

## A FIXED POINT THEOREM IN DISLOCATED $S_b$ -METRIC SPACES

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**Abstract:** In this paper we introduced dislocated  $S_b$ -metric spaces and some of its properties. Also we have discussed a fixed point theorem for a self mapping on a complete dislocated  $S_b$ -metric space.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of metric spaces has been generalized in many ways. The generalization of metric spaces were proposed by several mathematicians like Gahler[5,6] (2-metric space), Dhage[3,4] (D-metric space), Bakhtin [1] (b-metric space), K.S.Ha. *et al.* [7], Mustafa and Sims[11,12] (G-metric space), Souayah, Mlaiki [13] ( $S_b$ -metric space), Sedghi *et al.* [14,15] ( $S_b$ -metric space using the concept of  $S$ -metric space).

The dislocation in metric space was introduced by P. Hitzler [8] in which the self distance of points need not be necessarily zero. Dislocated metric spaces play vital role in topology, logical programming and electronic engineering. Fixed point theory is an important area of study in pure and applied mathematics and it is flourishing area of research. The study of fixed point theory has been extensively developed in the past decades. In the present paper we introduced a new concept dislocated  $S_b$  - metric space and some of its properties. Also we have proved a fixed point theorem for a self mapping on a complete dislocated  $S_b$  - metric space.

Throughout this paper  $R = (-\infty, \infty)$ ,  $R^+ = (0, \infty)$ ,  $R_0^+ = [0, \infty)$ ,  $N$  denotes the set of all natural numbers.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

#### Definition 2.1

Let  $X$  be a non empty set. A distance function on a set  $X$  is a function  $d: X \times X \rightarrow R_0^+$  satisfying the following properties.

- (1)  $d(x, y) \geq 0$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

- (2)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .  
 (3)  $d(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow x = y$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .  
 (4)  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Then  $d$  is called the dislocated metric (simply  $d$ -metric) in  $X$  and the pair  $(X, d)$  is called dislocated metric space (or simply  $d$ -metric space).

**Definition 2.2**

A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $d$ -metric space  $(X, d)$  with respect to  $d$  is said to be  $d$ -converge to  $x \in X$  provided that for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d(x_n, x) < \epsilon$ , for all  $n \geq n_0$  (or)  $d - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x) = d - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x, x_n) = 0$ .

**Definition 2.3**

We call a sequence in  $d$ -metric space is a  $d$ -Cauchy sequence provided that for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d(x_n, x_m) < \epsilon$ , for all  $m, n \geq n_0$

**Definition 2.4**

A  $d$ -metric space  $(X, d)$  is called  $d$ -complete if every  $d$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges with respect to  $d$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.5**

Let  $X$  be a non empty set and  $b \geq 1$  be a given real number. Suppose that a mapping  $S_b: X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a function satisfying the following properties:

- (a)  $S_b(x, y, z) > 0$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $x \neq y \neq z$ .  
 (b)  $S_b(x, y, z) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = z$ .  
 (c)  $S_b(x, y, z) \leq b[S_b(x, x, a) + S_b(y, y, a) + S_b(z, z, a)]$  for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$ .

Then the function  $S_b$  is called  $S_b$ -metric on  $X$  and the pair  $(X, S_b)$  is called  $S_b$ -metric space.

**Definition 2.6**

Let  $X$  be a non empty set. An  $S$ -metric on  $X$  is a function  $S: X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  that satisfies the condition for all  $x, y, z, t \in X$ :

- (i)  $S(x, y, z) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = z$   
 (ii)  $S(x, y, z) \leq S(x, x, t) + S(y, y, t) + S(z, z, t)$ .

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

### 3. DISLOCATED $S_b$ -METRIC SPACE

#### Definition 3.1

Let  $X$  is a non empty set and  $b \geq 1$  be a given real number. Suppose that a mapping  $\rho : X^3 \rightarrow R_0^+$  is a function satisfying the following properties:

- (a)  $\rho(x, y, z) > 0$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $x \neq y \neq z$ .
- (b)  $\rho(x, y, z) = 0$  implies  $x = y = z$ .
- (c)  $\rho(x, y, z) \leq b[\rho(x, x, a) + \rho(y, y, a) + \rho(z, z, a)]$  for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$ .
- (d)  $\rho(x, y, z) = \rho(y, z, x) = \rho(z, x, y) = \rho(y, x, z) = \rho(z, y, x) = \rho(x, z, y)$ ,
- (e)  $\rho(x, x, y) = \rho(y, x, x)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Then the function  $\rho$  is called dislocated  $S_b$ -metric on  $X$  (simply  $dS_b$ -metric) and the pair  $(X, \rho)$  is called dislocated  $S_b$ -metric space (simply  $dS_b$ -metric space).

#### Example 3.2

Let  $X = [0, 1]$ . The distance function  $d: X \times X \times X \rightarrow R_0^+$  is defined as  $d(x, y, z) = \max\{|x - y|, |y - z|, |z - x|\}$ . Then  $d$  is  $dS_b$ -metric and the pair  $(X, d)$  is  $dS_b$ -metric space.

#### Example 3.3

Let  $X = [0, 1]$ . Define  $d: X \times X \times X \rightarrow R_0^+$  by  $d(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} z - y - x, & \text{if } x \leq y \leq z \\ 2(x - y - z), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ .

Then  $(X, d)$  is not  $dS_b$ -metric but  $S_b$ -metric with  $b \geq 4$ .

#### Definition 3.4

Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a  $dS_b$ -metric space. Then for each  $x \in X, r > 0$  we define the  $dS_b$ -open ball  $B_{dS_b}(x, r)$  and the  $dS_b$ -closed ball  $B_{dS_b}[x, r]$  with center  $x$  and radius  $r$  as follows:

$$B_{dS_b}(x, r) = \{y \in X \mid \rho(y, y, x) < r\}$$

$$B_{dS_b}[x, r] = \{y \in X \mid \rho(y, y, x) \leq r\}$$

#### Definition 3.5

A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $dS_b$ -metric space  $(X, \rho)$  is said to be  $dS_b$ -converge to  $x \in X$  provided that for  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $n_0 \in N$  such that  $\rho(x_n, x_n, x) < \epsilon$  (or)  $\rho(x, x_n, x_n) < \epsilon$ , for all  $n \geq n_0$  and we denote as  $dS_b - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ .

**Definition 3.6**

A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $dS_b$ -metric space  $(X, \rho)$  is said to  $dS_b$ -Cauchy sequence provided that for  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $n_0 \in N$  such that  $\rho(x_n, x_m, x_l) \leq \epsilon$  for all  $l, m, n \geq n_0$ .

**Definition 3.7**

A  $dS_b$ -metric space  $(X, \rho)$  is called complete if every  $dS_b$ -cauchy sequence is  $dS_b$ -convergent in  $X$ .

**Lemma 3.8**

Every converging sequence in a  $dS_b$ -metric space is a  $dS_b$ -Cauchy sequence.

**Proof:** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence which converges to some  $x \in X$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be chosen. Then there exists  $n_0 \in N$  such that  $\rho(x_n, x_n, x) < \epsilon/3b$ , for all  $n \geq n_0$ . For  $m, n \geq n_0$ , we have  $\rho(x_n, x_m, x_l) \leq b[\rho(x_n, x_n, x) + \rho(x_m, x_m, x) + \rho(x_l, x_l, x)] < \epsilon$ . Hence  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $dS_b$ -Cauchy sequence.

**Remark 3.9**

If a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $dS_b$ -metric space  $(X, \rho)$  is  $dS_b$ -Cauchy sequence then for  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $n_0 \in N$  such that (i)  $\rho(x_n, x_m, x_m) \leq \epsilon$  for all  $m, n \geq n_0$ , (ii)  $\rho(x_m, x_m, x_n) \leq \epsilon$  for all  $m, n \geq n_0$  are equivalent.

**Lemma 3.10**

Limits in  $dS_b$ -metric space are unique.

**Proof:** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be the sequence in  $dS_b$ -metric space having the limits  $x, y$  and  $z$ . Then as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\rho(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\rho(x_n, x_n, y) \rightarrow 0$  and  $\rho(x_n, x_n, z) \rightarrow 0$ . Now  $\rho(x, y, z) \leq 0$ . But  $\rho(x, y, z) \geq 0$ . Therefore  $\rho(x, y, z) = 0$  which implies  $x = y = z$ . Hence the limits in  $dS_b$ -metric space are unique.

**Definition 3.10**

Any set containing a ball with center  $a$  is sometimes called  $dS_b$  neighbourhood in  $dS_b$ -metric space (i.e)  $N_{dS_b}(x) = \{y \in X \mid \rho(y, x, x) < \epsilon\}$  where  $\epsilon > 0$ .

**Theorem 3.11**

Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a  $dS_b$ -metric space. Then for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho(x, x, x) = 0$  iff  $N_{dS_b}(x) \neq \emptyset$ , for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ .

**Proof:** Since  $N_{dS_b}(x) = \{y \in X \mid \rho(y, x, x) < \epsilon\}$  where  $\epsilon > 0$  is an open ball in  $dS_b$ -metric space  $(X, \rho)$  with center  $x$ . Suppose that  $\rho(x, x, x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in X$  and for  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have  $\rho(x, x, x) < \epsilon$  implies  $x \in N_{dS_b}(x)$ . Hence  $N_{dS_b}(x) \neq \emptyset$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $N_{dS_b}(x) \neq \emptyset$  for  $\epsilon > 0$  we have  $N_{dS_b}(x) = \{y \in X \mid \rho(y, x, x) < \epsilon\}$ . Then there exists  $a \in X$  such that  $\rho(a, x, x) = r/b < \epsilon$ . By rectangular property and symmetry property it follows that  $\rho(x, x, x) \leq b[\rho(x, x, a) + \rho(x, x, a) + \rho(x, x, a)] = 3r < \epsilon$ . Hence for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\rho(x, x, x) < \epsilon$  this shows that  $\rho(x, x, x) = 0$ .

### Theorem 3.12

Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a  $dS_b$ -metric space. Then  $\rho$  is  $S_b$ -metric iff  $N_{dS_b}(x) \neq \emptyset$ , for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\rho$  be  $S_b$ -metric. Then we have  $\rho(x, x, x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in X$ . By Theorem 3.11, it follows that  $N_{dS_b}(x) \neq \emptyset$ , for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Conversely, let  $N_{dS_b}(x) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $N_{dS_b}(x) = \{y \in X \mid \rho(y, x, x) < \epsilon\}$ , then  $\rho(x, x, x) < \epsilon$ . Hence  $\rho(x, x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\rho(x, x, x) = 0$  and then  $\rho(y, x, x) = 0$  iff  $x = y$ . Also the rectangle inequality holds. Therefore  $\rho$  is a  $S_b$ -metric.

### Definition 3.13

Let  $(X, \rho)$  and  $(Y, \rho')$  be  $dS_b$ -metric spaces and let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Then  $f$  is said to be  $dS_b$ -continuous at a point  $p \in X$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\rho'(f(x), f(x), f(p)) < \epsilon$  whenever  $\rho(x, x, p) < \delta$ .

If  $f$  is a  $dS_b$ -continuous at every point of a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , we say that  $f$  is  $dS_b$ -continuous on  $A$ .

### Theorem 3.14

A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  of a  $dS_b$  metric spaces  $(X, \rho)$  and  $(Y, \rho')$  is  $dS_b$ -continuous at a point  $x_0 \in X$  if and only if  $x_n \rightarrow x_0 \Rightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x_0)$ .

**Proof:** Assume that  $f$  is  $dS_b$ -continuous at  $x_0$ . Then for given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\rho'(f(x), f(x), f(p)) < \epsilon$  whenever  $\rho(x, x, p) < \delta$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ . Then there is  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\rho(x_n, x_n, x_0) < \delta$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Hence for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $\rho'(f(x_n), f(x_n), f(x_0)) < \epsilon$ . This shows that  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x_0)$ . Conversely, assume that  $f$  is not  $dS_b$ -continuous at  $x_0$ . Then for given  $\delta > 0$  such that

$\rho'(f(x), f(x), f(x_0)) \geq \epsilon$ . Choosing  $\delta = \frac{1}{n}$ , there is an  $x_n$  satisfying  $\rho(x_n, x_n, x_0) < \frac{1}{n}$ .

But  $\rho'(f(x_n), f(x_n), f(x_0)) \geq \epsilon$ . This contradicts that  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x_0)$ . Thus  $f$   $dS_b$  is continuous at  $x_0$ .

### Theorem 3.15

Let  $f: R_0^+ \rightarrow [0, 3^{-1}]$  be non increasing function. Let  $(X, \rho)$  be complete  $dS_b$  metric space and let  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a  $dS_b$  continuous mapping such that

$\rho(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq f(\rho(x, y, z)) [\rho(x, x, Tx) + \rho(y, y, Ty) + \rho(z, z, Tz)] \dots$  (3.1) for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Moreover if  $f$  is a constant function then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Proof:** Let  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for each  $n \in N$ . Assume that  $\rho(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \neq 0$  for each  $n \in N$ . Then by (1) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}) &= \rho(Tx_n, Tx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+2}) \\ &\leq f(\rho(x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2})) [\rho(x_n, x_n, Tx_n) + \rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) + \rho(x_{n+2}, x_{n+2}, Tx_{n+2})] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{3} [\rho(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + \rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \rho(x_{n+2}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+3})] \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}) \leq \rho(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})$ .

Hence  $\{\rho(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1})\}$  is a non negative non increasing sequence.

Thus there exists  $\alpha \geq 0$  such that  $\rho(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) \rightarrow \alpha$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Now we claim that  $\alpha = 0$ . Suppose that  $\alpha > 0$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}) &\leq f(\alpha) [\rho(x_n, x_n, Tx_n) + \rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}) + \rho(x_{n+2}, x_{n+2}, Tx_{n+2})] \\ &\leq 3\alpha f(\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

This is impossible since  $f(\alpha) < \frac{1}{3}$ .

Thus  $\alpha = 0$  (i.e)  $dS_b - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_{n+1} = Tx_n$ .

Now we have to prove that  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $dS_b$  Cauchy sequence.

From (1) we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x_n, x_m, x_l) &= \rho(Tx_n, Tx_m, Tx_l) \\ &\leq f(\rho(x_n, x_n, x_m)) [\rho(x_n, x_n, Tx_n) + \rho(x_m, x_m, Tx_m) + \rho(x_l, x_l, Tx_l)] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{3} [\rho(x_n, x_n, Tx_n) + \rho(x_m, x_m, Tx_m) + \rho(x_l, x_l, Tx_l)] \end{aligned}$$

There exists  $n_0 \in N$  such that for  $l, n, m \geq n_0$ ,  $\rho(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) < \epsilon$ ,  $\rho(x_m, x_m, x_{m+1}) < \epsilon$  and  $\rho(x_l, x_l, x_{l+1}) < \epsilon$

$$\text{Hence } \rho(x_n, x_m, x_l) \leq \frac{1}{3}(2\epsilon + \epsilon) = \epsilon$$

This proves that  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $dS_b$  Cauchy sequence.

Since  $X$  is complete, there exists  $a \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Now lets prove that  $a$  is a fixed point. (i.e)  $Ta = a$ .

- (i) If  $T$  is  $dS_b$  continuous then,  $Ta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = x_{n+1} = a$ , then  $a$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .
- (ii) If  $f$  is a constant function then we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(a, a, Ta) &\leq b[\rho(a, a, x_{n+1}) + \rho(a, a, x_{n+1}) + \rho(Ta, Ta, x_{n+1})] \\ &= b[2\rho(a, a, x_{n+1}) + \rho(Ta, Ta, Tx_n)] \\ &\leq b[2\rho(a, a, x_{n+1}) + f(\rho(a, a, x_{n+1})) [\rho(a, a, Ta) + \rho(a, a, Ta) + \rho(x_n, x_n, Tx_n)]] \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get,

$$\rho(a, a, Ta) \leq b[f[2\rho(a, a, Ta)]].$$

Similarly,  $\rho(Ta, a, a) \leq b[f[2\rho(a, a, Ta)]]$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\text{Hence } |\rho(a, a, Ta) - \rho(Ta, a, a)| \leq 0.$$

Thus  $Ta = a$  and  $a$  is the fixed point of  $T$ .

Finally we have to prove that the uniqueness of the point.

Assume that  $Ta = a$  and  $Tb = b$  with  $a \neq b$ ,  $a, b \in X$ .

Now, from (3.1) we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(Ta, Ta, Ta) &\leq f(\rho(a, a, a)) [\rho(a, a, Ta) + \rho(a, a, Ta) + \rho(a, a, Ta)] \\ &= f(\rho(a, a, a)) [3\rho(a, a, a)] \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Since  $f: R_0^+ \rightarrow [0, 3^{-1})$  be non increasing function, so the inequality (3.2) is possible if  $\rho(a, a, a) = 0$ .

Similarly we can get  $\rho(b, b, b) = 0$ .

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(a, a, b) &= \rho(Ta, Ta, Tb) \\ &\leq f(\rho(a, a, b)) [2\rho(a, a, Ta) + \rho(b, b, Tb)] \\ &= f(\rho(a, a, b)) [2\rho(a, a, a) + \rho(b, b, b)] \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $\rho(a, a, b) = 0$  and so  $a = b$  which proves the uniqueness of the fixed point of  $T$ .

### Example 3.16

Let  $X = [0, 1]$ . Define  $\rho: X^3 \rightarrow R_0^+$  by  $\rho(x, y, z) = x + y + z$ . Then  $\rho$  is a  $dS_b$ -metric and  $(X, \rho)$  is a complete  $dS_b$ -metric space. Define  $f: R_0^+ \rightarrow [0, 3^{-1})$  by  $f(u) = (u + 2)^{-1}$  and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  by  $T(x) = x/2$ . Here  $f$  is non increasing function and  $T$  is continuous in  $X$ . For all  $x, y, z \in X$  we get,

$$\rho(Tx, Ty, Tz) \leq f(\rho(x, y, z)) [\rho(x, x, Tx) + \rho(y, y, Ty) + \rho(z, z, Tz)]$$

$$\rho\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right) \leq f(x+y+z) \left[ \rho\left(x, x, \frac{x}{2}\right) + \rho\left(y, y, \frac{y}{2}\right) + \rho\left(z, z, \frac{z}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} + \frac{z}{2} \leq \frac{1}{x+y+z+2} \left[ \frac{5(x+y+z)}{2} \right]$$

$x + y + z \leq 3$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$

$T$  satisfies the condition (3.1) and satisfies the hypothesis of Theorem 3.15 and  $x = 0$  is a unique fixed point.

### Conflict of Interest

Authors declare that there is no conflict of interest regarding this article.

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