

The  $\varepsilon$  – chainable extended  $S_b$ -metric spaces and fixed point theorem

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Email: [maths.neeraj@gmail.com](mailto:maths.neeraj@gmail.com)**Abstract**

In present paper, we introduce the notion of  $\varepsilon$ -chain in extended  $S_b$ -metric space and provide supporting example. As an application of  $\varepsilon$ -chain we prove a new result of fixed point using contraction condition in extended  $S_b$ -metric space.

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**1- Introduction and Preliminaries**

In 2012, Sedghi et al.[11] defined a generalization of G metric space which is called S-metric space. In 2016, Souayan N. et al. [13] introduced the  $S_b$ -metric space as a generalization of the b-metric space and S metric Space, and proved some fixed point results under different types of contractions in a complete  $S_b$ -metric space. In 2017, Rohen Y et al. [10] modified the definition of  $S_b$ -metric and prove some coupled common fixed point theorems in  $S_b$ -metric space. In 2018, Mlaki et al. [9] introduced the notion of extended  $S_b$ -metric space which generalized the  $S_b$ -metric space.

On the other hand, in the history of topology  $\varepsilon$ -chain plays a very important role in defining connectedness in metric space. Firstly in 1883 Cantor defined connectedness with the help of  $\varepsilon$ -chains which have been studied extensively by many mathematicians [see Reference 1,2,3,4,5,6,7].

After introduction and preliminaries in section-2 we have defined  $\varepsilon$  – chain in extended  $S_b$ -metric space with examples and proved a fixed point theorem using contractive condition.

**Definition 1.1[9]:** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and a function  $\theta: X^3 \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ . An extended  $S_b$  metric on  $X$  is a function  $S_\theta: X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  that satisfies the following conditions for all  $x, y, z, a \in X$ .

1.  $S_\theta(x, y, z) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = z$
2.  $S_\theta(x, y, z) \leq \theta(x, y, z) [S_\theta(x, x, a) + S_\theta(y, y, a) + S_\theta(z, z, a)]$

Then the function  $S_\theta$  is called extended  $S_b$ -metric and the pair  $(X, S_\theta)$  is called extended  $S_b$ -metric space or  $S_\theta$  metric space.

**Definition 1.2[9].** Let  $(X, S_\theta)$  be an extended  $S_b$ -metric space then  $S_\theta$  is called symmetric if

$$S_\theta(x, x, y) = S_\theta(y, y, x) \quad \forall x, y \in X \text{ (Symmetric Property)}$$

For the definitions of convergence and Cauchy sequence in extended  $S_b$  metric space reader can refer [9]

**Example[9]** Let  $X = [0, \frac{1}{4}]$ . Define  $S_\theta : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $S_\theta(x, y, z) = (\max\{x, y\} - z)^2$

And  $\theta : X^3 \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  by  $\theta(x, y, z) = \max\{x, y\} + z + 1$

Thus,  $(X, S_\theta)$  is a completed extended  $S_b$ -metric space.

## 2.Main Results :

**Definition 2.1:-** Let  $(X, S_\theta)$  be an extended  $S_b$ -metric space. An  $\varepsilon$ - chain is a finite succession of points  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n$  in  $X$  such that  $S_\theta(a_{i-1}, a_{i-1}, a_i) \leq \varepsilon$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . The integer  $n$  is called the length of the  $\varepsilon$  - chain.

**Definition 2.2 :-** A space  $(X, S_\theta)$  is  $\varepsilon$  -chainable ( $\varepsilon$  -connected) if every pair of points in it can be joined by an  $\varepsilon$  -chain of points in the set  $X$  and  $(X, S_\theta)$  is called chainable if it is  $\varepsilon$  -chainable for each positive  $\varepsilon$  .

The space  $(X, S_\theta)$  is called complete chainable  $S_\theta$ -metric space if every Cauchy sequence converges in it.

Throughout this paper length of  $\varepsilon$  -chain between any two points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  means length of shortest  $\varepsilon$  -chain between points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ .

**Example 2.1**  $X = A \cup B$  and  $S_\theta$  be the metric on  $X \times X \times X$  to  $R^+$  defined by

$$S_\theta(x, y, z) = (\max\{x, y\} - z)^2$$

And  $\theta : X^3 \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  defined by  $\theta(x, y, z) = \max\{x, y\} + z + 1$

where

$$A = \{0, 1/4, 1/8\} \text{ and } B = \{1/4^2, 1/8^2, 1/(16)^2\}$$

Then  $Y$  is  $\varepsilon$  - chainable for  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{16}$  and length of biggest  $\varepsilon$  -chain in  $X$  is 5.

**Theorem 2.1:** Let  $(X, S_\theta)$  be a complete  $\varepsilon$  -chainable symmetric  $S_\theta$ -metric space and let  $f, g$  be two self maps of  $X$ , if

$$\varepsilon = S_\theta(fx, fx, gy) \leq a_1 S_\theta(y, y, fx) + a_2 S_\theta(x, x, y) \quad (1)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  where  $a_1, a_2$ , are non negative reals. And

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} (3Ma_1 \theta(x_n, x_n, x_m) + a_1 + a_2) < 1 \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \theta(x_n, x_n, x_m)(2k) < 1 \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

where  $M$  is the length of the biggest  $\varepsilon$  -chain in space  $(X, S_\theta)$  such that  $M \geq 0$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  have unique common fixed point.

**Proof.** We define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  as follows

$$fx_{2n+1} = x_{2n} \text{ and } gx_{2n+2} = x_{2n+1} \text{ for } n = 0,1,2,3 \dots$$

If  $x_{2n} = x_{2n+1} = x_{2n+2}$  for some  $n$ , then we see that  $x_{2n}$  is a fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$  therefore we suppose that no two consecutive terms of sequence  $\{x_n\}$  are equal. If  $N$  is the length of  $\varepsilon$ -chain between  $x_{2n+1}$  and  $x_{2n+2}$  then  $\varepsilon$ -chainability of  $(X, S_\theta)$  gives.

$$\begin{aligned} S_\theta(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) &\leq N\varepsilon \\ &\leq M\varepsilon \quad \text{as } M \geq N \\ &= MS_\theta(fx_{2n+1}, fx_{2n+1}, gx_{2n+2}) \quad \text{using (1)} \\ &\leq M\{a_1S_\theta(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}, fx_{2n+1}) + a_2S_\theta(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})\} \\ &= M\{a_1S_\theta(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n}) + a_2S_\theta(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2})\} \\ &= M\{a_2S_\theta(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) + a_1S_\theta(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n})\} \\ &\hspace{15em} \text{(by symmetric property)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq M\{a_2S_\theta(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) + \\ &+ a_1\theta(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n})\{2S_\theta(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+1}) + S_\theta(x_{2n}, x_{2n}, x_{2n+1})\}\} \end{aligned}$$

For sake of convenience let  $\theta_1 = \theta(x_{2n+2}, x_{2n+2}, x_{2n})$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow [1 - M(2\theta_1 a_1 + a_2)]S_\theta(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) &\leq M\{\theta_1 a_1\}S_\theta(x_{2n}, x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) \\ \Rightarrow S_\theta(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+2}) &= \frac{M\{\theta_1 a_1\}}{[1 - M(2\theta_1 a_1 + a_2)]} S_\theta(x_{2n}, x_{2n}, x_{2n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

In general

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow S_\theta(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &= \frac{M(\theta_1 a_1)}{[1 - M(2\theta_1 a_1 + a_2)]} S_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \\ \Rightarrow S_\theta(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &= k S_\theta(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_n) \text{ where } k = \frac{M(\theta_1 a_1)}{[1 - M(2\theta_1 a_1 + a_2)]} \\ \Rightarrow S_\theta(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) &= k^n S_\theta(x_0, x_0, x_1) \text{ for } n = 1,2,3 \dots \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence, if  $m, n$  are positive integers such that  $n < m$  then we have.

$$\Rightarrow S_{\theta}(x_n, x_n, x_m) \leq \theta(x_n, x_n, x_m)(2k)^n S_{\theta}(x_1, x_1, x_0) +$$

$$\theta(x_n, x_n, x_m)\theta(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_m)(2k)^{n+1} S_{\theta}(x_1, x_1, x_0)$$

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$$+ \theta(x_n, x_n, x_m)\theta(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_m) \dots \dots \dots \theta(x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, x_m)(2k)^{m-1} S_{\theta}(x_1, x_1, x_0)$$

Consequently, we obtain

$$S_{\theta}(x_n, x_n, x_m) \leq$$

$$[\theta(x_1, x_1, x_m)\theta(x_2, x_2, x_m) \dots \dots \dots \theta(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_m)\theta(x_n, x_n, x_m)(2k)^n S_{\theta}(x_1, x_1, x_0) +$$

$$+ \theta(x_1, x_1, x_m)\theta(x_2, x_2, x_m) \dots \dots \dots \theta(x_n, x_n, x_m)\theta(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_m)(2k)^{n+1} S_{\theta}(x_1, x_1, x_0)$$

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$$+ \theta(x_1, x_1, x_m)\theta(x_2, x_2, x_m) \dots \dots \dots \theta(x_{m-2}, x_{m-2}, x_m)\theta(x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, x_m)(2k)^{m-1} S_{\theta}(x_1, x_1, x_0)]$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{\theta}(x_n, x_n, x_m) \leq S_{\theta}(x_1, x_1, x_0) \sum_{j=n}^{m-1} (2k)^j \prod_{i=1}^j \theta(x_i, x_i, x_m) \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

Suppose we have a series

$$B = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2k)^n \prod_{i=1}^n \theta(x_i, x_i, x_m)$$

And its partial sum

$$B_n = \sum_{j=1}^n (2k)^j \prod_{i=1}^j \theta(x_i, x_i, x_m)$$

In applying the ratio test and using equation (3), the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2k)^n \prod_{i=1}^n \theta(x_i, x_i, x_m)$$

Converges

Hence, from equation (4), for  $m > n$ , we have

$$S_{\theta}(x_n, x_n, x_m) \leq S_{\theta}(x_1, x_1, x_0)[B_{m-1} - B_n]$$

Thus,  $S_{\theta}(x_n, x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ . It follows that  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy sequence. As  $X$  is a complete space so there exists a point  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$

**Existence of fixed point:**

Consider

$S_\theta(x, x, gx) \leq \theta(x, x, gx)\{2S_\theta(x, x, x_{2n}) + S_\theta(x_{2n}, x_{2n}, gx)\}$  by 2 of def 1.1 and symmetric property

$$\begin{aligned} S_\theta(x, x, gx) &\leq \theta(x, x, gx)\{2S_\theta(x, x, x_{2n}) + S_\theta(x_{2n}, x_{2n}, gx)\} \\ &\leq \theta(x, x, gx)\{2S_\theta(x, x, x_{2n}) + a_1S_\theta(x, x, fx_{2n+1}) + a_2S_\theta(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}, x)\} \\ &= \theta(x, x, gx)\{2S_\theta(x, x, x_{2n}) + a_1S_\theta(x, x, x_{2n}) + a_2S_\theta(x_{2n+1}, x_{2n+1}, x)\} \end{aligned}$$

As  $\{x_{2n+1}\}$  and  $\{x_{2n}\}$  are subsequences of  $\{x_n\}$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   $x_{2n} \rightarrow x$  and  $x_{2n+1} \rightarrow x$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} S_\theta(x, x, gx) &\leq 0 \\ \Rightarrow S_\theta(x, x, gx) &\leq 0 \\ \Rightarrow S_\theta(x, x, gx) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow gx &= x \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can prove  $fx = x$ . This shows that  $x$  is common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

**Uniqueness:** Let  $u$  be another fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$

$$\begin{aligned} S_\theta(x, x, u) &= S_\theta(fx, fx, gu) \\ &\leq a_1S_\theta(u, u, fx) + a_2S_\theta(x, x, u) \\ &= a_1S_\theta(u, u, x) + a_2S_\theta(x, x, u) \\ &\leq (a_1 + a_2)S_\theta(x, x, u) \text{ by symmetric property of } S_\theta \\ \Rightarrow [1 - (a_1 + a_2)]S_\theta(x, x, u) &\leq 0 \\ \Rightarrow S_\theta(x, x, u) = 0 &\text{ by inequality 2 } (a_1 + a_2) < 1 \\ \Rightarrow x &= u \end{aligned}$$

This complete the proof

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