

A COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREM FOR FOUR LIMIT COINCIDENTLY COMMUTING SELFMAPS OF A S -METRIC SPACE

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Abstract

In this paper we prove a common fixed point theorem for four selfmaps of a S -metric space. Also we deduce a common fixed point theorem for four selfmaps of a complete S -metric space. Moreover we show that a common fixed point theorem for four selfmaps of a metric space proved by Brian Fisher follows as a particular case.

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1 Introduction

Fixed point theorems are extensively studied in the literature for several reasons and one of the reason is that there are a quite number of problems in integral and differential equations, for which solutions can be equivalently formulated as a fixed point of some operator on a suitable space. In an attempt to generalize fixed point theorems proved for selfmaps of metric spaces, Dhage [2,3] has introduced generalized metric spaces called D -metric space in his *Ph.D.* thesis [1] in the year 1984 which is a landmark in the history of metric fixed point theory in higher dimensional metric spaces. As a probable modification to D -metric spaces, Sedghi, Shobe and Zhou [11] introduced D^* -metric spaces. In 2006, Mustafa and Sims [10] initiated G -metric spaces; while Sedghi, Shobe and Aliouche [12] considered S -metric spaces in 2012. Hereafter we consider, in this paper, only S -metric spaces and common fixed point theorems on such spaces.

The notion of commutativity of self maps on a metric space has been generalized to weakly commuting by Sessa [13], which is further generalized to compatibility by Jungck [9]. These common fixed point theorems on the lines of Sessa [13] and Jungck[9] are further extended to D -metric spaces by Dhage [4,5] and Dhage et al. [6] under the meaningful terminology “coincidentally commuting mappings” and “limit coincidentally commuting mappings.”

In this paper, we establish a common fixed point theorem for four limit coincidentally commuting selfmaps of a S -metric space. Further we generalize a common fixed point theorem of Fisher [8].

2 Preliminaries

Definition 2.1 ([12]). Let X be a non empty set. By S -metric we mean a function $S : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ which satisfies the following conditions for $x, y, z, w \in X$

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

An ordered pair (X, S) is called a S -metric space.

Remark 2.1. It was shown in ([12], Lemma 2.5) that $S(x, x, y) = S(y, y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$.

Definition 2.2 ([12]). Let (X, S) be a S -metric space. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X is said to converge, if there is a $x \in X$ such that $S(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$; that is, for $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n \geq n_0$, we have $S(x_n, x_n, x) < \epsilon$ and in this case we write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$.

Definition 2.3 ([12]). Let (X, S) be a S -metric space. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X is called a Cauchy sequence if for $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $S(x_n, x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$ for all $n, m \geq n_0$.

Definition 2.4 ([12]). A S -metric space (X, S) is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in it converges to some point in X .

Definition 2.5 ([1]). Let (X, d) be any metric space then $S_d(x, y, z) = d(x, y) + d(y, z) + d(z, x)$ is a S -metric on X . We call this S -metric as the S -metric induced by d (we denote this by S_d).

Remark 2.2. Let (X, d) be any metric space and S_d be the S -metric induced by d . For any sequence $\{x_n\}$ in (X, S_d) is a Cauchy sequence if and only if $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in (X, d) . Thus (X, S_d) is complete if and only if (X, d) is complete.

Definition 2.6. Let (X, S) be a S -metric space. If there exists sequences $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ 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 2.7. If g and f are self maps 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 limit coincidently commuting.

Trivially commuting self maps of a S -metric space are limit coincidently commuting but not conversely.

Definition 2.8 ([7]). An upper semi-continuous nondecreasing function $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called D -function if $\phi(0) = 0$. ϕ is called contractive if $\phi(t) < t$ for $t > 0$.

Definition 2.9. Let g, f, h and p be self maps of a S -metric space such that $g(X) \subseteq p(X)$ and $f(X) \subseteq h(X)$. Then for any $x_0 \in X$, if $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X such that $gx_{2n} = px_{2n+1}$ and $fx_{2n+1} = hx_{2n+2}$ for $n \geq 0$, then $\{x_n\}$ is called an associated sequence of x_0 relative to self maps g, f, h and p .

3 Main Result

Theorem 3.1. Let g, f, h and p be self maps of a S - metric space (X, S) satisfying the following conditions

- (i) $g(X) \subseteq p(X)$ and $f(X) \subseteq h(X)$,
 - (ii) $S(gx, gx, fy) \leq \phi(\mu(x, y))$ for all $x, y \in X$ where ϕ is a contractive D -function and $\mu(x, y) = \max\{S(hx, hx, py), S(hx, hx, gx), S(py, py, fy)\}$ for $x, y \in X$,
 - (iii) one of g, f, h and p is continuous
and
 - (iv) the pairs (g, h) and (f, p) are limit coincidently commuting.
Further if
 - (v) there exists a point $x_0 \in X$ and an associated sequence $\{x_n\}$ relative to selfmaps such that $gx_0, fx_1, gx_2, fx_3, \dots, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}, \dots$ converges to some $z \in X$,
- then g, f, h and p have a unique common fixed point $z \in X$. Also there is no other common fixed point for g and h ; and that there is no other common fixed point for f and p .

Before proving the theorem, we establish some Lemmas which are noteworthy.

Lemma 3.1. Suppose that g, f, h and p are self maps of a S -metric space satisfying the conditions (i), (ii) and (v) of Theorem 3.1 with the pair (g, h) is limit coincidently commuting. Then

- (a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(hx_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) = S(hz, hz, z)$ whenever h is continuous,
- (b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(gx_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) = S(gz, gz, z)$ whenever g is continuous.

Proof. In view of (v), the sequences $\{gx_{2n}\}$ and $\{fx_{2n+1}\}$ converge to some $z \in X$ and since $gx_{2n} = px_{2n+1}$ and $fx_{2n+1} = hx_{2n+2}$, we have

$$gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}, hx_{2n}, px_{2n+1} \rightarrow z \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.1)$$

(a) If h is continuous, then we have

$$h^2x_{2n} \rightarrow hz, hgx_{2n} \rightarrow hz \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.2)$$

Also the limit coincidently commutativity of the pair (g, h) implies

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(ghx_{2n}, ghx_{2n}, hgx_{2n}) = 0. \quad (3.3)$$

From (3.2) and (3.3) we get

$$ghx_{2n} \rightarrow hz \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.4)$$

Now from (ii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(hx_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) &= \max\{S(h^2x_{2n}, h^2x_{2n}, px_{2n+1}), \\ &S(h^2x_{2n}, h^2x_{2n}, ghx_{2n}), S(px_{2n+1}, px_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+1})\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.5) and using the continuity of $S(x, y, z)$ in x and y and (3.1), (3.2) and (3.4), we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(hx_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) = \max\{S(hz, hz, z), S(hz, hz, hz), S(z, z, z)\} = S(hz, hz, z)$$

This proves (a).

(b) If g is continuous, by (3.1) we have

$$g^2x_{2n} \rightarrow gz, ghx_{2n} \rightarrow gz \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.6)$$

Therefore in view of (3.3), we get

$$hgx_{2n} \rightarrow gz. \quad (3.7)$$

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(gx_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) &= \max\{S(hgx_{2n}, hgx_{2n}, px_{2n+1}), S(hgx_{2n}, hgx_{2n}, gx_{2n+1}), S(px_{2n+1}, px_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+1})\} \\ &= \max\{S(gz, gz, z), S(gz, gz, z), S(z, z, z)\} \\ &= S(gz, gz, z). \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

This proves (b). \square

Lemma 3.2. *Suppose that g, f, h and p are self maps of a S -metric space (X, S) such that the pair (f, p) is limit coincidentally commuting and the conditions (i), (ii) and (v) of Theorem 3.1, then*

(a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(x_{2n}, px_{2n+1}) = S(z, z, pz)$ whenever p is continuous,

(b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(x_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}) = S(z, z, fz)$ whenever f is continuous.

Proof. The proof of Lemma 3.2 is similar to the proof of Lemma 3.1 with appropriate changes. \square

Proof of Theorem 3.1.

We first establish the existence of a common fixed point in case if h is continuous.

The proof is similar in other cases of condition (iii) of Theorem 3.1 with suitable changes.

Suppose that h is continuous.

Taking $x = hx_{2n}$ and $y = x_{2n+1}$ in condition (ii) of Theorem 3.1, we have

$$S(ghx_{2n}, ghx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}) \leq \phi(\mu(hx_{2n}, x_{2n+1})). \quad (3.9)$$

Also the continuity of $S(x, y, z)$ in x and y gives

$$S(hz, hz, z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(ghx_{2n}, ghx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}).$$

Therefore by Lemma 3.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(hz, hz, z) &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(ghx_{2n}, ghx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(\mu(hx_{2n}, x_{2n+1})) \\ &= \phi(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(hx_{2n}, x_{2n+1})) \\ &= \phi(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(hx_{2n}, x_{2n+1})) \\ &= \phi(S(hz, hz, z)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Hence

$$S(hz, hz, z) \leq \phi(S(hz, hz, z)). \quad (3.11)$$

We now claim that $hz = z$.

In fact, if $hz \neq z$, then $S(hz, hz, z) > 0$ so that $\phi(S(hz, hz, z)) < S(hz, hz, z)$ and this contradicts (3.11),

therefore $hz = z$.

Now the continuity of $S(x, y, z)$ in x and y gives

$$\begin{aligned} S(gz, gz, z) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(gz, gz, fx_{2n+1}) \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(gz, gz, fx_{2n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Using condition (ii) of Theorem 3.1 and the upper semicontinuity of ϕ in the above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(gz, gz, z) &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(\mu(z, x_{2n+1})) \\ &= \phi(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(z, x_{2n+1})). \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(z, x_{2n+1}) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\{S(hz, hz, px_{2n+1}), S(hz, hz, gz), S(px_{2n+1}, px_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+1})\} \\ &= \max\{S(hz, hz, z), S(z, z, gz), S(z, z, z)\} \\ &= S(z, z, gz) = S(gz, gz, z), \text{ since } hz = z, px_{2n+1} \rightarrow z \text{ and } fx_{2n+1} \rightarrow z \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we get

$$S(gz, gz, z) \leq \phi(S(gz, gz, z)). \quad (3.13)$$

If $gz \neq z$ then $S(gz, gz, z) > 0$ and by the definition of ϕ we get $\phi(S(gz, gz, z)) < S(gz, gz, z)$, contradicting (3.13), hence $gz = z$

Thus we have $gz = hz = z$.

Now since $g(X) \subseteq p(X)$, there is a $u \in X$ with $z = gz = pu$ and we have $gz = hz = pu = z$.

We now claim that $fu = z$.

In fact if $fu \neq z$, then $S(z, z, fu) > 0$ and therefore by (ii) of Theorem 3.1 we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(z, z, fu) &= S(gz, gz, fu) \leq \phi(\mu(z, u)) \\ &= \phi(\max\{S(gz, gz, pu), S(hz, hz, gz), S(pu, pu, fu)\}) \\ &= \phi(S(z, z, fu)), \end{aligned}$$

since $gz = hz = pu = z$ and above result implies $S(z, z, fu) \leq \phi(S(z, z, fu)) < S(z, z, fu)$ which is contradiction. Therefore $fu = z$.

Hence we have $gz = hz = pu = fu = z$.

Now taking $y_n = u$ for all $n \geq 1$, it follows that $fy_n \rightarrow fu = z$ and $py_n \rightarrow pu = z$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Also since the pair (f, p) is limit coincidentally commuting,

we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(fpy_n, fpy_n, pfy_n) = 0$ which gives $S(fpu, fpu, pfu) = 0$ implies $fpu = pfu$ so that $fz = pz$.

Now by condition (ii) of Theorem 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(z, z, fz) &= S(gz, gz, fz) \leq \phi(\mu(z, z)) \\ &= \phi(\max\{S(hz, hz, pz), S(hz, hz, gz), S(pz, pz, fz)\}) \\ &= \phi(S(hz, hz, fz)) = \phi(S(z, z, fz)), \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

since $gz = hz = z$ and $pz = fz$.

Therefore we get $S(z, z, fz) \leq \phi(S(z, z, fz))$ which yields $fz = z$.

Hence $gz = hz = pz = fz = z$, proving z is a common fixed point of g, f, h and p .

Now we prove uniqueness of common fixed point.

If possible let $z' (\neq z)$ be another common fixed point of g, f, h and p .

Then from condition (ii) of Theorem 3.1 we have

$$S(z, z, z') = S(gz, gz, gz') \leq \phi(\mu(z, z')). \quad (3.15)$$

Since $\mu(z, z') = S(z, z, z')$ from (ii) of Theorem 3.1, (3.15) gives $S(z, z, z') \leq \phi(S(z, z, z'))$ and this will be a contradiction if $z \neq z'$.

Hence z is unique common fixed point of f, g, h and p .

Now we prove that z is unique common fixed point of g and h and of f and p .

Let w be another fixed point of g and h . Then $z = hz = fz = gz = pz$ and $w = hw = gw$.

Now from condition (ii) of Theorem 3.1 we have

$$S(z, z, w) = S(w, w, z) = S(gw, gw, fz) \leq \phi(\mu(w, z)), \quad (3.16)$$

since $\mu(w, z) = S(w, w, z)$. Therefore (3.16) gives $S(w, w, z) \leq \phi(S(w, w, z))$ and this will be a contradiction if $w \neq z$.

Hence $w = z$

Therefore z is unique common fixed point of g and h . Similarly we can show that z is unique common fixed point of f and p .

Hence Theorem 3.1 is completely proved.

4 Common fixed point Theorem for four self maps of a complete S -metric space

Before proving the main result in this section, first we establish a preparatory Lemma.

Lemma 4.1. *Let (X, S) be a S -metric space and g, f, h and p be self maps of X such that*

(i) $g(X) \subseteq p(X)$ and $f(X) \subseteq h(X)$,

(ii) $S(gx, gx, fy) \leq c \cdot \mu(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$ where $0 \leq c < 1$ and

$$\mu(x, y) = \max\{S(hx, hx, py), S(hx, hx, gx), S(py, py, fy)\}.$$

Further if

(iii) (X, S) is complete, then for any $x_0 \in X$ and for any associated sequence $\{x_n\}$ relative to four self maps the sequence $gx_0, fx_1, gx_2, fx_3, \dots, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}, \dots$ converges to some $z \in X$.

Proof. Suppose that g, f, h and p are self maps of a S -metric space (X, S) for which conditions (i) and (ii) holds. Let a point $x_0 \in X$ and $\{x_n\}$ be any associated sequence of x_0 relative to four selfmaps. Then since $gx_{2n} = px_{2n+1}$ and $fx_{2n+1} = hx_{2n+2}$ for all $n \geq 0$.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) &= \max\{S(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n}, px_{2n+1}), S(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n}, gx_{2n}), S(px_{2n+1}, px_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+1})\} \\ &= \max\{S(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n}, gx_{2n}), S(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n}, gx_{2n}), S(px_{2n+1}, px_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+1})\} \\ &= \max\{S(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n}, gx_{2n}), S(px_{2n+1}, px_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+1})\} \\ &= \max\{S(hx_{2n}, hx_{2n}, gx_{2n}), S(gx_{2n}, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1})\} \\ &= \max\{S(gx_{2n}, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n-1}), S(gx_{2n}, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1})\}. \end{aligned}$$

This together with (ii) of Lemma 4.1 gives

$$\begin{aligned} S(gx_{2n}, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}) &\leq c\mu(x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) \\ &\leq c \max\{S(gx_{2n}, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n-1}), S(gx_{2n}, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1})\} \end{aligned}$$

and since $0 \leq c < 1$, it follows from the above inequality that

$$\max\{S(gx_{2n}, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n-1}), S(gx_{2n}, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1})\} = S(gx_{2n}, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n-1}).$$

Therefore

$$S(gx_{2n}, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}) \leq cS(gx_{2n}, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n-1}). \quad (4.1)$$

Similarly

$$S(gx_{2n}, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n-1}) \leq cS(gx_{2n-2}, gx_{2n-2}, fx_{2n-3}). \quad (4.2)$$

From (4.1) and (4.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(gx_{2n}, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}) &\leq c^2 S(gx_{2n-2}, gx_{2n-2}, fx_{2n-1}) \\ &\leq c^4 S(gx_{2n-4}, gx_{2n-4}, fx_{2n-3}) \\ &\quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\ &\quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\ &\leq c^{2n} S(gx_0, gx_0, fx_1) \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

as $c^{2n} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (because $c < 1$), therefore the sequence $gx_0, fx_1, gx_2, fx_3, \dots, gx_{2n}, fx_{2n+1}, \dots$ is a Cauchy sequence in (X, S) and since X is complete, it converges to a point say $z \in X$, proving lemma. \square

Theorem 4.1. *Suppose that (X, S) is a S -metric space satisfying conditions (i) to (v) of Theorem 3.1.*

Further if

(v)' (X, S) is complete,

then g, f, h and p have a unique common fixed point $z \in X$. Also there is no other common fixed point for g and h and that there is no other common fixed point for f and p .

Proof. In view of Lemma 4.1, the condition (v) of the Theorem follows from Theorem 3.1 because of (v)', hence Theorem 4.1 follows from Theorem 3.1. \square

Corollary 4.1 ([8] Theorem 2). *Let g, f, h and p be self maps of a metric space (X, d) satisfying the conditions*

- (i) $g(X) \subseteq p(X)$ and $f(X) \subseteq h(X)$,
- (ii) $d(gx, fy) \leq c \cdot \mu_0(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$ where
 $\mu_0(x, y) = \max\{d(hx, py), d(hx, gx), d(py, fy)\}$ for all $x, y \in X$ and $0 \leq c < 1$,
- (iii) one of g, f, h and p is continuous and
- (iv) $gh = hg$ and $fp = pf$.

Further if

- (v) X is complete.

Then the four self maps g, f, h and p have a unique common fixed point. Also there is no other common fixed point for g and h and that there is no other common fixed for f and p .

Proof. Given that (X, d) is a metric space satisfying conditions (i) to (v) of Corollary 4.1.

Defining $S(x, y, z) = d(x, y) + d(y, z) + d(z, x)$ for $x, y, z \in X$, it follows that (X, S) is a S-metric space. Also condition (ii) can be written as $S(gx, gx, fy) \leq c\mu(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, where $\mu(x, y) = \max\{S(hx, hx, py), S(hx, hx, gx), S(py, py, fy)\}$ which is the same as condition(ii) of Theorem 4.1.

Since (X, d) is complete, we have (X, S) is complete by Remark 2.2.

Now g, f, h and p are self maps of S-metric space (X, S) satisfying conditions of Theorem 4.1 and hence Corollary 4.1 follows from Theorem 4.1. \square

5 Conclusion

we proved a common fixed point theorem for four limit coincidentally commuting selfmaps of a S-metric space. Also we deduced a common fixed point theorem for four limit coincidentally commuting selfmaps of a complete S-metric space. Moreover a common fixed point theorem for four self maps of a metric space proved by Brian Fisher follows as a particular case of our theorem.

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