\psi$  be nondecreasing, right continuous and  $\psi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$ . Suppose  $T$  is a  $(\phi, \psi, p)$ -contractive map on  $X$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ . Moreover,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T^n x$  is a fixed point of  $T$  for each  $x \in X$ .*

The investigation of fixed points in ordered metric spaces is a relatively new development which appears to have its origin in the paper of Ran and Reurings [24] which was well complemented by Nieto and López [22]. The concept of multi-dimensional fixed point was introduced by Guo and Lakshmikantham [10]. In [6], Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham proved some coupled fixed point theorems for a mapping  $F : X^2 \rightarrow X$  in ordered complete metric space. In this continuation, Lakshmikantham and Ćirić [20] generalized these results for non-linear  $\phi$ -contraction mapping by introducing two ideas namely: coupled coincidence point and mixed  $g$ -monotone property. In an attempt to extend the definition from  $X^2$  to  $X^3$ , Berinde and Borcut [5] introduced the concept of tripled fixed point and utilize the same to prove some tripled fixed point theorems. After that, Karapınar [15] introduced the quadrupled fixed point to prove some quadrupled fixed point theorems for nonlinear contraction mappings satisfying mixed  $g$ -monotone property; see [16, 17] and the references therein.

Recently, Samet and Vetro [26] extended the idea of coupled as well as quadrupled fixed point to higher dimensions by introducing the notion of fixed point of  $n$ -order (or  $n$ -tupled fixed point, where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \geq 3$ ) and presented some  $n$ -tupled fixed point results in complete metric spaces, using a new concept of  $f$ -invariant set. Here it can be pointed out that the notion of tripled fixed point due to Berinde and Borcut [5] is different from the one defined by Samet and Vetro [26] for  $n = 3$  in the case of ordered metric spaces in order to keep the mixed monotone property working. Recently, Imdad *et al.* [11] extended the idea of mixed  $g$ -monotone property to the mapping  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  (where  $n$  is even natural number) and proved an even-tupled coincidence point theorem for nonlinear contraction mappings satisfying mixed  $g$ -monotone property.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. A relation ‘ $\preceq$ ’ on  $X$  is said to be a partial order if the following properties are satisfied:

- (i) reflexive:  $x \preceq x$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
- (ii) anti-symmetric:  $x \preceq y$  and  $y \preceq x$  implies  $x = y$ ,
- (iii) transitive:  $x \preceq y$  and  $y \preceq z$  implies  $x \preceq z$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

A non-empty set  $X$  together with a partial order ‘ $\preceq$ ’ is said to be an ordered set and we denote it by  $(X, \preceq)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be an ordered set. Any two elements  $x$  and  $y$  are said to be comparable elements in  $X$  if either  $x \preceq y$  or  $y \preceq x$ .

**Definition 2.3.** ([23]) A triplet  $(X, d, \preceq)$  is called an ordered metric space if  $(X, d)$  is a metric space and  $(X, \preceq)$  is an ordered set. Moreover, if  $d$  is a complete metric on  $X$ , then we say that  $(X, d, \preceq)$  is an ordered complete metric space.

Throughout the paper,  $n$  stands for a general even natural number. Let us denote by  $X^n$  the product space  $X \times X \times \dots \times X$  of  $n$  identical copies of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.4.** ([11]) Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be an ordered set and  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  two mappings. Then  $F$  is said to have the mixed  $g$ -monotone property if  $F$  is  $g$ -nondecreasing in its odd position arguments and  $g$ -nonincreasing in its even position arguments, that is, for  $x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n \in X$ , if

$$\text{for all } x_1^1, x_2^1 \in X, gx_1^1 \preceq gx_2^1 \Rightarrow F(x_1^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n) \preceq F(x_2^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n),$$

$$\text{for all } x_1^2, x_2^2 \in X, gx_1^2 \preceq gx_2^2 \Rightarrow F(x^1, x_2^2, x^3, \dots, x^n) \preceq F(x^1, x_1^2, x^3, \dots, x^n),$$

$$\text{for all } x_1^3, x_2^3 \in X, gx_1^3 \preceq gx_2^3 \Rightarrow F(x^1, x^2, x_1^3, \dots, x^n) \preceq F(x^1, x^2, x_2^3, \dots, x^n),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\text{for all } x_1^n, x_2^n \in X, gx_1^n \preceq gx_2^n \Rightarrow F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x_2^n) \preceq F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x_1^n).$$

For  $g = I$  (identity mapping), Definition 2.4 reduces to mixed monotone property (for details see [11]).

**Definition 2.5.** ([26]) An element  $(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) \in X^n$  is called an  $n$ -tupled fixed point of the mapping  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  if

$$\begin{cases} F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n) = x^1, \\ F(x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n, x^1) = x^2, \\ F(x^3, \dots, x^n, x^1, x^2) = x^3, \\ \vdots \\ F(x^n, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}) = x^n. \end{cases}$$

**Example 2.6.** Let  $(R, d)$  be a partially ordered metric space under natural setting and  $F : R^n \rightarrow R$  a mapping defined by  $F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) = \sin(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n)$ , for any  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n \in R$ . Then  $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$  is an  $n$ -tupled fixed point of  $F$ .

**Definition 2.7.** ([11]) An element  $(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) \in X^n$  is called an  $n$ -tupled coincidence point of mappings  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  if

$$\begin{cases} F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n) = g(x^1), \\ F(x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n, x^1) = g(x^2), \\ F(x^3, \dots, x^n, x^1, x^2) = g(x^3), \\ \vdots \\ F(x^n, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}) = g(x^n). \end{cases}$$

**Example 2.8.** Let  $(R, d)$  be a partially ordered metric space under natural setting and  $F : R^n \rightarrow R$  be a mapping defined by  $F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) = \frac{x^1 + x^2 + \dots + x^n}{n}$ , for any  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n \in R$  while  $g : R \rightarrow R$  is defined as  $g(x) = \frac{x}{2}$ . Then  $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$  is an  $n$ -tupled coincidence point of  $F$  and  $g$ .

**Remark 2.9.** For  $n = 2$ , Definitions 2.5 and 2.6 yield the definitions of coupled fixed point and coupled coincidence point respectively while on the other hand, for  $n = 4$  these definitions yield the definitions of quadrupled fixed point and quadrupled coincidence point respectively.

**Definition 2.10.** An element  $(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) \in X^n$  is called an  $n$ -tupled common fixed point of  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  if

$$\begin{cases} F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n) = g(x^1) = x^1, \\ F(x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n, x^1) = g(x^2) = x^2, \\ F(x^3, \dots, x^n, x^1, x^2) = g(x^3) = x^3, \\ \vdots \\ F(x^n, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}) = g(x^n) = x^n. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be two mappings. Then  $F$  and  $g$  are said to be compatible if

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(F(x_m^1, x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n)), F(gx_m^1, gx_m^2, gx_m^3, \dots, gx_m^n)) = 0, \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(F(x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1)), F(gx_m^2, gx_m^3, \dots, gx_m^n, x_m^1)) = 0, \\ \vdots \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(F(x_m^n, x_m^1, x_m^2, \dots, x_m^{n-1})), F(gx_m^n, gx_m^1, gx_m^2, \dots, gx_m^{n-1})) = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\{x_m^1\}, \{x_m^2\}, \dots, \{x_m^n\}$  are sequences in  $X$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(x_m^1, x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} g(x_m^1) = x^1, \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} g(x_m^2) = x^2, \\ \vdots \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(x_m^n, x_m^1, x_m^2, \dots, x_m^{n-1}) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} g(x_m^n) = x^n, \end{cases}$$

for some  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n \in X$  are satisfied.

**Definition 2.12.** ([18]) A function  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called an altering distance function if the following properties are satisfied;

- (a)  $\psi$  is monotonically increasing and continuous;
- (b)  $\psi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ .

**Definition 2.13.** A function  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called an ultra-altering distance function if the following properties are satisfied;

- (a)  $\phi$  is continuous;
- (b)  $\phi(0) \geq 0$ , and  $\phi(\varepsilon) > 0$  for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Now we state the main result of Choudhury *et al.* [9].

**Theorem 2.14.** *Let  $(X, d, \preceq)$  be a complete ordered metric space. Let  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a continuous function with  $\phi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$  while  $\psi$  an altering distance function. Let  $F : X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be two mappings such that  $F$  has the mixed  $g$ -monotone property on  $X$  and*

$$\psi(d(F(x, y), F(u, v))) \leq \psi(\max\{d(gx, gu), d(gy, gv)\}) - \phi(\max\{d(gx, gu), d(gy, gv)\})$$

*for all  $x, y, u, v \in X$  for which  $gu \preceq gx$  and  $gy \preceq gv$ . Suppose that  $F(X \times X) \subseteq g(X)$ ,  $g$  is continuous and  $F$  and  $g$  are compatible. Also, suppose that*

*(a)  $F$  is continuous or*

*(b)  $X$  has the following properties:*

- (i) if a nondecreasing sequence  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$ , then  $g(x_n) \preceq g(x)$  for all  $n \geq 0$ ;*
- (ii) if a nonincreasing sequence  $\{y_n\} \rightarrow y$ , then  $g(y) \preceq g(y_n)$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .*

*If there exist  $x_0, y_0 \in X$  such that  $g(x_0) \preceq F(x_0, y_0)$  and  $F(y_0, x_0) \preceq g(y_0)$ , then there exist  $x, y \in X$  such that  $g(x) = F(x, y)$  and  $g(y) = F(y, x)$ , i.e.,  $F$  and  $g$  have a coupled coincidence point in  $X$ .*

Ansari [4] introduced the concept of  $C$ -class functions which cover a large class of contractive conditions.

**Definition 2.15.** A continuous function  $f : [0, \infty)^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a  $C$ -function if for any  $s, t \in [0, \infty)$ , the following conditions hold:

- (1)  $f(s, t) \leq s$ ;
- (2)  $f(s, t) = s$  implies that either  $s = 0$  or  $t = 0$ .

An extra condition on  $f$  is that  $f(0, 0) = 0$  could be imposed in some cases if required. The letter  $\mathcal{C}$  denotes the class of all  $C$ -functions. The following example shows that the class  $\mathcal{C}$  is nonempty:

**Example 2.16.** Define  $f : [0, \infty)^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

- (1)  $f(s, t) = s - t$ ,
- (2)  $f(s, t) = \frac{s}{(1+t)^r}$  for some  $r \in (0, \infty)$ ,
- (3)  $f(s, t) = \log(t + a^s)/(1+t)$ , for some  $a > 1$ ,
- (4)  $f(s, t) = \ln(1 + a^s)/2$ , for  $a > e$ . Indeed  $f(s, 1) = s$  implies that  $s = 0$ ,
- (5)  $f(s, t) = (s + l)^{(1/(1+t)^r)} - l$ ,  $l > 1$ , for  $r \in (0, \infty)$ ,
- (6)  $f(s, t) = s \log_{t+a} a$ , for  $a > 1$ ,
- (7)  $f(s, t) = s - (\frac{1+s}{2+s})(\frac{t}{1+t})$ ,
- (8)  $f(s, t) = s\beta(s)$ , where  $\beta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$  and semi-continuous,
- (9)  $f(s, t) = s - \frac{t}{k+t}$ ,
- (10)  $f(s, t) = s - \varphi(s)$ , where  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a continuous function such that  $\varphi(t) = 0$  if and only if  $t = 0$ ,
- (11)  $f(s, t) = sh(s, t)$ , where  $h : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a continuous function such that  $h(s, t) < 1$  for all  $t, s > 0$ ,
- (12)  $f(s, t) = s - (\frac{2+t}{1+t})t$ ,
- (13)  $f(s, t) = \sqrt[n]{\ln(1 + s^n)}$ ,
- (14)  $f(s, t) = \phi(s)$ , where  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is an upper semi-continuous function such that  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $\phi(t) < t$  for  $t > 0$ ,
- (15)  $f(s, t) = \frac{s}{(1+s)^r}$ ;  $r \in (0, \infty)$ , for all  $s, t \in [0, \infty)$ .

Then  $f$  is an element of  $C$ .

### 3. Main results

Now, we are in a position to prove our main results.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(X, d, \preceq)$  be a complete ordered metric space. Let  $\varphi$  be an ultra-altering distance function,  $\psi$  an altering distance function and  $f$  a  $C$ -class function. Let  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be two mappings such that  $F$  has the mixed  $g$ -monotone property on  $X$  and*

$$\psi(d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), F(y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n))) \leq f(\psi(\max\{d(gx^1, gy^1), \dots, d(gx^n, gy^n)\})),$$

$$\varphi(\max\{d(gx^1, gy^1), \dots, d(gx^n, gy^n)\})) \quad (1)$$

for all  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n, y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n \in X$  for which  $gy^1 \preceq gx^1, gx^2 \preceq gy^2, gy^3 \preceq gx^3, \dots, gx^n \preceq gy^n$ .

Suppose that  $F(X^n) \subseteq g(X)$ ,  $g$  is continuous and  $F$  and  $g$  are compatible. Also, suppose that

(a)  $F$  is continuous or

(b)  $X$  has the following properties:

(i) if nondecreasing sequence  $\{x_m\} \rightarrow x$ , then  $g(x_m) \preceq g(x)$  for all  $m \geq 0$ ;

(ii) if nonincreasing sequence  $\{x_m\} \rightarrow x$ , then  $g(x) \preceq g(x_m)$  for all  $m \geq 0$ .

If there exist  $x_0^1, x_0^2, x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n \in X$  such that

$$\begin{cases} g(x_0^1) \preceq F(x_0^1, x_0^2, x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n), \\ F(x_0^2, x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n, x_0^1) \preceq g(x_0^2), \\ g(x_0^3) \preceq F(x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n, x_0^1, x_0^2), \\ \vdots \\ F(x_0^n, x_0^1, x_0^2, \dots, x_0^{n-1}) \preceq g(x_0^n), \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

then  $F$  and  $g$  have an  $n$ -tupled coincidence point in  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_0^1, x_0^2, x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n \in X$  such that (2) holds. Since  $F(X^n) \subseteq g(X)$ , we can choose  $x_1^1, x_1^2, x_1^3, \dots, x_1^n \in X$  such that

$$\begin{cases} g(x_1^1) = F(x_0^1, x_0^2, x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n), \\ g(x_1^2) = F(x_0^2, x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n, x_0^1), \\ g(x_1^3) = F(x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n, x_0^1, x_0^2), \\ \vdots \\ g(x_1^n) = F(x_0^n, x_0^1, x_0^2, \dots, x_0^{n-1}). \end{cases} \quad (3)$$



As earlier, one can also choose  $x_2^1, x_2^2, x_2^3, \dots, x_2^n \in X$  such that

$$\begin{cases} g(x_2^1) = F(x_1^1, x_1^2, x_1^3, \dots, x_1^n), \\ g(x_2^2) = F(x_1^2, x_1^3, \dots, x_1^n, x_1^1), \\ g(x_2^3) = F(x_1^3, \dots, x_1^n, x_1^1, x_1^2), \\ \vdots \\ g(x_2^n) = F(x_1^n, x_1^1, x_1^2, \dots, x_1^{n-1}). \end{cases}$$

Continuing this process, we can construct sequences  $\{x_m^1\}, \{x_m^2\}, \dots, \{x_m^n\}$ , ( $m \geq 0$ ) such that

$$\begin{cases} g(x_{m+1}^1) = F(x_m^1, x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n), \\ g(x_{m+1}^2) = F(x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1), \\ g(x_{m+1}^3) = F(x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1, x_m^2), \\ \vdots \\ g(x_{m+1}^n) = F(x_m^n, x_m^1, x_m^2, \dots, x_m^{n-1}). \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

In what follows, we shall prove that for all  $m \geq 0$ ,

$$gx_m^1 \preceq gx_{m+1}^1, gx_{m+1}^2 \preceq gx_m^2, gx_m^3 \preceq gx_{m+1}^3, \dots, gx_{m+1}^n \preceq gx_m^n. \quad (5)$$

Owing to (2) and (3), we have

$$gx_0^1 \preceq gx_1^1, gx_1^2 \preceq gx_0^2, gx_0^3 \preceq gx_1^3, \dots, gx_1^n \preceq gx_0^n,$$

that is, (5) holds for  $m = 0$ . Suppose that (5) holds for some  $m > 0$ . As  $F$  has the mixed  $g$ -monotone property, we have from (4) that

$$\begin{aligned} gx_{m+1}^1 &= F(x_m^1, x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n) \preceq F(x_{m+1}^1, x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n) \\ &\preceq F(x_{m+1}^1, x_{m+1}^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n) \\ &\preceq F(x_{m+1}^1, x_{m+1}^2, x_{m+1}^3, \dots, x_m^n) \\ &\preceq F(x_{m+1}^1, x_{m+1}^2, x_{m+1}^3, \dots, x_{m+1}^n) = gx_{m+2}^1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
gx_{m+2}^2 &= F(x_{m+1}^2, x_{m+1}^3, \dots, x_{m+1}^n, x_{m+1}^1) \preceq F(x_{m+1}^2, x_{m+1}^3, \dots, x_{m+1}^n, x_m^1) \\
&\preceq F(x_{m+1}^2, x_{m+1}^3, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1) \\
&\preceq F(x_{m+1}^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1) \\
&\preceq F(x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1) = gx_{m+1}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Also for the same reason, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
gx_{m+1}^3 &= F(x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1, x_m^2) \preceq F(x_{m+1}^3, \dots, x_{m+1}^n, x_{m+1}^1, x_{m+1}^2) = gx_{m+2}^3, \\
&\vdots \\
gx_{m+2}^n &= F(x_{m+1}^n, x_{m+1}^1, x_{m+1}^2, \dots, x_{m+1}^{n-1}) \preceq F(x_m^n, x_m^1, x_m^2, \dots, x_m^{n-1}) = gx_{m+1}^n.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence by mathematical induction it follows that (5) holds for all  $m \geq 0$ . Therefore

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
gx_0^1 \preceq gx_1^1 \preceq gx_2^1 \preceq \dots \preceq gx_m^1 \preceq gx_{m+1}^1 \preceq \dots \\
\dots gx_{m+1}^2 \preceq gx_m^2 \preceq \dots \preceq gx_2^2 \preceq gx_1^2 \preceq gx_0^2 \\
gx_0^3 \preceq gx_1^3 \preceq gx_2^3 \preceq \dots \preceq gx_m^3 \preceq gx_{m+1}^3 \dots \\
\vdots \\
\dots gx_{m+1}^n \preceq gx_m^n \preceq \dots \preceq gx_2^n \preceq gx_1^n \preceq gx_0^n.
\end{array} \right. \quad (6)$$

Let

$$R_m = \max\{d(gx_{m+1}^1, gx_m^1), d(gx_{m+1}^2, gx_m^2), \dots, d(gx_{m+1}^n, gx_m^n)\}.$$

Using (6), we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi(d(gx_m^1, gx_{m+1}^1)) &= \psi(d(F(x_{m-1}^1, x_{m-1}^2, x_{m-1}^3, \dots, x_{m-1}^n), F(x_m^1, x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n))) \\
&\leq f(\psi(\max\{d(gx_{m-1}^1, gx_m^1), d(gx_{m-1}^2, gx_m^2), \dots, d(gx_{m-1}^n, gx_m^n)\}), \\
&\quad \varphi(\max\{d(gx_{m-1}^1, gx_m^1), d(gx_{m-1}^2, gx_m^2), \dots, d(gx_{m-1}^n, gx_m^n)\})), \\
\psi(d(gx_m^2, gx_{m+1}^2)) &= \psi(d(F(x_{m-1}^2, x_{m-1}^3, \dots, x_{m-1}^n, x_{m-1}^1), F(x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1))) \\
&\leq f(\psi(\max\{d(gx_{m-1}^2, gx_m^2), \dots, d(gx_{m-1}^n, gx_m^n), d(gx_{m-1}^1, gx_m^1)\}), \\
&\quad \varphi(\max\{d(gx_{m-1}^2, gx_m^2), \dots, d(gx_{m-1}^n, gx_m^n), d(gx_{m-1}^1, gx_m^1)\})).
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can inductively write

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(d(gx_m^n, gx_{m+1}^n)) &= \psi(d(F(x_{m-1}^n, x_{m-1}^1, x_{m-1}^2, \dots, x_{m-1}^{n-1}), F(x_m^n, x_m^1, x_m^2, \dots, x_m^{n-1}))) \\ &\leq f(\psi(\max\{d(gx_{m-1}^n, gx_m^n), d(gx_{m-1}^1, gx_m^1), \dots, d(gx_{m-1}^{n-1}, gx_m^{n-1})\}), \\ &\quad \varphi(\max\{d(gx_{m-1}^n, gx_m^n), d(gx_{m-1}^1, gx_m^1), \dots, d(gx_{m-1}^{n-1}, gx_m^{n-1})\})).\end{aligned}$$

From above inequalities and monotone property of  $\psi$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}&\psi(\max\{d(gx_{m+1}^1, gx_m^1), d(gx_{m+1}^2, gx_m^2), \dots, d(gx_{m+1}^n, gx_m^n)\}) \\ &= \max\{\psi d(gx_{m+1}^1, gx_m^1), \psi d(gx_{m+1}^2, gx_m^2), \dots, \psi d(gx_{m+1}^n, gx_m^n)\} \\ &\leq f(\psi(\max\{d(gx_{m-1}^1, gx_m^1), d(gx_{m-1}^2, gx_m^2), \dots, d(gx_{m-1}^{n-1}, gx_m^{n-1})\}), \\ &\quad \varphi(\max\{d(gx_{m-1}^1, gx_m^1), d(gx_{m-1}^2, gx_m^2), \dots, d(gx_{m-1}^{n-1}, gx_m^{n-1})\})),\end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\psi(R_m) \leq f(\psi(R_{m-1}), \varphi(R_{m-1})). \quad (7)$$

Using the property of  $\psi$ , we have  $\psi(R_m) \leq \psi(R_{m-1})$ , which implies that  $R_m \leq R_{m-1}$  (by the property of  $\psi$ ). Therefore  $\{R_m\}$  is a monotonically decreasing sequence of nonnegative real numbers. Hence there exists  $r \geq 0$  such that  $R_m \rightarrow r$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Taking the limit as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (7). Then by the continuities of  $\psi$  and  $\varphi$ , we have

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

which is a contradiction unless  $r = 0$ . Therefore

$$R_m \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty, \quad (8)$$

so that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(gx_{m-1}^1, gx_m^1) = 0, \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(gx_{m-1}^2, gx_m^2) = 0, \dots, \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(gx_{m-1}^n, gx_m^n) = 0.$$

Next, we show that  $\{gx_m^1\}, \{gx_m^2\}, \dots, \{gx_m^n\}$  are Cauchy sequences. If possible suppose that at least one of  $\{gx_m^1\}, \{gx_m^2\}, \dots, \{gx_m^n\}$  is not a Cauchy sequence. Then there exists an  $\varepsilon > 0$  and

sequences of positive integers  $\{m(k)\}$  and  $\{t(k)\}$  such that for all positive integers  $k$ ,  $t(k) > m(k) > k$ ,

$$D_k = \max\{d(gx_{m(k)}^1, gx_{t(k)}^1), d(gx_{m(k)}^2, gx_{t(k)}^2), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)}^n, gx_{t(k)}^n)\} \geq \varepsilon$$

and

$$\max\{d(gx_{m(k)}^1, gx_{t(k)-1}^1), d(gx_{m(k)}^2, gx_{t(k)-1}^2), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)}^n, gx_{t(k)-1}^n)\} < \varepsilon.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \leq D_k &= \max\{d(gx_{m(k)}^1, gx_{t(k)}^1), d(gx_{m(k)}^2, gx_{t(k)}^2), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)}^n, gx_{t(k)}^n)\} \\ &\leq \max\{d(gx_{m(k)}^1, gx_{t(k)-1}^1), d(gx_{m(k)}^2, gx_{t(k)-1}^2), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)}^n, gx_{t(k)-1}^n)\} \\ &\quad + \max\{d(gx_{t(k)-1}^1, gx_{t(k)}^1), d(gx_{t(k)-1}^2, gx_{t(k)}^2), \dots, d(gx_{t(k)-1}^n, gx_{t(k)}^n)\}, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\varepsilon \leq D_k = \max\{d(gx_{m(k)}^1, gx_{t(k)}^1), d(gx_{m(k)}^2, gx_{t(k)}^2), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)}^n, gx_{t(k)}^n)\} \leq \varepsilon + R_{t(k)-1}.$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in above inequality and using (8), we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} D_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \max\{d(gx_{m(k)}^1, gx_{t(k)}^1), d(gx_{m(k)}^2, gx_{t(k)}^2), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)}^n, gx_{t(k)}^n)\} = \varepsilon. \quad (9)$$

Again,

$$\begin{aligned} D_{k+1} &= \max\{d(gx_{m(k)+1}^1, gx_{t(k)+1}^1), d(gx_{m(k)+1}^2, gx_{t(k)+1}^2), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)+1}^n, gx_{t(k)+1}^n)\} \\ &\leq \max\{d(gx_{m(k)+1}^1, gx_{m(k)}^1), d(gx_{m(k)+1}^2, gx_{m(k)}^2), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)+1}^n, gx_{m(k)}^n)\} \\ &\quad + \max\{d(gx_{m(k)}^1, gx_{t(k)}^1), d(gx_{m(k)}^2, gx_{t(k)}^2), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)}^n, gx_{t(k)}^n)\} \\ &\quad + \max\{d(gx_{t(k)}^1, gx_{t(k)+1}^1), d(gx_{t(k)}^2, gx_{t(k)+1}^2), \dots, d(gx_{t(k)}^n, gx_{t(k)+1}^n)\} \\ &= R_{m(k)} + D_k + R_{t(k)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$D_k \leq R_{m(k)} + D_{k+1} + R_{t(k)}.$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the preceding inequality, using (8) and (9) we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} D_{k+1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \max\{d(gx_{m(k)+1}^1, gx_{t(k)+1}^1), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)+1}^n, gx_{t(k)+1}^n)\} = \varepsilon. \quad (10)$$

Since  $t(k) > m(k)$  and

$$gx_{m(k)}^1 \preceq gx_{t(k)}^1, gx_{t(k)}^2 \preceq gx_{m(k)}^2, gx_{m(k)}^3 \preceq gx_{t(k)}^3, \dots, gx_{t(k)}^n \preceq gx_{m(k)}^n,$$

therefore owing to (1) and (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(gx_{m(k)+1}^1, gx_{t(k)+1}^1)) &= \psi(d(F(x_{m(k)}^1, x_{m(k)}^2, \dots, x_{m(k)}^n), F(x_{t(k)}^1, x_{t(k)}^2, \dots, x_{t(k)}^n))) \\ &\leq f(\psi(\max\{d(gx_{m(k)}^1, gx_{t(k)}^1), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)}^n, gx_{t(k)}^n)\}), \\ &\quad \varphi(\max\{d(gx_{m(k)}^1, gx_{t(k)}^1), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)}^n, gx_{t(k)}^n)\})), \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\psi(d(gx_{m(k)+1}^1, gx_{t(k)+1}^1)) \leq \psi(D_k) - \varphi(D_k). \quad (11)$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(gx_{m(k)+1}^2, gx_{t(k)+1}^2)) &= \psi(d(F(x_{m(k)}^2, \dots, x_{m(k)}^n, x_{m(k)}^1), F(x_{t(k)}^2, \dots, x_{t(k)}^n, x_{t(k)}^1))) \\ &\leq f(\psi(\max\{d(gx_{m(k)}^2, gx_{t(k)}^2), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)}^1, gx_{t(k)}^1)\}), \\ &\quad \varphi(\max\{d(gx_{m(k)}^2, gx_{t(k)}^2), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)}^1, gx_{t(k)}^1)\})), \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\psi(d(gx_{m(k)+1}^2, gx_{t(k)+1}^2)) \leq \psi(D_k) - \varphi(D_k). \quad (12)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(gx_{m(k)+1}^n, gx_{t(k)+1}^n)) &= \psi(d(F(x_{m(k)}^n, x_{m(k)}^1, \dots, x_{m(k)}^{n-1}), F(x_{t(k)}^n, x_{t(k)}^1, \dots, x_{t(k)}^{n-1}))) \\ &\leq f(\psi(\max\{d(gx_{m(k)}^n, gx_{t(k)}^n), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)}^{n-1}, gx_{t(k)}^{n-1})\}), \\ &\quad \varphi(\max\{d(gx_{m(k)}^n, gx_{t(k)}^n), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)}^{n-1}, gx_{t(k)}^{n-1})\})), \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\psi(d(gx_{m(k)+1}^n, gx_{t(k)+1}^n)) \leq \psi(D_k) - \varphi(D_k). \quad (13)$$

Using (11)-(13) along with monotone property of  $\psi$ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(D_{k+1}) &= \psi(\max\{d(gx_{m(k)+1}^1, gx_{t(k)+1}^1), \dots, d(gx_{m(k)+1}^n, gx_{t(k)+1}^n)\}) \\
 &= \max\{\psi d(gx_{m(k)+1}^1, gx_{t(k)+1}^1), \dots, \psi d(gx_{m(k)+1}^n, gx_{t(k)+1}^n)\} \\
 &= f(\psi(D_k), \phi(D_k)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, using (9), (10) and the continuities of  $\psi$  and  $\phi$ , we have

$$\psi(\varepsilon) \leq f(\psi(\varepsilon), \phi(\varepsilon)),$$

therefore  $\psi(\varepsilon) = 0$  or  $\phi(\varepsilon) = 0$ , then  $\varepsilon = 0$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $\{gx_m^1\}, \{gx_m^2\}, \dots, \{gx_m^n\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $X$ . From the completeness of  $X$ , there exist  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n \in X$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(x_m^1, x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} g(x_m^1) = x^1, \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} g(x_m^2) = x^2, \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1, x_m^2) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} g(x_m^3) = x^3, \\ \vdots \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(x_m^n, x_m^1, x_m^2, \dots, x_m^{n-1}) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} g(x_m^n) = x^n, \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

for some  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n \in X$  are satisfied. Since  $F$  and  $g$  are compatible, we have from (14) that

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(F(x_m^1, x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n)), F(gx_m^1, gx_m^2, gx_m^3, \dots, gx_m^n)) = 0, \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(F(x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1)), F(gx_m^2, gx_m^3, \dots, gx_m^n, gx_m^1)) = 0, \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(F(x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1, x_m^2)), F(gx_m^3, \dots, gx_m^n, gx_m^1, gx_m^2)) = 0, \\ \vdots \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(F(x_m^n, x_m^1, x_m^2, \dots, x_m^{n-1})), F(gx_m^n, gx_m^1, gx_m^2, \dots, gx_m^{n-1})) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

Let condition (a) holds. Then for all  $m \geq 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(gx^1, F(gx_m^1, gx_m^2, \dots, gx_m^n)) &\leq d(gx^1, g(F(x_m^1, x_m^2, \dots, x_m^n))) \\
 &\quad + d(g(F(x_m^1, x_m^2, \dots, x_m^n)), F(gx_m^1, gx_m^2, \dots, gx_m^n)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in above inequality, using (14), (15) and continuities of  $F$  and  $g$ , we have

$$d(gx^1, F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n)) = 0; \text{ that is, } gx^1 = F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n).$$

Continuing this process, we obtain that

$$d(gx^2, F(x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n, x^1)) = 0; \text{ that is } gx^2 = F(x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n, x^1).$$

$\vdots$

$$d(gx^n, F(x^n, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1})) = 0; \text{ that is } gx^n = F(x^n, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}).$$

Hence the element  $(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) \in X^n$  is an  $n$ -tupled coincidence point of the mappings  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$ . Next, we suppose that condition (b) holds. From (6) and (14), we have

$$ggx_m^1 \preceq gx^1, gx^2 \preceq ggx_m^2, ggx_m^3 \preceq gx^3, \dots, gx^n \preceq ggx_m^n. \quad (16)$$

Since  $F$  and  $g$  are compatible and  $g$  is continuous, by (14) and (15) we have

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} ggx_m^1 = gx^1 = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(F(x_m^1, x_m^2, \dots, x_m^n))) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(gx_m^1, gx_m^2, \dots, gx_m^n), \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} ggx_m^2 = gx^2 = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(F(x_m^2, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1))) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(gx_m^2, \dots, gx_m^n, gx_m^1), \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} ggx_m^3 = gx^3 = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(F(x_m^3, \dots, x_m^1, x_m^2))) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(gx_m^3, \dots, gx_m^1, gx_m^2), \\ \vdots \\ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} ggx_m^n = gx^n = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(F(x_m^n, x_m^1, \dots, x_m^{n-1}))) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(gx_m^n, gx_m^1, \dots, gx_m^{n-1}). \end{array} \right. \quad (17)$$

Now, using triangle inequality, we have

$$d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), gx^1) \leq d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), ggx_{m+1}^1) + d(ggx_{m+1}^1, gx^1),$$

that is,

$$d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), gx^1) \leq d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), g(F(x_m^1, x_m^2, \dots, x_m^n))) + d(ggx_{m+1}^1, gx^1).$$

Taking  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality and using (17) we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), gx^1) &\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), g(F(x_m^1, x_m^2, \dots, x_m^n))) \\ &\quad + \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(ggx_{m+1}^1, gx^1) \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), F(gx_m^1, gx_m^2, \dots, gx_m^n)). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\psi$  is continuous and monotonically increasing, from the above inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), gx^1)) &\leq \psi(\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), F(gx_m^1, gx_m^2, \dots, gx_m^n))) \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \psi(d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), F(gx_m^1, gx_m^2, \dots, gx_m^n))).\end{aligned}$$

By (1) and (16), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), gx^1)) &\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} f([\psi(\max\{d(gx^1, ggx_m^1), \dots, d(gx^n, ggx_m^n)\}), \\ &\quad \varphi(\max\{d(gx^1, ggx_m^1), d(gx^2, ggx_m^2), \dots, d(gx^n, ggx_m^n)\})]).\end{aligned}$$

Using (17) and the properties of  $\psi$  and  $\varphi$  we have

$$\psi(d(F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n), gx^1)) = 0,$$

which implies that

$$d(F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n), gx^1) = 0, \text{ that is } F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n) = gx^1.$$

Again, we have

$$d(F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), gx^2) \leq d(F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), ggx_{m+1}^2) + d(ggx_{m+1}^2, gx^2),$$

that is,

$$d(F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), gx^2) \leq d(F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), g(F(x_m^2, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1))) + d(ggx_{m+1}^2, gx^2).$$

Taking  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, using (17) we have

$$\begin{aligned}d(F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), gx^2) &\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), g(F(x_m^2, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1))) \\ &\quad + \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(ggx_{m+1}^2, gx^2) \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), g(F(x_m^2, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1))).\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\psi$  is continuous and monotonically increasing, from the above inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(d(F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), gx^2)) &\leq \psi(\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), g(F(x_m^2, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1)))) \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \psi(d(F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), g(F(x_m^2, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1)))).\end{aligned}$$

By (1) and (16), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(d(F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), gx^2)) &\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} f([\psi(\max\{d(gx^2, ggx_m^2), \dots, d(gx^1, ggx_m^1)\}), \\ &\quad \varphi(\max\{d(gx^2, ggx_m^2), \dots, d(gx^n, ggx_m^n), d(gx^1, ggx_m^1)\})]).\end{aligned}$$



Using (17) and the properties of  $\psi$  and  $\phi$ , we have

$$\psi(d(F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), gx^2)) = 0,$$

which implies that

$$d(F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), gx^2) = 0, \text{ that is } F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1) = gx^2.$$

Continuing in this way, we get

$$d(F(x^n, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}), gx^n) = 0, \text{ that is } F(x^n, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}) = gx^n.$$

Hence the element  $(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) \in X^n$  is an  $n$ -tupled coincidence point of mappings  $F$  and  $g$ .

This completes the proof of the theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** *In addition to the hypotheses of Theorem 3.1, suppose that for real  $(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), (y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n) \in X^n$  there exists,  $(z^1, z^2, \dots, z^n) \in X^n$  such that  $(F(z^1, z^2, \dots, z^n), F(z^2, \dots, z^n, z^1), \dots, F(z^n, z^1, \dots, z^{n-1}))$  is comparable to  $(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), \dots, F(x^n, x^1, \dots, x^{n-1}))$  and  $(F(y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n), F(y^2, \dots, y^n, y^1), \dots, F(y^n, y^1, \dots, y^{n-1}))$ . Then  $F$  and  $g$  have a unique  $n$ -tupled common fixed point.*

**Proof.** The set of  $n$ -tupled coincidence points of  $F$  and  $g$  is non-empty due to Theorem 3.1.

Assume now,  $(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), (y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n)$  are two  $n$ -tupled coincidence points, that is,

$$F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) = g(x^1), F(y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n) = g(y^1),$$

$$F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1) = g(x^2), F(y^2, \dots, y^n, y^1) = g(y^2),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$F(x^n, x^1, \dots, x^{n-1}) = g(x^n), F(y^n, y^1, \dots, y^{n-1}) = g(y^n).$$

Now, we show that

$$g(x^1) = g(y^1), g(x^2) = g(y^2), \dots, g(x^n) = g(y^n). \quad (18)$$

By assumption, there exists  $(z^1, z^2, \dots, z^n) \in X^n$  such that  $(F(z^1, z^2, \dots, z^n), F(z^2, \dots, z^n, z^1), \dots, F(z^n, z^1, \dots, z^{n-1}))$  is comparable to  $(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), \dots, F(x^n, x^1, \dots, x^{n-1}))$  and

$(F(y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n), F(y^2, \dots, y^n, y^1), \dots, F(y^n, y^1, \dots, y^{n-1}))$ . Put  $z_0^1 = z^1, z_0^2 = z^2, \dots, z_0^n = z^n$  and choose  $z_1^1, z_1^2, \dots, z_1^n \in X$  such that

$$g(z_1^1) = F(z_0^1, z_0^2, z_0^3, \dots, z_0^n),$$

$$g(z_1^2) = F(z_0^2, z_0^3, \dots, z_0^n, z_0^1),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$g(z_1^n) = F(z_0^n, z_0^1, z_0^2, \dots, z_0^{n-1}).$$

Further define sequences  $\{g(z_m^1)\}, \{g(z_m^2)\}, \dots, \{g(z_m^n)\}$  such that

$$g(z_{m+1}^1) = F(z_m^1, z_m^2, z_m^3, \dots, z_m^n),$$

$$g(z_{m+1}^2) = F(z_m^2, z_m^3, \dots, z_m^n, z_m^1),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$g(z_{m+1}^n) = F(z_m^n, z_m^1, z_m^2, \dots, z_m^{n-1}).$$

Further set  $x_0^1 = x^1, x_0^2 = x^2, \dots, x_0^n = x^n$  and  $y_0^1 = y^1, y_0^2 = y^2, \dots, y_0^n = y^n$ . In the same way, define the sequences  $\{g(x_m^1)\}, \{g(x_m^2)\}, \dots, \{g(x_m^n)\}$  and  $\{g(y_m^1)\}, \{g(y_m^2)\}, \dots, \{g(y_m^n)\}$ . Then it is easy to show that

$$g(x_{m+1}^1) = F(x_m^1, x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n), g(y_{m+1}^1) = F(y_m^1, y_m^2, y_m^3, \dots, y_m^n),$$

$$g(x_{m+1}^2) = F(x_m^2, x_m^3, \dots, x_m^n, x_m^1), g(y_{m+1}^2) = F(y_m^2, y_m^3, \dots, y_m^n, y_m^1),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$g(x_{m+1}^n) = F(x_m^n, x_m^1, x_m^2, \dots, x_m^{n-1}), g(y_{m+1}^n) = F(y_m^n, y_m^1, y_m^2, \dots, y_m^{n-1}).$$

Since  $(F(x^1, \dots, x^n), F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), \dots, F(x^n, x^1, \dots, x^{n-1})) = (g(x_1^1), \dots, g(x_1^n)) = (g(x^1), \dots, g(x^n))$

and

$(F(z^1, z^2, \dots, z^n), F(z^2, \dots, z^n, z^1), \dots, F(z^n, z^1, \dots, z^{n-1})) = (g(z_1^1), g(z_1^2), \dots, g(z_1^n))$  are comparable,

we have

$$g(x^1) \preceq g(z_1^1), g(z_1^2) \preceq g(x^2), g(x^3) \preceq g(z_1^3), \dots, g(z_1^n) \preceq g(x^n).$$

It is easy to show that  $g(x_1^1), g(x_1^2), \dots, g(x_1^n)$  and  $g(z_m^1), g(z_m^2), \dots, g(z_m^n)$  are comparable, that is,

for all  $m \geq 1$ ,

$$g(x^1) \preceq g(z_m^1), g(z_m^2) \preceq g(x^2), \dots, g(z_m^n) \preceq g(x^n).$$

From (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi(d(g(x^1), g(z_{m+1}^1))) &= \psi(d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), F(z_m^1, z_m^2, \dots, z_m^n))) \\
&\leq f(\psi(\max\{d(g(x^1), g(z_m^1)), \dots, d(g(z_m^n), g(x^n))\}), \\
&\quad \phi(\max\{d(g(x^1), g(z_m^1)), \dots, d(g(z_m^n), g(x^n))\})), \\
\psi(d(g(x^2), g(z_{m+1}^2))) &= \psi(d(F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1), F(z_m^2, \dots, z_m^n, z_m^1))) \\
&\leq f(\psi(\max\{d(g(z_m^2), g(x^2)), \dots, d(g(x^1), g(z_m^1))\}), \\
&\quad \phi(\max\{d(g(z_m^2), g(x^2)), \dots, d(g(x^1), g(z_m^1))\})), \\
\psi(d(g(x^n), g(z_{m+1}^n))) &= \psi(d(F(x^n, x^1, \dots, x^{n-1}), F(z_m^n, z_m^1, \dots, z_m^{n-1}))) \\
&\leq f(\psi(\max\{d(g(z_m^n), g(x^n)), \dots, d(g(z_m^{n-1}), g(x^{n-1}))\}), \\
&\quad \phi(\max\{d(g(z_m^n), g(x^n)), \dots, d(g(z_m^{n-1}), g(x^{n-1}))\})).
\end{aligned}$$

From above inequalities and monotone property of  $\psi$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\psi(\max\{d(g(z_{m+1}^n), g(x^n)), d(g(x^1), g(z_{m+1}^1)), \dots, d(g(z_{m+1}^{n-1}), g(x^{n-1}))\}) \\
&= \max\{\psi d(g(z_{m+1}^n), g(x^n)), \psi d(g(x^1), g(z_{m+1}^1)), \dots, \psi d(g(z_{m+1}^{n-1}), g(x^{n-1}))\}) \\
&\leq f(\psi(\max\{d(g(z_m^n), g(x^n)), d(g(x^1), g(z_m^1)), \dots, d(g(z_m^{n-1}), g(x^{n-1}))\}), \\
&\quad \phi(\max\{d(g(z_m^n), g(x^n)), d(g(x^1), g(z_m^1)), \dots, d(g(z_m^{n-1}), g(x^{n-1}))\})).
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$R_m = \max\{d(g(z_{m+1}^1), g(x^1)), d(g(x^2), g(z_{m+1}^2)), \dots, d(g(z_{m+1}^n), g(x^n))\}.$$

It follows that

$$\psi(R_m) \leq f(\psi(R_{m-1}), \phi(R_{m-1})). \quad (19)$$

Using the property of  $\psi$ , we have

$$\psi(R_m) \leq \psi(R_{m-1}) \Rightarrow R_m \leq R_{m-1}.$$

Therefore  $\{R_m\}$  is a monotone decreasing sequence of nonnegative real numbers. Hence there exists  $r \geq 0$  such that  $R_m \rightarrow r$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Taking the limit as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (19), we have

$$\psi(r) \leq f(\psi(r), \phi(r)),$$

which is a contradiction unless  $r = 0$ . Therefore  $R_m \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Then

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(z_{m+1}^1), g(x^1)) = 0, \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(x^2), g(z_{m+1}^2)) = 0, \dots, \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(z_{m+1}^n), g(x^n)) = 0.$$

Similarly, we can prove that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(z_{m+1}^1), g(y^1)) = 0, \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(y^2), g(z_{m+1}^2)) = 0, \dots, \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(g(z_{m+1}^n), g(y^n)) = 0.$$

On using the triangle inequality, we have

$$d(gx^1, gy^1) \leq d(gx^1, gz_{m+1}^1) + d(gz_{m+1}^1, gy^1) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$d(gx^2, gy^2) \leq d(gx^2, gz_{m+1}^2) + d(gz_{m+1}^2, gy^2) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$\vdots$$

$$d(gx^n, gy^n) \leq d(gx^n, gz_{m+1}^n) + d(gz_{m+1}^n, gy^n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence, we have

$$gx^1 = gy^1, \dots, gx^n = gy^n. \quad (20)$$

Since

$$F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) = g(x^1), F(x^2, \dots, x^n, x^1) = g(x^2), \dots, F(x^n, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}) = g(x^n),$$

and  $F$  and  $g$  are compatible, we have

$$F(gx^1, gx^2, \dots, gx^n) = gg(x^1), F(gx^2, \dots, gx^n, gx^1) = gg(x^2), \dots,$$

$$F(gx^n, gx^1, \dots, gx^{n-1}) = gg(x^n).$$

Writing  $g(x^1) = a^1, g(x^2) = a^2, \dots, g(x^n) = a^n$ , we have

$$\begin{cases} g(a^1) = F(a^1, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^n), \\ g(a^2) = F(a^2, a^3, \dots, a^n, a^1), \\ \vdots \\ g(a^n) = F(a^n, a^1, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}). \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

Thus  $(a^1, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^n)$  is an  $n$ -tupled coincidence point of  $F$  and  $g$ . Owing to (20) with  $y^1 = a^1, y^2 = a^2, \dots, y^n = a^n$ , it follows that

$$g(x^1) = g(a^1), g(x^2) = g(a^2), \dots, g(x^n) = g(a^n),$$

that is,

$$g(a^1) = a^1, g(a^2) = a^2, \dots, g(a^n) = a^n. \quad (22)$$

Using (21) and (22), we have

$$\begin{cases} a^1 = g(a^1) = F(a^1, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^n) \\ a^2 = g(a^2) = F(a^2, a^3, \dots, a^n, a^1) \\ \vdots \\ a^n = g(a^n) = F(a^n, a^1, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}). \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

Thus  $(a^1, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^n)$  is an  $n$ -tupled common fixed point of  $F$  and  $g$ . To prove the uniqueness, assume that  $(b^1, b^2, \dots, b^n)$  is another  $n$ -tupled common fixed point of  $F$  and  $g$ . In view of (20), we have

$$b^1 = g(b^1) = g(a^1) = a^1,$$

$$b^2 = g(b^2) = g(a^2) = a^2,$$

$$\vdots$$

$$b^n = g(b^n) = g(a^n) = a^n.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

In Theorem 3.1, setting  $f(s, t) = s - t$ ,  $s, t \in (0, \infty)$ , we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $(X, d, \preceq)$  be a complete ordered metric space. Let  $\phi$  be an ultra-altering distance function and  $\psi$  an altering distance function. Let  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be two mappings such that  $F$  has the mixed  $g$ -monotone property on  $X$  and*

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), F(y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n))) &\leq \psi(\max\{d(gx^1, gy^1), \dots, d(gx^n, gy^n)\}) \\ &\quad - \phi(\max\{d(gx^1, gy^1), \dots, d(gx^n, gy^n)\}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n, y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n \in X$  for which  $gy^1 \preceq gx^1, gx^2 \preceq gy^2, gy^3 \preceq gx^3, \dots, gx^n \preceq gy^n$ .

Suppose that  $F(X^n) \subseteq g(X)$ ,  $g$  is continuous and  $F$  and  $g$  are compatible. Also, suppose that

(a)  $F$  is continuous or

(b)  $X$  has the following properties:

(i) if nondecreasing sequence  $\{x_m\} \rightarrow x$ , then  $g(x_m) \preceq g(x)$  for all  $m \geq 0$ ;

(ii) if nonincreasing sequence  $\{x_m\} \rightarrow x$ , then  $g(x) \preceq g(x_m)$  for all  $m \geq 0$ .

If there exist  $x_0^1, x_0^2, x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n \in X$  such that (2) holds. Then  $F$  and  $g$  have an  $n$ -tupled coincidence point in  $X$ .

In Theorem 3.1, setting  $f(s, t) = \frac{s}{(1+t)^r}$ ,  $r \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $s, t \in (0, \infty)$ , we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $(X, d, \preceq)$  be a complete ordered metric space. Let  $\phi$  be an ultra-altering distance function and  $\psi$  an altering distance function. Let  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be two mappings such that  $F$  has the mixed  $g$ -monotone property on  $X$  and

$$\psi(d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), F(y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n))) \leq \frac{\psi(\max\{d(gx^1, gy^1), \dots, d(gx^n, gy^n)\})}{(1 + \phi(\max\{d(gx^1, gy^1), \dots, d(gx^n, gy^n)\}))^r}$$

for all  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n, y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n \in X$  and  $r \in (0, \infty)$  for which  $gy^1 \preceq gx^1, gx^2 \preceq gy^2, gy^3 \preceq gx^3, \dots, gx^n \preceq gy^n$ . Suppose that  $F(X^n) \subseteq g(X)$ ,  $g$  is continuous and  $F$  and  $f$  are compatible. Also, suppose that

(a)  $F$  is continuous or

(b)  $X$  has the following properties:

(i) if nondecreasing sequence  $\{x_m\} \rightarrow x$ , then  $g(x_m) \preceq g(x)$  for all  $m \geq 0$ ;

(ii) if nonincreasing sequence  $\{x_m\} \rightarrow x$ , then  $g(x) \preceq g(x_m)$  for all  $m \geq 0$ .

If there exist  $x_0^1, x_0^2, x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n \in X$  such that (2) holds. Then  $F$  and  $g$  have an  $n$ -tupled coincidence point in  $X$ .

In Theorem 3.1, setting  $f(s, t) = s \log_{a+t} a$ ,  $a > 1$ ,  $s, t \in (0, \infty)$  ( $f$  is a  $C$ -class function), we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 3.5.** Let  $(X, d, \preceq)$  be a complete ordered metric space. Let  $\phi$  be an ultra-altering distance function and  $\psi$  an altering distance function. Let  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  be two

mappings such that  $F$  has the mixed  $g$ -monotone property on  $X$  and

$$\psi(d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), F(y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n))) \leq \psi(\max\{d(gx^1, gy^1), \dots, d(gx^n, gy^n)\})$$

$$\log_{a+\varphi(\max\{d(gx^1, gy^1), \dots, d(gx^n, gy^n)\})} a$$

for all  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n, y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n \in X$  for which  $gy^1 \preceq gx^1, gx^2 \preceq gy^2, gy^3 \preceq gx^3, \dots, gx^n \preceq gy^n$ .

Suppose that  $F(X^n) \subseteq g(X)$ ,  $g$  is continuous and  $F$  and  $g$  are compatible. Also, suppose that

(a)  $F$  is continuous or

(b)  $X$  has the following properties:

(i) if nondecreasing sequence  $\{x_m\} \rightarrow x$ , then  $g(x_m) \preceq g(x)$  for all  $m \geq 0$ ;

(ii) if nonincreasing sequence  $\{x_m\} \rightarrow x$ , then  $g(x) \preceq g(x_m)$  for all  $m \geq 0$ .

If there exist  $x_0^1, x_0^2, x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n \in X$  such that (2) holds. Then  $F$  and  $g$  have an  $n$ -tupled coincidence point in  $X$ .

Considering  $g$  to be an identity mapping in Theorem 3.1, we have the following result.

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be an ordered set. Suppose that there is a metric  $d$  on  $X$  such that  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. Let  $\varphi$  be an ultra-altering distance function and  $\psi$  be an altering distance function. Let  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  be a mapping having the mixed monotone property on  $X$  and  $f$  a  $C$ -class function and

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), F(y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n))) &\leq f(\psi(\max\{d(x^1, y^1), d(x^2, y^2), \dots, d(x^n, y^n)\})), \\ &\varphi(\max\{d(x^1, y^1), d(x^2, y^2), \dots, d(x^n, y^n)\}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n, y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n \in X$  for which  $y^1 \preceq x^1, x^2 \preceq y^2, y^3 \preceq x^3, \dots, x^n \preceq y^n$ . Suppose that

(a)  $F$  is continuous or

(b)  $X$  has the following properties:

(i) if nondecreasing sequence  $\{x_m\} \rightarrow x$ , then  $x_m \preceq x$  for all  $m \geq 0$ ;

(ii) if nonincreasing sequence  $\{x_m\} \rightarrow x$ , then  $x \preceq x_m$  for all  $m \geq 0$ .

If there exist  $x_0^1, x_0^2, x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n \in X$  such that

$$\begin{cases} x_0^1 \preceq F(x_0^1, x_0^2, x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n), \\ F(x_0^2, x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n, x_0^1) \preceq x_0^2, \\ x_0^3 \preceq F(x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n, x_0^1, x_0^2), \\ \vdots \\ F(x_0^n, x_0^1, x_0^2, \dots, x_0^{n-1}) \preceq x_0^n, \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

then  $F$  has an  $n$ -tupled fixed point in  $X$ .

Considering  $\psi$  and  $g$  to be identity mappings in Theorem 3.1, we have the following result.

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be an ordered set. Suppose that there is a metric  $d$  on  $X$  such that  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. Let  $\phi$  be an ultra-altering distance function and  $f$  a  $C$ -class function. Let  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  be a mapping having the mixed monotone property on  $X$  and*

$$\begin{aligned} d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), F(y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n)) &\leq f(\max\{d(x^1, y^1), d(x^2, y^2), \dots, d(x^n, y^n)\}, \\ &\quad \phi(\max\{d(x^1, y^1), d(x^2, y^2), \dots, d(x^n, y^n)\})) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n, y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n \in X$  for which  $y^1 \preceq x^1, x^2 \preceq y^2, y^3 \preceq x^3, \dots, x^n \preceq y^n$ . Also in view of conditions (a) and (b) of Corollary 3.6, if (24) is satisfied, then  $F$  has an  $n$ -tupled fixed point in  $X$ .

Considering  $\psi$  and  $g$  to be identity mappings,  $f(s, t) = s - t$  and  $\phi(t) = (1 - k)t$ , where  $0 \leq k < 1$  in Theorem 3.1, we have the following result.

**Corollary 3.8.** *Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be an ordered set. Suppose that there is a metric  $d$  on  $X$  such that  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space. Let  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  be a mapping having the mixed monotone property on  $X$ . Assume that there exists  $k \in [0, 1)$  with*

$$d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), F(y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n)) \leq k \max\{d(x^1, y^1), d(x^2, y^2), \dots, d(x^n, y^n)\}$$

for all  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n, y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n \in X$  for which  $y^1 \preceq x^1, x^2 \preceq y^2, y^3 \preceq x^3, \dots, x^n \preceq y^n$ . Also in view of conditions (a) and (b) of Corollary 3.6, if (24) is satisfied, then  $F$  has an  $n$ -tupled fixed point in  $X$ .



**Remark 3.9.** With  $n = 2$ , Theorem 3.1 and Corollaries 3.3-3.8 respectively yield the results of Choudhury *et al.* [9]. However, from Theorem 3.2, we can deduce a unique coupled common fixed point theorem.

**Example 3.10.** Let  $X = [0, 1]$ . Then  $(X, \preceq)$  is an ordered set with the natural ordering of real numbers. Let  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space with the required properties of Theorem 3.1. Define  $g : X \rightarrow X$  by  $g(x) = x^2$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $F : X^n \rightarrow X$  (wherein  $n$  is a fixed even integer) by

$$F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x^1)^2 - (x^2)^2 + (x^3)^2 - \dots + (x^{n-1})^2 - (x^n)^2}{n+1}, & \text{if } x^{i+1} \preceq x^i, i = 1, 3, \dots, n-1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for all  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n \in X$ . Then  $F$  obeys the mixed  $g$ -monotone property. Now, define a function  $f : [0, \infty)^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(s, t) = s - t$ ,  $s, t \in [0, \infty)$ . Then  $f$  is a  $C$ -class function. Let  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be defined respectively as follows:

$$\psi(t) = t^2 \text{ and } \phi(t) = \frac{2n+1}{(n+1)^2} t^2, \text{ for } t \in [0, \infty).$$

Then  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  have the properties mentioned in Theorem 3.1. Also  $F$  and  $f$  are compatible in  $X$ . Now choose  $(x_0^1, x_0^2, \dots, x_0^n) = (0, c, 0, c, \dots, c)$  ( $c > 0$ ). Then

$$\begin{cases} g(x_0^1) = g(0) = 0 = F(x_0^1, x_0^2, x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n) = g(x_1^1), \\ g(x_1^2) = F(x_0^2, x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n, x_0^1) \preceq c^2 = g(c) = g(x_0^2), \\ g(x_0^3) = g(0) = 0 = F(x_0^3, \dots, x_0^n, x_0^1, x_0^2) = g(x_1^3), \\ \vdots \\ g(x_1^n) = F(x_0^n, x_0^1, x_0^2, \dots, x_0^{n-1}) \preceq c^2 = g(c) = g(x_0^n). \end{cases}$$

We next verify inequality (1) (of Theorem 3.1). We take  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n, y^1, y^2, \dots, y^n \in X$  such that

$$gy^1 \preceq gx^1, gx^2 \preceq gy^2, gy^3 \preceq gx^3, \dots, gx^n \preceq gy^n.$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \max\{d(gx^1, gy^1), d(gx^2, gy^2), d(gx^3, gy^3), \dots, d(gx^n, gy^n)\} \\ &= \max\{|(x^1)^2 - (y^1)^2|, |(x^2)^2 - (y^2)^2|, |(x^3)^2 - (y^3)^2|, \dots, |(x^n)^2 - (y^n)^2|\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$M \geq |(x^1)^2 - (y^1)^2|, M \geq |(x^2)^2 - (y^2)^2|, M \geq |(x^3)^2 - (y^3)^2|, \dots, M \geq |(x^n)^2 - (y^n)^2|.$$

The following four cases arise:

*Case I:* Let  $x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n, y^1, y^2, y^3, \dots, y^n \in X$  such that  $x^{i+1} \preceq x^i, y^{i+1} \preceq y^i$  for  $i = 1, 3, \dots, n-1$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &d(F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n), F(y^1, y^2, y^3, \dots, y^n)) \\ &= d\left(\frac{(x^1)^2 - (x^2)^2 + (x^3)^2 - \dots - (x^n)^2}{n+1}, \frac{(y^1)^2 - (y^2)^2 + (y^3)^2 - \dots - (y^n)^2}{n+1}\right) \\ &= \left| \frac{(x^1)^2 - (x^2)^2 + (x^3)^2 - \dots - (x^n)^2}{n+1} - \frac{(y^1)^2 - (y^2)^2 + (y^3)^2 - \dots - (y^n)^2}{n+1} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{((x^1)^2 - (y^1)^2) - ((x^2)^2 - (y^2)^2) + ((x^3)^2 - (y^3)^2) - \dots - ((x^n)^2 - (y^n)^2)}{n+1} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{|(x^1)^2 - (y^1)^2| + |(x^2)^2 - (y^2)^2| + |(x^3)^2 - (y^3)^2| + \dots + |(x^n)^2 - (y^n)^2|}{n+1} \\ &\leq \frac{n}{n+1} M. \end{aligned}$$

*Case II:* Let  $x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n, y^1, y^2, y^3, \dots, y^n \in X$  such that  $x^{i+1} \preceq x^i$  for  $i = 1, 3, \dots, n-1$  and  $y^i \preceq y^{i+1}$  for at least one  $i$ . Then (for  $y^1 \preceq y^2$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} &d(F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n), F(y^1, y^2, y^3, \dots, y^n)) \\ &= d\left(\frac{(x^1)^2 - (x^2)^2 + (x^3)^2 - \dots - (x^n)^2}{n+1}, 0\right) \\ &\leq \left| \frac{(x^1)^2 - (x^2)^2 + (x^3)^2 - \dots - (x^n)^2 + (y^2)^2 - (y^1)^2}{n+1} \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left| \frac{((x^1)^2 - (y^1)^2) - ((x^2)^2 - (y^2)^2) + (x^3)^2 - (x^4)^2 + \dots - (x^n)^2}{n+1} \right| \\
&\quad \vdots \\
&\leq \frac{|(x^1)^2 - (y^1)^2| + |(x^2)^2 - (y^2)^2| + |(x^3)^2 - (y^3)^2| + \dots + |(x^n)^2 - (y^n)^2|}{n+1} \\
&\leq \frac{n}{n+1}M.
\end{aligned}$$

*Case III:* Let  $x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n, y^1, y^2, y^3, \dots, y^n \in X$  such that  $x^i \preceq x^{i+1}$  for at least one  $i$  and  $y^{i+1} \preceq y^i$  for  $i = 1, 3, \dots, n-1$ . Then arguing as in Case II, one verify inequality (1).

*Case IV:* Let  $x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n, y^1, y^2, y^3, \dots, y^n \in X$  such that  $x^i \preceq x^{i+1}, y^i \preceq y^{i+1}$  for at least one  $i$ . Then

$$d(F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n), F(y^1, y^2, y^3, \dots, y^n)) = d(0, 0) \leq \frac{n}{n+1}M.$$

In all above cases

$$\begin{aligned}
&\psi(d(F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n), F(y^1, y^2, y^3, \dots, y^n))) \\
&\leq \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2}M^2 = M^2 - \frac{2n+1}{(n+1)^2}M^2 \\
&= \psi(\max\{d(gx^1, gy^1), d(gx^2, gy^2), \dots, d(gx^n, gy^n)\}) \\
&\quad - \phi(\max\{d(gx^1, gy^1), d(gx^2, gy^2), \dots, d(gx^n, gy^n)\}) \\
&= f(\psi(\max\{d(gx^1, gy^1), d(gx^2, gy^2), \dots, d(gx^n, gy^n)\}), \\
&\quad \phi(\max\{d(gx^1, gy^1), d(gx^2, gy^2), \dots, d(gx^n, gy^n)\})).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence all the conditions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied and  $(0, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$  is an  $n$ -tupled coincidence point of  $F$  and  $g$ .

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