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## SOME FIXED POINT THEOREMS IN S-METRIC SPACES WITH NEW CONTRACTIVE MAPPINGS

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**Abstract:** The purpose of this paper is to introduce new contractive mapping in S-metric space using new class of function. We establish some fixed point theorems in context of these new contractive mapping in S-metric spaces.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In mathematics, Banach [1] in 1922, introduced a well-known theorem which is called Banach fixed point theorem (or Banach contraction Principle). It is a beautiful mixture of analysis, topology and geometry. It guarantees the existence and uniqueness of fixed points of certain self-maps of metric spaces and provides a constructive method to find those fixed points.

Let  $X$  be a complete metric space. A mapping  $T: X \rightarrow X$  is called a contraction mapping on  $X$  if there exists  $q \in [0, 1)$  such that  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq q d(x, y)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point. Because of its simplicity and usefulness, it has become very powerful tool in solving

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various problem such as nonlinear analysis, integral and differential equations, inclusions, dynamical system theory and mathematical economics. Later, in 1968, Kannan [9], proved the following fixed point theorem which is independent of the Banach contraction principle. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T$  be a self-map on  $X$ , if there exists  $c \in \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$  such that  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq c d(x, Tx) + c d(y, Ty)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

Using the concept of Hausdorff metric, Nadler [11] proved the fixed point theorem for multi-valued contraction maps, which is the generalization of Banach contraction principle [1]. Boyd and Wong [2] extended Banach contraction Principle to the non - linear contractive mappings.

Later on, this theorem was generalized by many authors in different metric spaces and also in generalized metric spaces. To study these generalizations, we can refer to ([3], [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [10], [12]). Sedghi et al. [15] introduce the concept of S-metric space and proved that this concept is the generalization of G-metric space [10] and  $D^*$  metric space [17]. Further in [15] authors proved that the notion of S-metric space is not the generalization of G-metric space and both metric spaces are independent of each other. More details regarding this space can be found in ([12], [14], [16]).

In this paper, we define a new class of function. Furthermore, we define some new contractive mappings which combine with the terms

$d(x, x, y), d(x, x, Tx), d(y, y, Ty), d(x, x, Ty), d(y, y, Tx)$  and  $d(Tx, Tx, y)$  by means of the member of newly defined class and prove some fixed point theorem using this new class of functions We begin by recalling some basic definitions and results for S- metric spaces that will be needed in the sequel.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1 [15]:** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. An S-metric on  $X$  is a mapping  $S : X^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  that satisfies the following condition:

(S<sub>1</sub>)  $S(x, y, z) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = z = 0$ ;

(S<sub>2</sub>)  $S(x, y, z) \leq S(x, x, a) + S(y, y, a) + S(z, z, a)$  for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$

The pair  $(X, S)$  is called an S-metric space.

**Example 2.2:** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$ .  $S(x, y, z) = |x - z| + |y - z|$ . Then  $S(x, y, z)$  is an S-metric on  $\mathbb{R}$ , which is known as usual S-metric space on  $X$ .

**Lemma 2.3[15]:** If  $S$  is an S-metric on a non-empty set  $X$ , then  $S(x, x, y) = S(y, y, x)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.4[13]:** Let  $(X, S)$  be a S-metric space. For  $r > 0$  and  $x \in X$ , we define the open ball with center in  $x$  and radius  $r$ , the set

$$B_S(x, r) = \{ y \in X : S(x, x, y) < r \}.$$

The topology induced by the S-metric is the topology determined by the base of all open balls in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.5[12]:** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $(X, S)$  is said to be convergent to  $x$ , denoted by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  if  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , or  $S(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Definition 2.6 [12]:** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $(X, S)$  is said to be Cauchy sequence if  $S(x_n, x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Definition 2.7 [12]:** An S-metric space  $(X, S)$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent.

**Example 2.8:** Let  $(X, S)$  be S-metric space, then the usual metric space on  $X$  defined in Example 2.2 is complete.

**Lemma 2.9([13], [14]):** Let  $(X, S)$  be S-metric space. If  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$  then  $S(x_n, x_n, y_n) \rightarrow S(x, x, y)$ .

**Lemma 2.10[16]:** Let  $(X, S)$  be an S-metric space and  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  is unique.

**Lemma 2.11([13], [15]):** Every sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of elements from S-metric space  $(X, S)$ , having the property that there exists  $\lambda \in [0, 1)$  such that  $S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \lambda S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , is a Cauchy.

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we define some new class of functions and then by defining new contractive mapping in S-metric spaces we are going to prove some fixed point theorems which are as follows:

**Definition 3.1:** For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define  $\Xi_m$  to be the set of all functions  $\eta: [0, +\infty)^m \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  such that

( $\eta_1$ )  $\eta(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m) < \max\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}$  if  $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m) \neq (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ ;

( $\eta_2$ )  $\{t_i^{(n)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, 1 \leq i \leq m$ , are  $m$  sequences in  $[0, +\infty)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_i^{(n)} = t_i < +\infty$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , then  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \eta(t_1^{(n)}, t_2^{(n)}, \dots, t_m^{(n)}) \leq \eta(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m)$ .

**Definition 3.2:** Let  $(X, S)$  be an S-metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  is said to be an  $\eta$ -contractive mapping of Type –I if there exists  $\eta \in \Xi_4$  and

$$S(Tx, Tx, Ty) \leq q \eta \left( S(x, x, y), S(x, x, Tx), S(y, y, Ty), \frac{S(x, x, Ty) + S(Tx, Tx, y)}{3} \right), \quad (3.1)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $q \in (0, 1)$ .

**Theorem 3.3:** Let  $(X, S)$  be a complete S-metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be an  $\eta$ -contractive mapping of Type – I. Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof:** Let  $x_0 \in X$ . Define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  as  $x_n = Tx_{n-1}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Assume that any two consecutive terms of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  are distinct; otherwise,  $T$  has a fixed point.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &\leq q \eta \left( S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})}{3} \right) \quad (3.2) \\ &< q \max \left\{ S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})}{3} \right\} \\ &= q \max \left\{ S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \frac{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})}{3} \right\} \\ &\leq q \max \left\{ S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \frac{2S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})}{3} \right\} \quad (3.3) \end{aligned}$$

Case 1: If  $S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq q S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$  then by Lemma 2.11 in view of (3.3),  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for  $q \in (0, 1)$ .

Case 2: If  $S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq q \left\{ \frac{2S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})}{3} \right\}$

Then,

$$3S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq q (2S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})), \text{ that is,}$$

$$(3 - q)S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq 2qS(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \text{ that is,}$$

$$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \frac{2q}{3-q}S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \text{ that is,}$$

$$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq tS(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \text{ where } t = \frac{2q}{3-q} \text{ which lies between 0 to 1 for all } q.$$

Therefore, we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &\leq t (tS(x_{n-2}, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1})) \\ &= t^2S(x_{n-2}, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}), \text{ that is,} \end{aligned}$$

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

By Lemma 2.11 and (S<sub>2</sub>) it follows that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

As  $(X, S)$  is a complete S-metric space, it follows that sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is *convergent* to some  $x \in X$ . Thus,  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Now, Consider

$$S(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tx) \leq q \eta \left( S(x_n, x_n, x), S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), S(x, x, Tx), \frac{S(x_n, x_n, Tx) + S(x, x, Tx_n)}{3} \right).$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(x, x, Tx) &\leq q \eta \left( S(x, x, x), S(x, x, x), S(x, x, Tx), \frac{S(x, x, Tx) + S(x, x, Tx)}{3} \right) \\ &< q \max \left\{ 0, 0, S(x, x, Tx), \frac{2S(x, x, Tx)}{3} \right\} \\ &= q S(x, x, Tx). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get,  $S(x, x, Tx) < q S(x, x, Tx)$ , where  $q \in (0, 1)$ , which is contradiction.

Therefore,  $Tx = x$ .

Now let  $Ty = y$  for some  $y \in X$  and suppose that  $x \neq y$ , then consider

$$\begin{aligned} S(x, x, y) &= S(Tx, Tx, Ty) \\ &\leq q \eta \left( S(x, x, y), S(x, x, Tx), S(y, y, Ty), \frac{S(x, x, Ty) + S(y, y, Tx)}{3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&< q \max \left\{ S(x, x, y), S(x, x, x), S(y, y, y), \frac{S(x, x, y) + S(y, y, x)}{3} \right\} \\
&= q \max \left\{ S(x, x, y), 0, 0, \frac{2S(x, x, y)}{3} \right\} \\
&= qS(x, x, y),
\end{aligned}$$

a contradiction. Therefore,  $x = y$ . ■

**Theorem 3.4:** Let  $(X, S)$  be a complete S-metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be an  $\eta$ -contractive mapping where  $\eta \in \mathbb{E}_4$  given by

$$S(Tx, Tx, Ty) \leq \eta \left( S(x, x, y), S(x, x, Tx), S(y, y, Ty), \frac{S(x, x, Ty) + S(Tx, Tx, y)}{3} \right), \quad (3.4)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof:** Let  $x_0 \in X$ . Define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  as  $x_n = Tx_{n-1}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Assume that any two consecutive terms of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  are distinct; otherwise,  $T$  has a fixed point.

Consider

$$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \eta \left( S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})}{3} \right) \quad (3.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&< \max \left\{ S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})}{3} \right\} \\
&= \max \left\{ S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \frac{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})}{3} \right\} \\
&\leq \max \left\{ S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \frac{2S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})}{3} \right\} \quad (3.6)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } \max \left\{ S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \frac{2S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})}{3} \right\} = \frac{2S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})}{3}$$

$$\text{then } S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \left\{ \frac{2S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})}{3} \right\}.$$

Therefore, we have

$$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \quad (3.7)$$

From (3.7), we see that  $\{S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\}$  is monotonically decreasing sequence and bounded below. Therefore,  $S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \rightarrow k, k \geq 0$ .

Now suppose that  $k > 0$ , taking  $\liminf \rightarrow +\infty$  in (3.5), we have  $k \leq \eta(k, k, k, k')$ , where

$$k' = \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})}{3} \\ &= \frac{2k+k}{3} = k. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $k \leq \eta(k, k, k, k') < \max\{k, k, k, k'\} = k$ , a contradiction.

Therefore, we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0 \quad (3.8)$$

Now suppose  $\{x_n\}$  is not a Cauchy sequence then there exist  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for any  $c \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist  $m_c > n_c \geq c$  such that

$$S(x_{m_c}, x_{m_c}, x_{n_c}) \geq \varepsilon \quad (3.9)$$

Suppose  $m_c$  is smallest natural number greater than  $n_c$  such that (3.9) holds. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &\leq S(x_{m_c}, x_{m_c}, x_{n_c}) \\ &\leq 2S(x_{m_c}, x_{m_c}, x_{m_{c-1}}) + S(x_{n_c}, x_{n_c}, x_{m_{c-1}}) \\ &< 2S(x_{m_c}, x_{m_c}, x_{m_{c-1}}) + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $\lim c \rightarrow +\infty$ , we get

$$\lim_{c \rightarrow +\infty} S(x_{m_c}, x_{m_c}, x_{n_c}) = \varepsilon \quad (3.10)$$

Now consider,

$$\begin{aligned} S(x_{m_c}, x_{m_c}, x_{n_c}) &\leq 2S(x_{m_c}, x_{m_c}, x_{m_{c+1}}) + S(x_{n_c}, x_{n_c}, x_{m_{c+1}}) \\ &\leq 2S(x_{m_c}, x_{m_c}, x_{m_{c+1}}) + \\ &\quad \eta \left( S(x_{m_c}, x_{m_c}, x_{n_{c-1}}), S(x_{m_c}, x_{m_c}, x_{m_{c+1}}), S(x_{n_{c-1}}, x_{n_{c-1}}, x_{n_c}), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{S(x_{m_c}, x_{m_c}, x_{m_{c+1}}) + S(x_{n_c}, x_{n_c}, x_{m_{c+1}})}{3} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as  $c \rightarrow +\infty$ , on both sides and using (3.8) and (3.10) we get,

$\varepsilon \leq 2.0 + \eta(\varepsilon, 0, 0, \varepsilon')$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon' &= \limsup_{c \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{S(x_{m_c}, x_{m_c}, x_{m_{c+1}}) + S(x_{n_c}, x_{n_c}, x_{m_{c+1}})}{3} \\ &\leq \limsup_{c \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{S(x_{m_c}, x_{m_c}, x_{m_{c+1}}) + 2S(x_{n_c}, x_{n_c}, x_{m_c}) + S(x_{m_c}, x_{m_c}, x_{m_{c+1}})}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{0+2\varepsilon+0}{3} = \frac{2\varepsilon}{3}.$$

Therefore,  $\varepsilon \leq 0 + \eta \left( \varepsilon, 0, 0, \frac{2\varepsilon}{3} \right) < \max \left\{ \varepsilon, 0, 0, \frac{2\varepsilon}{3} \right\} = \varepsilon$ ,

which is contradiction. Thus,  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. As  $(X, S)$  is a complete S-metric space, it follows that sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent to some  $x \in X$ .

Thus,  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Now, consider

$$S(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tx) \leq \eta \left( S(x_n, x_n, x), S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), S(x, x, Tx), \frac{S(x_n, x_n, Tx) + S(x, x, Tx_n)}{3} \right)$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(x, x, Tx) &\leq \eta \left( S(x, x, x), S(x, x, x), S(x, x, Tx), \frac{S(x, x, Tx) + S(x, x, Tx)}{3} \right) \\ &< \max \left\{ 0, 0, S(x, x, Tx), \frac{2S(x, x, Tx)}{3} \right\} \\ &= S(x, x, Tx). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get,  $S(x, x, Tx) < S(x, x, Tx)$ , which is contradiction.

Therefore,  $Tx = x$ .

Now let  $Ty = y$  for some  $y \in X$  and suppose that  $x \neq y$ , then consider

$$\begin{aligned} S(x, x, y) &= S(Tx, Tx, Ty) \\ &\leq \eta \left( S(x, x, y), S(x, x, Tx), S(y, y, Ty), \frac{S(x, x, Ty) + S(y, y, Tx)}{3} \right) \\ &< \max \left\{ S(x, x, y), S(x, x, x), S(y, y, y), \frac{S(x, x, y) + S(y, y, x)}{3} \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ S(x, x, y), 0, 0, \frac{2S(x, x, y)}{3} \right\} \\ &= S(x, x, y), \end{aligned}$$

which is contradiction. Therefore,  $x = y$ . ■

**Definition 3.5:** Let  $(X, S)$  be an S-metric space. The mapping  $T: X \rightarrow X$  is said to be an  $\eta$ -contractive mapping of Type –II if there exists  $\eta \in \Xi_5$  and

$$S(Tx, Tx, Ty) \leq q \eta \left( S(x, x, y), S(x, x, Tx), S(y, y, Ty), \frac{S(x, x, Ty)}{3}, S(Tx, Tx, y) \right), \quad (3.11)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $q \in (0, 1)$ .



**Theorem 3.6:** Let  $(X, S)$  be a complete S-metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be an  $\eta$ -contractive mapping of Type – II. Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof:** Let  $x_0 \in X$ . Define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  as  $x_n = Tx_{n-1}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Assume that any two consecutive terms of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  are distinct; otherwise,  $T$  has a fixed point.

Consider

$$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq q \eta \left( S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})}{3}, S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \right) \quad (3.12)$$

$$< q \max \left\{ S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), \frac{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})}{3} \right\}$$

$$= q \max \left\{ S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \frac{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1})}{3} \right\}$$

$$\leq q \max \left\{ S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \frac{2S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})}{3} \right\} \quad (3.13)$$

Case 1: If  $S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq q S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$  then by Lemma 2.11 in view of (3.13),  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $q \in (0, 1)$ .

Case 2: If  $S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq q \left\{ \frac{2S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})}{3} \right\}$ .

Then,

$$3S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq q (2S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})), \text{ that is,}$$

$$(3 - q) S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq 2qS(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \text{ that is,}$$

$$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \frac{2q}{3-q} S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \text{ that is,}$$

$$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq t S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \text{ where } t = \frac{2q}{3-q} \text{ which lies between 0 to 1 for all } q.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq t (tS(x_{n-2}, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}))$$

$$= t^2 S(x_{n-2}, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1})$$

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$$\leq t^n S(x_0, x_0, x_1).$$

By Lemma 2.11 and (S<sub>2</sub>) it follows that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

As  $(X, S)$  is a complete S-metric space, it follows that sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent to some  $x \in X$ . Thus,  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Now consider,

$$S(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tx) \leq q \eta \left( S(x_n, x_n, x), S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), S(x, x, Tx), \frac{S(x_n, x_n, Tx)}{3}, S(x, x, Tx_n) \right)$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(x, x, Tx) &\leq q \eta \left( S(x, x, x), S(x, x, x), S(x, x, Tx), \frac{S(x, x, Tx)}{3}, S(x, x, x) \right) \\ &< q \max \left\{ 0, 0, S(x, x, Tx), \frac{2S(x, x, Tx)}{3}, 0 \right\} \\ &= q S(x, x, Tx). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get,  $S(x, x, Tx) < q S(x, x, Tx)$  where  $q \in (0, 1)$ , which is contradiction.

Therefore,  $Tx = x$ .

Now let  $Ty = y$  for some  $y \in X$  and suppose that  $x \neq y$ , then consider

$$\begin{aligned} S(x, x, y) &= S(Tx, Tx, Ty) \\ &\leq q \eta \left( S(x, x, y), S(x, x, Tx), S(y, y, Ty), \frac{S(x, x, Ty)}{3}, S(y, y, Tx) \right) \\ &< q \max \left\{ S(x, x, y), S(x, x, x), S(y, y, y), \frac{S(x, x, y)}{3}, S(y, y, x) \right\} \\ &= q \max \left\{ S(x, x, y), 0, 0, \frac{S(x, x, y)}{3}, S(x, x, y) \right\} \\ &= q S(x, x, y), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $x = y$ . ■

**Theorem 3.7:** Let  $(X, S)$  be a complete S-metric space. Let  $T$  be a mapping  $T: X \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} S(Tx, Tx, Ty) &\leq \alpha \max\{S(x, x, Tx), S(y, y, Ty), S(x, x, y)\} \\ &\quad + \beta \{S(x, x, Ty) + S(y, y, Tx)\}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

$\alpha, \beta > 0$  such that  $\alpha + 3\beta < 1$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof:** Let  $x_0 \in X$ . Define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  as

$$x_n = Tx_{n-1} = T^n x_0, \tag{3.15}$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ .

By (3.14) and (3.15) we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
 S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &= S(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\
 &\leq \alpha \max\{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}), S(x_n, x_n, Tx_n), S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)\} + \\
 &\quad \beta \{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, Tx_n) + S(x_n, x_n, Tx_{n-1})\} \\
 &= \alpha \max\{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)\} \\
 &\quad + \beta \{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) + S(x_n, x_n, x_n)\} \\
 &\leq \alpha \max\{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\} \\
 &\quad + \beta \{2S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\}, \text{ that is,} \\
 S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &\leq \alpha A_1 + \beta \{2S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\}, \tag{3.16}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $A_1 = \max\{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\}$

Now two cases arises:

**Case I:** Suppose that  $A_1 = S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$ , then from (3.16)

$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \alpha S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + 2\beta S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + \beta S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})$ , that is,

$(1 - \beta)S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq (\alpha + 2\beta)S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$ , that is,

$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \frac{\alpha+2\beta}{(1-\beta)} S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$ , that is,

$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \kappa S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$ , where  $\kappa = \frac{\alpha+2\beta}{(1-\beta)} < 1$ .

Thus, we have

$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \kappa(\kappa S(x_{n-2}, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}))$ .

Continue this process, we get

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

**Case II:** Suppose that  $A_1 = S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})$ , then by (3.16), we have

$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \alpha S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + 2\beta S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + \beta S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})$ , that is,

$(1 - \alpha - \beta)S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq 2\beta S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$ , or,

$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \frac{2\beta}{1-\alpha-\beta} S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$ , that is,

$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \kappa S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$ , where  $\kappa = \frac{2\beta}{1-\alpha-\beta} < 1$ .

$$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \kappa(\kappa(S(x_{n-2}, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}))).$$

Continue this process, we get

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

Thus, from both the cases and by Lemma 2.11 it follows that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

As  $(X, S)$  is a complete S-metric space, it follows that sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent to some  $z \in X$ . That is,  $x_n \rightarrow z$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Now, we show that  $z$  is the fixed point of  $T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} S(z, z, Tz) &\leq 2S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + S(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, Tz) \\ &= 2S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + S(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tz), \text{ that is,} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S(z, z, Tz) &\leq 2S(z, z, x_{n+1}) \\ &\quad + \alpha \max\{S(x_n, x_n, Tx_n), S(z, z, Tz), S(x_n, x_n, z)\} \\ &\quad + \beta\{S(x_n, x_n, Tz) + S(z, z, Tx_n)\} \\ &= 2S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + \alpha \max\{S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), S(z, z, Tz), S(x_n, x_n, z)\} \\ &\quad + \beta\{S(x_n, x_n, Tz) + S(z, z, x_{n+1})\} \\ &\leq 2S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + \alpha \max\{S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), S(z, z, Tz), S(x_n, x_n, z)\} \\ &\quad + \beta\{2S(x_n, x_n, z) + S(z, z, Tz) + S(z, z, x_{n+1})\}, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$(1 - \beta)S(z, z, Tz) \leq (2 + \beta)S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + 2\beta S(x_n, x_n, z) + \alpha A_2, \quad (3.17)$$

where  $A_2 = \max\{S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}), S(z, z, Tz), S(x_n, x_n, z)\}$

**Case I:** Suppose that  $A_2 = S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})$ , then from (3.17), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \beta)S(z, z, Tz) &\leq (2 + \beta)S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + 2\beta S(x_n, x_n, z) + \alpha S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \\ &\leq (2 + \beta)S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + 2\beta S(x_n, x_n, z) + \alpha\{2S(x_n, x_n, z) + \\ &\quad S(z, z, x_{n+1})\}, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$(1 - \beta)S(z, z, Tz) \leq (2 + \beta + \alpha)S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + 2(\alpha + \beta) S(x_n, x_n, z), \text{ that is,}$$

$$S(z, z, Tz) \leq \frac{(2+\alpha+\beta)}{(1-\beta)} S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + \frac{2(\alpha+\beta)}{(1-\beta)} S(x_n, x_n, z).$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(z, z, Tz) = 0 \Rightarrow Tz = z.$$

Therefore,  $z$  is the fixed point of  $T$ .

**Case II:** Suppose that  $A_2 = S(z, z, Tz)$  then from (3.17)

$$(1 - \beta)S(z, z, Tz) \leq (2 + \beta)S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + 2\beta S(x_n, x_n, z) + \alpha S(z, z, Tz), \text{ that is,}$$

$$(1 - \alpha - \beta)S(z, z, Tz) \leq (2 + \beta)S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + 2\beta S(x_n, x_n, z), \text{ that is,}$$

$$S(z, z, Tz) \leq S \frac{(2+\beta)}{(1-\alpha-\beta)} (z, z, x_{n+1}) + \frac{2\beta}{((1-\alpha-\beta))} S(x_n, x_n, z).$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(z, z, Tz) = 0 \Rightarrow Tz = z$$

Therefore,  $z$  is the fixed point of  $T$ .

**Case III:** Suppose that  $A_2 = S(x_n, x_n, z)$  then from (3.17)

$$(1 - \beta)S(z, z, Tz) \leq (2 + \beta)S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + 2\beta S(x_n, x_n, z) + \alpha S(x_n, x_n, z), \text{ that is,}$$

$$S(z, z, Tz) \leq \frac{(2+\beta)}{(1-\beta)} S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + \frac{2\beta+\alpha}{(1-\beta)} S(x_n, x_n, z).$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(z, z, Tz) = 0 \Rightarrow Tz = z.$$

Therefore,  $z$  is the fixed point of  $T$ .

### Uniqueness of the fixed point:

We have to show that  $z$  is the unique fixed point of  $T$ .

Let  $z'$  be another fixed point of  $T$  then we have  $Tz' = z'$ .

Now,  $S(z, z, z') = S(Tz, Tz, Tz')$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \alpha \max\{S(z, z, Tz), S(z', z', Tz'), S(z, z, Tz')\} + \beta\{S(z, z, Tz') + S(z', z', z)\} \\ &\leq \alpha \max\{S(z, z, z), S(z', z', z'), S(z, z, z')\} + \beta\{S(z, z, z') + S(z', z', z)\} \\ &= \alpha S(z, z, z') + 2\beta S(z, z, z') \\ &= (\alpha + 2\beta)S(z, z, z'). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get

$$S(z, z, z') \leq (\alpha + 2\beta)S(z, z, z'), \text{ that is,}$$

$$S(z, z, z') < (1 - \beta) S(z, z, z') \text{ where } q > 0 \text{ with } \alpha + 3\beta < 1, \text{ a contradiction.}$$

Therefore  $z = z'$ .

Hence  $z$  is the unique fixed point. This completes the proof.  $\blacksquare$

**Example 3.8:** Let  $X = [0,1]$ . Let us consider the usual S-metric on  $X$  defined as follows

$S(x, y, z) = |x - z| + |y - z|$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Let  $Tx = \frac{x}{3}$  for all  $x \in [0,1]$ . Then  $T$  is a self-mapping on the S-metric space  $[0,1]$ .

Here we have  $S(Tx, Tx, Ty) = \frac{2}{3}|x - y|$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha \max\{S(x, x, Tx), S(y, y, Ty), S(x, x, y)\} + \beta \{S(x, x, Ty) + S(y, y, Tx)\} \\ & = \alpha \max\{2|x - Tx|, 2|y - Ty|, 2|x - y|\} + \beta\{2|x - Ty| + |y - Tx|\} \end{aligned}$$

which for all value of  $x, y \in [0,1]$ , condition (3.14) is satisfied with  $\alpha + 3\beta < 1$ .

Therefore,  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $x = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.9:** Let  $(X, S)$  be a complete S-metric space. Let  $T$  be a mapping  $T: X \rightarrow X$  such that

$$S(Tx, Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha\{S(x, x, Tx) + S(y, y, Ty)\} + \beta\{S(x, x, Ty) + S(y, y, Tx)\}, \quad (3.18)$$

where  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  such that  $2\alpha + 3\beta < 1$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof:** Let  $x_0 \in X$ . Define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  as

$$x_n = Tx_{n-1} = T^n x_0, \quad (3.19)$$

for all  $n \geq 1$

By (3.18) and (3.19), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &= S(Tx_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ &\leq \alpha\{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, Tx_{n-1}) + S(x_n, x_n, Tx_n)\} + \beta\{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, Tx_n) \\ &\quad + S(x_n, x_n, Tx_{n-1})\} \\ &= \alpha\{S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\} + \beta\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n+1}) \\ + S(x_n, x_n, x_n) \end{array} \right\} \\ &\leq \alpha S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + \alpha S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + 2\beta S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ &\quad + \beta\{S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\}, \text{ that is,} \end{aligned}$$

$$(1 - \alpha - \beta)S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq (\alpha + 2\beta)S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \text{ or,}$$

$$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \frac{(\alpha + 2\beta)}{(1 - \alpha - \beta)} S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n), \text{ that is,}$$

$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \kappa S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n)$ , where  $\kappa = \frac{(\alpha+2\beta)}{(1-\alpha-\beta)} < 1$ .

Hence, by Lemma 2.11 and (S<sub>2</sub>) it follows that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

As  $(X, S)$  is a complete S-metric space, it follows that sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent to some point  $z \in X$ .

That is,  $x_n \rightarrow z$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Now, we show that  $z$  is the fixed point of  $T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} S(z, z, Tz) &\leq 2S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + S(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, Tz) \\ &= 2S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + S(Tx_n, Tx_n, Tz) \\ &\leq 2S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + \alpha\{S(x_n, x_n, Tx_n) + S(z, z, Tz)\} \\ &\quad + \beta\{S(x_n, x_n, Tz) + S(z, z, Tx_n)\} \\ &\leq 2S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + \alpha\{S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + S(z, z, Tz)\} \\ &\quad + \beta\{S(x_n, x_n, Tz) + S(z, z, x_{n+1})\}, \text{ that is,} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha)S(z, z, Tz) &\leq (2 + \beta)S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + \alpha S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + \beta S(x_n, x_n, Tz) \\ &\leq (2 + \beta)S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + \alpha S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + 2\beta S(x_n, x_n, z) + \beta S(z, z, Tz), \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$(1 - \alpha - \beta)S(z, z, Tz) \leq (2 + \beta)S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + \alpha S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + 2\beta S(x_n, x_n, z), \text{ that is,}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S(z, z, Tz) &\leq \frac{(2 + \beta)}{(1 - \alpha - \beta)} S(z, z, x_{n+1}) + \frac{\alpha}{(1 - \alpha - \beta)} S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \\ &\quad + \frac{2\beta}{(1 - \alpha - \beta)} S(x_n, x_n, z) \end{aligned}$$

Now, taking  $\lim n \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(z, z, Tz) = 0 \implies Tz = z$$

Therefore,  $z$  is the fixed point of  $T$ .

### Uniqueness of the fixed point:

We have to show that  $z$  is the unique fixed point of  $T$ .

Let  $z'$  be another fixed point of  $T$  then we have  $Tz' = z'$ .

Now,  $S(z, z, z') = S(Tz, Tz, Tz')$

$$\leq \alpha\{S(z, z, Tz) + S(z', z', Tz')\} + \beta\{S(z, z, Tz') + S(z', z', Tz)\}$$

$$= \alpha\{S(z, z, z) + S(z', z', z')\} + \beta\{S(z, z, z') + S(z', z', z)\}, \text{ that is,}$$

$S(z, z, z') \leq 2\beta S(z, z, z')$  with  $\beta > 0$  such that  $2\alpha + 3\beta < 1$ , a contradiction.

Therefore  $z = z'$ .

Hence  $z$  is the unique fixed point. This completes the proof. ■

### CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interests.

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