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### A COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR COMPATIBLE MAPPINGS IN S METRIC SPACE

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#### ABSTRACT

The aim of this paper is to present a common fixed point theorem in a S metric space which extends the results of P.C. Lohani and V.H. Bhadshah using the weaker conditions such as Weakly compatible and Associated sequence. Very recently Sedghi, Shobe and Aliouche [14] introduced S –metric space as a generalization of metric space and several researchers have proved fixed point theorems for self maps of such spaces.

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#### INTRODUCTION

G.Jungck gave a common fixed point theorem for commuting mapping maps, which generalizes the Banach's fixed point theorem. This result was further generalized and extended in various ways by many authors. S.Sessa [5] defined weak commutativity and proved common fixed point theorems for weakly commuting maps. Further G. Jungck [1] initiated the concept of compatible maps which is weaker than weakly commuting maps. After wards Jungck and Rhoades [4] defined weaker class of maps known as weakly compatible maps. *D\*-metric spaces* by Sedghi, Shobe and Zhou [13] and most recently *S-metric spaces* by Sedghi, Shobe and Aliouche [24] were introduced. Also several fixed point theorems for self maps of S-metric spaces were established in recent years. For examples, see [11],[12],[19],[24] and [25].

In this we deal with S-metric spaces defined in [24] (Definition 2.1) as follows

The purpose of this paper is to prove a common fixed point theorem for four self maps using weakly compatible mappings.

#### Definitions and Preliminaries

**1.1 Definition** In this section we present some preliminary results needed for our purpose. We begin with **Definition** ([4]). Let  $X$  be a non empty set. An *S-metric* on  $X$  is a function  $S: X^3 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  that satisfies the conditions given below for  $x, y, z, w \in X$

(i)  $S(x, y, z) \geq 0$

(ii)  $S(x, y, z) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = z$

and

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$$(iii) S(x, y, z) \leq S(x, x, w) + S(y, y, w) + (z, z, w)$$

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

If  $(X, S)$  is an S-metric space it is shown in ([4], Lemma 2.5) that (2.2)  $S(x, x, y) = S(y, y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and as a consequence of (iii) of

**1.2 Definition** 2.1 and (2.2) we have (2.3)  $S(x, x, y) \leq 2.S(x, y, z) + S(x, y, z)$  for  $x, y, z \in X$

A Sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $(X, S)$  is said to

- (i) Converge to  $x$  if to each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a natural number  $n_0$  such that  $S(x_n, x_n, x) < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq n_0$  and
- (ii) be a *Cauchy Sequence* if to each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a natural number  $n_0$  such that  $S(x_n, x_m, x_m) < \varepsilon$  for all  $m \geq n_0, n \geq n_0$ . It is shown in ([4], Lemma 2.10 and Lemma 2.11) that in an S-metric space  $(X, S)$  if  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  then  $x$  is unique and that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy Sequence. An S-metric space is said to be *complete* if every Cauchy Sequence in it converges to a point in  $X$ . It is easy to prove : (2.4) If  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $X$  are converging respectively to  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(x_n, x_n, y_n) = S(x, x, y)$  ([14], Lemma 2.12)

**1.3 Definition** . If  $f$  and  $g$  are mappings from a S metric space  $(X, S)$  into itself are called weakly commuting mappings on  $X$  ,if  $S(fgx, fgx, gfx) \leq S(fx, fx, gx)$  for all  $x$  in  $X$ .

**1.4 Definition:** Two self maps  $f$  and  $g$  of a S metric space  $(X, S)$  are said to be compatible mappings if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(fgx_n, fgx_n, gfx_n) = 0$  Whenever  $\langle x_n \rangle$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g x_n = t$  for some  $t \in X$  .Clearly commuting mappings are weakly commuting ,but the converse is not necessarily true.

**1.5 Definition** : Two self maps  $f$  and  $g$  of a S metric space  $(X, S)$  are said to be weakly compatible if they commute at their coincidence point that is if  $fu = gu$  for  $u \in X$  then  $fgu = gfx$ .

It is clear that every compatible pair is weakly compatible but its converse need not be true.

P.C Lohani and V H Badshah proved the following theorem.

**Theorem (A)**

Let  $P, Q, f$  and  $g$  be self mappings from a complete S metric space  $(X, S)$  into itself satisfying the following conditions

$$f(x) \subset Q(x) \text{ and } g(x) \subset P(x) \dots\dots\dots(a)$$

$$S(fx, fx, gy) \leq \frac{\alpha S(Qy, Qy, gy)[1+S(Px, Px, fx)]}{1+S(Px, Px, Qy)} + \beta S(Px, Px, Qy) \text{ for all } x, y \text{ in } X \text{ where } \alpha, \beta \geq 0, \alpha + \beta < 1 \dots\dots\dots(b)$$

$$\text{One of } P, Q, f \text{ and } g \text{ is continuous} \dots\dots\dots(c)$$

$$\text{Pair } (f, P) \text{ and } (g, Q) \text{ are compatible on } X \dots\dots\dots(d)$$

Then  $P, Q, f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point in  $X$ .

Associated sequence Suppose  $P, Q, f$  and  $g$  are self maps of a S metric space  $(X, S)$  satisfying the condition (1). Then for an arbitrary  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $f x_0 = Q x_1$  and for this point  $x_1$ , there exist a point  $x_2$  in  $X$  such that  $g x_1 = P x_2$  and so on. Proceeding in the similar manner, we can define a sequence  $\langle y_n \rangle$  in  $X$  such that  $y_{2n} = f x_{2n} = Q y_{2n+1}$  and  $y_{2n+1} = P x_{2n+2} = g x_{2n+1}$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

We shall call this sequence as an ‘‘Associated sequence of  $x_0$ ’’ relative to the four self maps  $P, Q, f$  and  $g$ .

**Lemma:** Let  $P, Q, f$  and  $g$  be self mappings from a complete S metric space  $(X, S)$  into itself satisfying the condition (a) and (b)

$$f(x) \subset Q(x) \text{ and } g(x) \subset P(x) \dots\dots\dots(a)$$

$$S(fx, fx, gy) \leq \frac{\alpha S(Qy, Qy, gy)[1+S(Px, Px, fx)]}{1+S(Px, Px, Qy)} + \beta S(Px, Px, Qy) \text{ for all } x, y \text{ in } X \text{ where } \alpha, \beta \geq 0, \alpha + \beta < 1 \dots\dots\dots(b)$$

Then the associated sequence  $\langle y_n \rangle$  relative to four self maps is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

**Proof**

From (2), we have

$$S(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) = S(fx_{2n}, fx_{2n}, g x_{2n+1}) \leq \frac{\alpha S(Q x_{2n+1}, Q x_{2n+1}, g x_{2n+1})[1+S(Px_{2n}, Px_{2n}, fx_{2n})]}{1+S(Px_{2n}, Px_{2n}, Qy_{2n+1})} + \beta S(Px_{2n}, Px_{2n}, Qy_{2n+1})$$

$$= \frac{\alpha S(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) [1 + S(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n-1}, y_{2n+1})]}{1 + S(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n-1}, y_{2n})} + \beta S(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n-1}, y_{2n})$$

$$= \alpha S(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) + \beta S(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n-1}, y_{2n})$$

$$S(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) \leq \frac{\beta}{(1 - \alpha)} S(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n-1}, y_{2n})$$

$$S(y_{2n}, y_{2n}, y_{2n+1}) \leq h S(y_{2n-1}, y_{2n-1}, y_{2n}) \text{ where } h = \frac{\beta}{(1 - \alpha)}$$

Now

$$S(y_n, y_n, y_{n+1}) \leq h S(y_{n-1}, y_{n-1}, y_n)$$

$$\leq h^2 S(y_{n-2}, y_{n-2}, y_{n-1})$$

$$\leq h^n S(y_0, y_0, y_1)$$

For every integer  $p > 0$  we get

$$S(y_n, y_n, y_{n+p}) \leq S(y_n, y_n, y_{n+1}) + S(y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}) + \dots + S(y_{n+p-1}, y_{n+p-1}, y_{n+p})$$

$$\leq h^n S(y_0, y_0, y_1) + h^{n+1} S(y_0, y_0, y_1) + \dots + h^{n+p-1} S(y_0, y_0, y_1)$$

$$= h^n (1 + h + \dots + h^{p-1}) S(y_0, y_0, y_1)$$

Since  $h < 1$ ,  $h^n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  so that  $S(y_n, y_n, y_{n+p}) \rightarrow 0$

This shows that the sequence  $\langle y_n \rangle$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and since  $X$  is a complete  $S$  metric space ;it converges to a limit say  $z \in X$

The converse of the lemma is not true that is  $P, Q, f$  and  $g$  are self maps of a  $S$  metric space  $(X, S)$  satisfying (a) and (b) even if for  $x_0 \in X$  and for associated sequence of  $x_0$  converges the  $S$  metric space  $(X, S)$  need not be complete.

**Example:** Let  $X = (-1, 1)$  with  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$

$$f x = g x = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5} & \text{if } -1 < x < \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6} & \text{if } \frac{1}{6} \leq x < 1 \end{cases}$$

$$P x = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5} & \text{if } -1 < x < \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{6x+5}{36} & \text{if } \frac{1}{6} \leq x < 1 \end{cases} \quad Q x = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5} & \text{if } -1 < x < \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{3} - x & \text{if } \frac{1}{6} \leq x < 1 \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X) = g(X) = \{\frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{6}\}$ , while  $P(X) = \{\frac{1}{5} \cup [\frac{1}{6}, \frac{11}{36}]\}$ ,  $Q(X) = \{\frac{1}{5} \cup [\frac{1}{6}, \frac{-2}{3}]\}$  so that  $f(x) \subset Q(x)$  and  $g(x) \subset P(x)$  proving the condition (a). Clearly  $(X, d)$  is not a complete metric space. It is easy to prove that the associated sequence  $f x_0, g x_1, f x_2, g x_3, \dots, f x_{2n}, g x_{2n+1}, \dots$  converges to  $\frac{1}{5}$  if  $-1 < x < \frac{1}{6}$  or  $\frac{1}{6} \leq x < 1$ , the associated sequence is converges to  $\frac{1}{6}$ . Now we prove our theorem.

**Theorem (B)**

Let  $P, Q, f$  and  $g$  be self mappings from a complete  $S$  metric space  $(X, S)$  into itself satisfying the following conditions

$$f(x) \subset Q(x) \text{ and } g(x) \subset P(x) \dots \dots \dots (e)$$

$$S(fx, fx, gy) \leq \frac{\alpha S(Qy, Qy, gy) [1 + S(Px, Px, fx)]}{1 + S(Px, Px, Qy)} + \beta S(Px, Px, Qy) \text{ for all } x, y \text{ in } X \text{ where } \alpha, \beta \geq 0, \alpha + \beta < 1 \dots \dots \dots (f')$$

and the conditions .The pairs  $(f, P)$  and  $(g, Q)$  are weakly compatible and One of  $P, Q, f$  and  $g$  is continuous also the associated sequence relative to four self maps  $P, Q, f$  and  $g$  such that the sequence  $f x_0, g x_1, f x_2, g x_3, \dots, f x_{2n}, g x_{2n+1}$  converges to  $z \in X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  -----(g'). Then  $P, Q, f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point  $z$  in  $X$

**Proof:**

From the condition (3)  $f x_0, g x_1, f x_2, g x_3, \dots, f x_{2n}, g x_{2n+1}$  converges to  $z \in X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

Since  $f(x) \subset Q(x)$  then there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $z = Qu$  we prove that  $Qu = gu = z$ .

we consider

$$\begin{aligned} S(gu, gu, z) = S(z, z, gu) = S(fx_{2n}, fx_{2n}, gu) &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\alpha S(Qu, Qu, gu)[1 + S(Px_{2n}, Px_{2n}, fx_{2n})]}{1 + S(Px_{2n}, Px_{2n}, Qu)} \\ &\quad + \beta S(Px, Px, Qu) \\ &= \frac{\alpha S(z, z, gu)[1 + S(z, z, z)]}{1 + S(z, z, z)} + \beta S(z, z, z) \\ &= \alpha S(z, z, gu) \\ S(z, z, gu) &\leq \alpha S(z, z, gu) \end{aligned}$$

$(1-\alpha)S(z, z, gu) \leq 0$  which implies that  $z = gu$

Therefore  $Qu = gu = z$

Since  $(Q, g)$  is weakly compatible  $Qu = gQu$

Which implies  $Qz = gz$

and  $g(x) \subset P(x)$  there exists  $v \in X$  such that  $z = Pv$

we solve  $fv = Pv$

$$S(fv, fv, gx_{2n+1}) \leq \frac{\alpha S(Qx_{2n+1}, Qx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+1})[1 + S(Pv, Pv, fv)]}{1 + S(Pv, Pv, Qx_{2n+1})} + \beta S(Pv, Pv, Qx_{2n+1})$$

$$S(fv, fv, z) \leq 0$$

Which implies that  $fv = z$

Since  $fv = Pv = z$  and  $(f, P)$  is weakly compatible  $fPv = Pfv$  which implies that  $fz = Pz$ .

Now consider  $S(fz, fz, z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(fz, fz, gu)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\alpha S(Qu, Qu, gu)[1 + S(Pz, Pz, fz)]}{1 + S(Pz, Pz, Qu)} + \beta S(Pz, Pz, Qu) \\ &= \beta S(fz, fz, z) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\alpha + \beta < 1$

$$S(fz, fz, z) = 0$$

Which implies that  $fz = z$

Which implies that  $fz = Pz$

Therefore  $z$  is common fixed point of  $f$  and  $P$

Again we consider

$$\begin{aligned} S(z, z, gz) = S(fz, fz, gz) &\leq \frac{\alpha S(Qz, Qz, gz)(1 + S(Pz, Pz, fz))}{1 + S(Pz, Pz, Qz)} + \beta S(Pz, Pz, Qz) \\ &= \beta S(z, z, gz) \end{aligned}$$

Which implies  $S(z, z, gz) \leq \beta S(z, z, gz)$

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

$$S(z, z, gz) = 0$$

Thus  $gz = z$

Therefore  $z = Qz = gz$  then  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $g$  and  $Q$

This gives  $S(fz, fz, z) \leq \beta S(fz, fz, z)$

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

$$S(fz, fz, z) = 0$$

Thus  $fz = z$

Therefore  $fz = Pz = z = Qu$

This shows that  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $P$  and  $f$

Therefore  $Pz = Qz = fz = gz = z$  showing that  $z$  is a common fixed point of  $P, Q, f$  and  $g$ .

**Remark:** Theorem (B) is a generalization of Theorem(A) by virtue of the weaker conditions such as weakly compatibility of the pairs  $(f, P)$  and  $(g, Q)$  in place of compatibility; and associated sequence relative to four self maps  $P, Q, f$  and  $g$  in place of the complete metric space.

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