



Available online at <http://scik.org>

Adv. Inequal. Appl. 2019, 2019:8

<https://doi.org/10.28919/aia/4048>

ISSN: 2050-7461

## COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR TWO SELFMAPS OF AN S-METRIC SPACE WITH RATIONAL INEQUALITY

V. KIRAN\*

Department of Mathematics, Osmania University, Hyderabad 500007, India

Copyright © 2019 the author(s). This is an open access article distributed under the Creative Commons Attribution License, which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited.

**Abstract:** A common fixed point theorem for two self maps of an S-metric space with rational inequality is proved in the present paper.

**Keywords:** S-metric space; fixed point; associated sequence of a point relative to two self maps; compatible mappings.

**2010 AMS Subject Classification:** 54H25, 47H10.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

As a generalization of metric spaces B.C.Dhage [1,2] introduced D- metric spaces. Later many researchers proved many of their results are not valid. As a probable modification to D- metric spaces, Shaban Sedghi, Nabi Shobe and Haiyun Zhou [4] introduced  $D^*$ - metric spaces. In 2006, Zead Mustafa and Brailey Sims [6] have initiated G- metric spaces, while Shaban Sedghi, Nabi Shobe and Abdelkrim Aliouche [5] considered S-mertic spaces in 2012. Of these three generalizations, the S-metric space generated interest in researchers. The notion of commutativity is generalized by Gerald Jungck [3] by initiating compatibility.

---

\*Corresponding author

E-mail address: [kiranmathou@gmail.com](mailto:kiranmathou@gmail.com)

Received March 3, 2019

The purpose of this paper is to prove a common fixed point theorem for two self maps of an S-metric space with rational inequality.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1 [5]:** Let  $X$  be a non empty set. By an  $S$  – metric we mean a function  $S : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  which satisfies the following conditions for all  $x, y, z, w \in X$

- (a)  $S(x, y, z) \geq 0$
- (b)  $S(x, y, z) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = z$ .
- (c)  $S(x, y, z) \leq S(x, x, w) + S(y, y, w) + S(z, z, w)$

Also, the pair  $(X, S)$  is called a  $S$  -metric space.

**Example 2.2:** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $S : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be defined by  $S(x, y, z) = |y + z - 2x| + |y - z|$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , then  $(X, S)$  is a  $S$ - metric space.

**Remark 2.3:** It was shown in ([ 5], Lemma 2.5) that  $S(x, x, y) = S(y, y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.4:** Let  $(X, S)$  be a  $S$  – metric space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to Convergent, if there is a  $x \in X$  such that  $S(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; that is, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$ , we have  $S(x_n, x_n, x) < \varepsilon$  and we write in this case that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x.$$

**Definition 2.5:** Let  $(X, S)$  be a  $S$  – metric space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be a

**Cauchy sequence**, if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $S(x_n, x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$  for each  $n, m \geq n_0$ .

It is easy to see that (in fact proved in [5], Lemma 2.10 and Lemma 2.11), if  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, S)$  then  $x$  is unique and  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(X, S)$ . However, a Cauchy sequence in  $(X, S)$  need not be convergent as shown in the following example

**Example 2.6 :** Let  $X = (0,1]$  and  $S(x, y, z) = |x - y| + |y - z| + |z - x|$  for  $x, y, z \in X$ , so that

$(X, S)$  is a  $S$ -metric space. Taking  $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  then  $S(x_n, x_n, x_m) = 2 \left| \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m} \right|$

so that  $S(x_n, x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$  proving that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(X, S)$  but  $\{x_n\}$  does not converge to any point in  $X$

**Definition 2.7:** Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. If there exists sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(x_n, x_n, y_n) = S(x, x, y)$ . Then we say that  $S(x, y, z)$  is continuous in  $x$  and  $y$ .

**Definition 2.8 :** If  $g$  and  $f$  are selfmaps of a  $S$ -metric space  $(X, S)$  such that for every sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$  we have

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(gfx_n, gfx_n, fgx_n) = 0$  then  $g$  and  $f$  are said to be compatible.

Trivially commuting self maps of a  $S$ -metric space are compatible but not conversely. As an example we have the following.

**Example 2.9:** Let  $X = [0,1]$  with  $S(x, y, z) = |x - y| + |y - z| + |z - x|$  for  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then  $S$

is a  $S$ -metric on  $X$ . Define  $g : X \rightarrow X, f : X \rightarrow X$  by  $gx = \frac{x^2}{2}$  and  $fx = \frac{x^2}{3}$  for  $x \in X$ .

we now prove that  $g, f$  are compatible.

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$ . Then

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^2}{2} = t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^2}{3}$  so that  $3t = 2t$  which shows that  $t = 0$ . Also since  $gfx_n = \frac{x_n^4}{18}$  and then we

have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(gfx_n, gfx_n, fgx_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S\left(\frac{x_n^4}{18}, \frac{x_n^4}{18}, \frac{x_n^4}{12}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^4}{18} = 0$

Showing that  $(g, f)$  is a pair of compatible self maps. But  $gf(1) = \frac{1}{18}$  and  $fg(1) = \frac{1}{12}$

proves that  $gf(1) \neq fg(1)$  showing that that  $g$  and  $f$  are not commutative

**Definition 2.10:** Let  $g$  and  $f$  be self maps of a  $S$ -metric space such that  $g(X) \subseteq f(X)$ . For any  $x_0 \in X$ , if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $fx_n = gx_{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 0$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is called an associated sequence of  $x_0$  relative to the two self maps  $g$  and  $f$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

Before stating main Theorem, we prove an essential Lemma.

**Lemma 3.1:** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be compatible self maps of an  $S$ -metric space  $(X, S)$ . Suppose

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = x$  for some  $x \in X$  and some sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gfx_n = fx$  if  $f$  is continuous.

**Proof:** suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are compatible mappings and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gx_n = x$  for some  $x \in X$ . Then

$$(3.1.1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(fgx_n, fgx_n, gfx_n) = 0$$

since  $f$  is continuous and  $gx_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we have

$$(3.1.2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fgx_n = fx.$$

From (3.1.1) and (3.1.2) we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(fx, fx, gfx_n) = 0 \quad \text{which imply} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gfx_n = fx.$$

Proving the lemma.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be self maps of a  $S$ -metric space  $(X, S)$  satisfying

$$(i) \quad g(X) \subseteq f(X)$$

$$(ii) \quad S(gx, gx, gy) \leq \frac{\alpha S(fx, fx, gy)[1 + S(fx, fx, gx)]}{1 + S(fx, fx, fy)} + \beta S(fx, fx, fy)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  where  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha + \beta < 1$

(iii) one of  $f$  and  $g$  is continuous

(iv)  $f$  and  $g$  are compatible

(v) an associated sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of a point  $x_0 \in X$  relative to the self maps  $f$  and  $g$  is such that  $\{fx_n\}$  converges to  $t$  for some point  $t \in X$ ,

Then  $t$  is the common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

**Proof:** From (v), the associated sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of  $x_0$  relative to the selfmaps  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $fx_n = gx_{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 1$  and  $fx_n \rightarrow t$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  it follows that  $gx_n \rightarrow t$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

**Case(i):** If  $f$  is continuous, then we have by Lemma 3.1 that

$$(3.2.1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gfx_n = ft$$

and also

$$(3.2.2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^2x_n = ft.$$

Now from (ii) we get

$$S(gfx_n, gfx_n, gx_{n-1}) \leq \frac{S(f^2x_n, f^2x_n, gx_{n-1})[1 + S(f^2x_n, f^2x_n, gfx_n)]}{1 + S(f^2x_n, f^2x_n, fx_{n-1})} + \beta[S(f^2x_n, f^2x_n, fx_{n-1})]$$

Where  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha + \beta < 1$

on letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality and using (3.2.1) and (3.2.2), we get

$$S(ft, ft, t) \leq \frac{\alpha S(ft, ft, t)[1 + S(ft, ft, ft)]}{1 + S(ft, ft, t)} + \beta S(ft, ft, t)$$

$$\text{i.e. } S(ft, ft, t) \leq \frac{\alpha S(ft, ft, t)}{1 + S(ft, ft, t)} + \beta S(ft, ft, t)$$

$$S(ft, ft, t) < (\alpha + \beta)S(ft, ft, t)$$

which implies  $S(ft, ft, t) = 0$  and hence  $ft = t$

Also from (ii), we get

$$S(gt, gt, gx_{n-1}) \leq \frac{\alpha S(ft, ft, gx_{n-1})[1 + S(ft, ft, gt)]}{1 + S(ft, ft, fx_{n-1})} + \beta S(ft, ft, fx_{n-1})$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha + \beta < 1$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, we obtain

$$S(gt, gt, t) \leq \frac{\alpha S(ft, ft, t)[1 + S(ft, ft, t)]}{1 + S(ft, ft, t)} + \beta S(ft, ft, t)$$

since  $ft = t$ , we get  $S(gt, gt, t) = 0$  which implies  $gt = t$ , showing that  $t$  is a common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

**Case(ii) :** Now suppose that  $g$  is a continuous, then we have by Lemma 3.1, that

$$(3.2.3) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fgx_n = gt$$

$$(3.2.4) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g^2x_n = gt$$

Now from (ii), we get

$$(3.2.5) \quad S(g^2x_n, g^2x_n, gx_{n-1}) \leq \frac{S(fgx_n, fgx_n, gx_{n-1})[1 + S(fgx_n, fgx_n, g^2x_n)]}{1 + S(fgx_n, fgx_n, fx_{n-1})} + \beta[S(fgx_n, fgx_n, fx_{n-1})]$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha + \beta < 1$

on letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality and using (3.2.3) and (3.2.4), we get

$$S(gt, gt, t) \leq \frac{\alpha S(gt, gt, t)[1 + S(gt, gt, gt)]}{1 + S(gt, gt, t)} + \beta S(gt, gt, t) \\ < (\alpha + \beta)S(gt, gt, t)$$

which implies  $S(gt, gt, t) = 0$  and hence  $gt = t$

$$(\text{since } \alpha + \beta < 1, 1 + S(gt, gt, t) > 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{1 + S(gt, gt, t)} < 1)$$

From (i), we can find  $w \in X$  such that  $gt = fw$ . Now from (ii) we have

$$S(g^2x_n, g^2x_n, gw) \leq \frac{S(fgx_n, fgx_n, gw)[1 + S(fgx_n, fgx_n, g^2x_n)]}{1 + S(fgx_n, fgx_n, fw)} \\ + \beta[S(fgx_n, fgx_n, fw)]$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0, \alpha + \beta < 1$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality and using (3.2.3) and (3.2.4), we obtain

$$S(gt, gt, gw) \leq \frac{\alpha S(gt, gt, gw)[1 + S(gt, gt, gt)]}{1 + S(gt, gt, fw)} + \beta S(gt, gt, fw)$$

since  $t = gt = fw$ , we obtain

$$S(gt, gt, gw) \leq \frac{\alpha S(gt, gt, gw)(1)}{1}.$$

That is,  $S(gt, gt, gw) \leq \alpha S(gt, gt, gw)$

which implies that  $gt = gw$  since  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$

thus  $t = gt = gw = fw$ .

Now put  $y_n = w$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$  then  $fy_n \rightarrow fw$  and  $gy_n \rightarrow gw$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  since

$fw = gw$  and  $f, g$  are compatible

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(fgx_n, fgx_n, gfx_n) = 0$  giving  $S(fgw, fgw, gfw) = 0$  which implies that  $fgw = gfw$

since  $fw = gw = t$  we get  $ft = gt$  and since  $gt = t$ , it follows that  $ft = gt = t$ , showing that  $t$

is a common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

Finally to prove the uniqueness of common fixed point  $f$  and  $g$ .

Suppose  $u = fu = gu$  and  $v = fv = gv$  for some  $u, v \in X$

From (ii), we get

$$S(u, u, v) = S(gu, gu, gv) \leq \frac{\alpha S(fu, fu, gv)[1 + S(fu, fu, gu)]}{1 + S(fu, fu, fv)} + \beta S(fu, fu, fv)$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha + \beta < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} S(u, u, v) &\leq \frac{\alpha S(u, u, v)[1 + S(u, u, u)]}{1 + S(u, u, v)} + \beta S(u, u, v) \\ &= \frac{[\alpha + \beta]S(u, u, v)}{1 + S(u, u, v)} \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $S(u, u, v) = 0$  since  $\frac{S(u, u, v)}{1 + S(u, u, v)} < 1$  and hence  $u = v$ , proving the

theorem completely.

**3.3 Example:** Let  $X = [0, 1)$  and  $S(x, y, z) = d(x, y) + d(x, z) + d(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ , then  $(X, S)$  is a  $S$ -metric space. Define  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow X$

by  $f(x) = x$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{x}{2}$  for all  $x \in X$ . Then  $g(X) = [0, \frac{1}{2}) \subset [0, 1) = f(X)$ , clearly  $fg = gf$ ,

so that  $f$  and  $g$  are compatible. Also an associated sequence of  $x_0 = 0$  relative to the self maps  $f$  and  $g$  is given by  $x_n = 0$  for  $n \geq 0$  and since  $\{fx_n\}$  is a constant sequence converging

to '0', which is a point in  $X$  taking  $\alpha = 0, \beta = \frac{1}{2}$  then  $f$  and  $g$  satisfy the inequality (ii).

Thus the conditions (iii) and (v) of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied.

Hence by Theorem 3.2, '0' is the unique common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .



**REFERENCES**

- [1] Dhage B.C, Generalized metric spaces and mappings with fixed point, Bull. Calcutta. Math. Soc. 84(4)(1992), 329-336.
- [2] Dhage B.C, A common fixed point principle in D-metric spaces, Bull. Calcutta. Math. Soc 91, 6(1999), 475-480.
- [3] Jungck Gerald, Compatible mappings and common fixed points. Int. J. Math. Math. Soc. 9(1986),771-779.
- [4] Shaban Sedghi., Nabi Shobe., Haiyun Zhou, A common fixed point theorem in  $D^*$  - metric spaces, Fixed point Theory App. (2007)2007, 027906.
- [5] Shaban Sedghi., Nabi Shobe., Abdelkrim Aliouche, A generalization of fixed point theorems in  $S$  – metric spaces , Mat. Vesnik 64(3)(2012), 258-266.
- [6] Zead Mustafa., Brailey sims, A new approach to generalized metric spaces, J. Nonlinear Conv. Anal. 7(2)(2006), 289-297.