

**SOME RESULTS ON FIXED POINT OF FUNCTION  
IN  $S$ -METRIC SPACES**

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**Abstract**

*In this paper, we extend a version of Caristi's fixed point theorem proved by Bollenbacher and Hicks [ Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 1988; 102(4): 898-900] to  $S$ -metric spaces. We also derive some fixed point theorems from our main result.*

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**INTRODUCTION AND  
PRELIMINARIES**

In 1988 Bollenbacher and Hicks [1] proved a version of famous Caristi's fixed point theorem [2]. Bollenbacher and Hicks showed in [1] that "Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Suppose  $T : X \rightarrow X$  and  $\phi : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ . Suppose there exists an  $x$  such that

$$d(y, Ty) \leq \phi(y) - \phi(Ty)$$

for every  $y \in O(x, \infty)$ , and any Cauchy sequence in  $O(x, \infty)$  converges to a point in  $X$ . Then:

- (1)  $\lim T^n x = \bar{x}$  exists.
- (2)  $d(T^n x, \bar{x}) \leq \phi(T^n x)$
- (3)  $T\bar{x} = \bar{x}$  iff  $G(x) = d(x, Tx)$  is  $T$ -orbitally lower semicontinuous at  $x$ .
- (4)  $d(T^n x, x) \leq \phi(x)$  and  $d(\bar{x}, x) \leq \phi(x)$ ."

In this theorem saying that for  $x \in X$ ,  $O(x, \infty) = \{x, Tx, T^2x, \dots\}$  is the orbit of  $x$ .

Recently, Sedghi et al. [5] have introduced the concept of  $S$ -metric spaces and give a fixed point theorem for self-mapping on complete  $S$ -metric spaces.

In this paper, we extend the result of Bollenbacher and Hick's to  $S$ -metric spaces.

We now recall some definitions and properties for  $S$ -metric spaces by Sedghi et al. [5].

**Definition 1.1** [5] Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A function  $S : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is said to be an  $S$ -metric on  $X$ , if for each  $x, y, z, a \in X$ ,

- (1)  $S(x, y, z) \geq 0$ ,
- (2)  $S(x, y, z) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = z$ ,
- (3)  $S(x, y, z) \leq S(x, x, a) + S(y, y, a) + S(z, z, a)$

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

**Example 1.2** [5]

- (1) Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\| \cdot \|$  a norm on  $X$ . Then  $S(x, y, z) = \|y + z - 2x\| + \|y - z\|$  is an  $S$ -metric on  $X$ .
- (2) Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\| \cdot \|$  a norm on  $X$ . Then

$S(x, y, z) = \|x - z\| + \|y - z\|$  is an  $S$ -metric on  $X$ .

- (3) Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $d$  be an ordinary metric on  $X$ . Then

$S(x, y, z) = d(x, z) + d(y, z)$  is an  $S$ -metric on  $X$ .

**Lemma 1.3** [5] Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. Then, we have  $S(x, x, y) = S(y, y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 1.4** [5] Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space and  $A \subset X$ .

- (1) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  converges to  $x$  if  $S(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , that is for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $S(x_n, x_n, x) < \varepsilon$ . In this case, we denote by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  and we say that  $x$  is limit of  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$ .

- (2) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be Cauchy sequence if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $S(x_n, x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$  for each  $n, m \geq n_0$ .

- (3) The  $S$ -metric space  $(X, S)$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

**Lemma 1.5** [5] The limit of  $\{x_n\}$  in  $S$ -metric space  $(X, S)$  is unique.

**Lemma 1.6** [5] Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. Then the convergent sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is Cauchy.

**Lemma 1.7** [5] Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. If there exist sequence  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  and

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$ , then

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(x_n, x_n, y_n) = S(x, x, y)$ .

**Definition 1.8** Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  a mapping of  $X$ . The set  $O(x, \infty) = \{x, Tx, T^2x, \dots\}$  is called the orbit of  $X$ .

If for an  $x \in X$ , every Cauchy sequence in  $O(x, \infty)$  converges to a point in  $X$ , then the  $S$ -metric space is said to be  $(x, T)$ -orbitally complete.

**Definition 1.9** Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  a mapping of  $X$ . A real-valued function  $F : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is said to be  $T$ -orbitally weak semi continuous (w.l.s.c.) at  $p$  relative to  $x$  iff  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $O(x, \infty)$  and

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = p$  implies  $F(p) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n)$ .

Clearly, every function  $F$  that is  $T$ -orbitally lower semi continuous (l.s.c.) at  $p$  relative to  $x \in X$  (that is,  $\{x_n\} \subseteq O(x, \infty)$  and  $\lim x_n = p$  implies  $F(p) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n)$ ,

see [1] is also  $T$ -orbitally w.l.s.c. at  $p$  relative to  $x$ , but the implications is not reversible, see [3].

## MAIN RESULTS

Several authors have obtained various example [4,6,7], and others.

We now extend the results of Bollenbacher and Hicks [1] to  $S$ -metric spaces.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space,  $T : X \rightarrow X$  and  $\psi : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ .

Suppose there exists an  $x \in X$  such that

$$S(y, y, Ty) \leq \psi(y) - \psi(Ty) \quad (1)$$

for all  $y \in O(x, \infty)$ , and  $(x, T)$ -orbitally complete. Then:

- (a)  $\lim T^n x = x' \in X$  exists,
- (b)  $S(T^n x, T^n x, x') \leq 2\psi(T^n x)$ ,
- (c)  $Tx' = x'$  if and only if  $F(z) = S(x, x, Tx)$  is  $T$ -orbitally w.l.s.c. at  $x'$  relative  $x$ .

**Proof:** (a) Using inequality (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
S_n &= \sum_{k=0}^n S(T^k x, T^k x, T^{k+1} x) \\
&\leq \sum_{k=0}^n [\psi(T^k x) - \psi(T^{k+1} x)] \\
&= \psi(x) - \psi(T^{n+1} x) \leq \psi(x)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\{S_n\}$  is bounded above and also non-decreasing and also convergent.

Let  $m > n$  then from property (3) of  $S$ -metric and Lemma 1.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&S(T^n x, T^n x, T^m x) \\
&\leq 2S(T^n x, T^n x, T^{n+1} x) + S(T^m x, T^m x, T^{n+1} x) \\
&= 2S(T^n x, T^n x, T^{n+1} x) + S(T^{n+1} x, T^{n+1} x, T^m x) \\
&\leq 2[S(T^n x, T^n x, T^{n+1} x) + S(T^{n+1} x, T^{n+1} x, T^{n+2} x)] \\
&\quad + S(T^m x, T^m x, T^{n+2} x) \\
&= 2[S(T^n x, T^n x, T^{n+1} x) + S(T^{n+1} x, T^{n+1} x, T^{n+2} x)] \\
&\quad + S(T^{n+2} x, T^{n+2} x, T^m x)
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq 2 \sum_{k=n}^{m-2} S(T^k x, T^k x, T^{k+1} x) + S(T^{m-1} x, T^{m-1} x, T^m x) \\
&\leq 2 \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} S(T^k x, T^k x, T^{k+1} x)
\end{aligned}$$

(2) Since  $\{S_n\}$  is convergent, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can choose a sufficiently large  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} S(T^k x, T^k x, T^{k+1} x) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

for all  $n > N$ . Thus we get from (2) that

$$S(T^n x, T^n x, T^m x) < \varepsilon$$

for all  $m, n \geq N$ , and so  $\{T^n x\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $O(x, \infty)$ . Since  $(X, S)$  is  $(x, T)$ -orbitally complete,  $\lim T^n x = x'$  exists.

(b) Using (1) and (2) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
S(T^n x, T^n x, T^m x) &\leq 2 \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} S(T^k x, T^k x, T^{k+1} x) \\
&\leq 2 \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} [\psi(T^k x) - \psi(T^{k+1} x)] \\
&= 2[\psi(T^n x) - \psi(T^m x)] \\
&\leq 2\psi(T^n x)
\end{aligned}$$

Letting  $m$  tend to infinity, we have from

(a) and Lemma 1.7.

$$S(T^n x, T^n x, x') \leq 2\psi(T^n x)$$

(c) Assume that  $Tx' = x'$  and  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $O(x, \infty)$  with  $\lim x_n = x'$ . Then  $F(x') = S(x', x', Tx') \leq \limsup S(x_n, x_n, Tx_n) = \limsup F(x_n)$ ,

and so  $F$  is  $T$ -orbitally w.l.s.c. at  $x'$  relative  $x$ .

Now let  $x_n = T^n x$  and  $F$  is  $T$ -orbitally w.l.s.c. at  $x'$  relative  $x$ . Then from (a) and Lemma 1.7. we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 \leq S(x', x', Tx') = F(x') &\leq \limsup F(x_n) \\
&= \limsup S(T^n x, T^n x, T^{n+1} x) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $Tx' = x'$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [5] Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. A map  $F : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be a contraction if there exists a constant  $0 \leq L < 1$  such that

$$S(F(x), F(x), F(y)) \leq L S(x, x, y),$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

From Theorem 2.1 we obtain the following corollary which is slight generalization of [5].

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space and  $T$  be a self mapping of  $X$ . Suppose there exists an  $x \in X$  such that  $T$  be a contraction mapping for all  $y \in O(x, \infty)$ , and  $(X, S)$  is  $(x, T)$ -orbitally complete then  $\lim T^n x = x' \in X$  exists and  $x'$  is a unique fixed point of  $T$ . Furthermore,

$$S(T^n x, T^n x, x') \leq \frac{2L^n}{1-L} S(x, x, Tx)$$

where  $L$  is a contraction constant.

**Proof:** Define  $\psi(y) = \frac{1}{1-L} S(y, y, Ty)$  for all  $y \in O(x, \infty)$ . Since  $T$  is a contraction, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(Ty) &= \frac{1}{1-L} S(Ty, Ty, T^2y) \\ &\leq \frac{L}{1-L} S(y, y, Ty) \\ &= L\psi(y).\end{aligned}$$

Thus we get,

$$\begin{aligned}S(y, y, Ty) &= (1-L)\psi(y) \\ &= \psi(y) - L\psi(y) \\ &\leq \psi(y) - \psi(Ty).\end{aligned}$$

Then  $\lim T^n x = x' \in X$  follow immediately from Theorem 2.1.

Since  $T$  is a contraction,  $T$  is a continuous mapping and so from Lemma 1.7 we get  $F$  is  $T$ -orbitally w.l.s.c. at  $x'$  relative  $x$ . Thus  $Tx' = x'$  from Theorem 2.1. Using (b) of Theorem 2.1 we have,

$$\begin{aligned}S(T^n x, T^n x, x') &\leq 2\psi(T^n x) \\ &\leq 2L\psi(T^{n-1}x) \\ &\leq 2L^2\psi(T^{n-2}x) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq 2L^n\psi(x) \\ &= 2\frac{L^n}{1-L}S(x, x, Tx).\end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 2.4:** Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space and  $T$  be a self mapping of  $X$ . Suppose there exists an  $x \in X$  such that,

$$S(Ty, Ty, T^2y) \leq LS(y, y, Ty) \quad (3)$$

for all  $y \in O(x, \infty)$  where  $0 < L < 1$ ,

and  $(X, S)$  is  $(x, T)$ -orbitally complete.

Then

(a)  $\lim T^n x = x'$  exists,

(b)  $S(T^n x, T^n x, x') \leq \frac{2L^n}{1-L} S(x, x, Tx)$ ,

(c)  $Tx' = x'$  if and only if  $F(z) = S(x, x, Tx)$  is  $T$ -orbitally w.l.s.c. at  $x'$  relative  $x$ .

**Proof:** Put  $\psi(y) = \frac{1}{1-L} S(y, y, Ty)$  for all  $y \in O(x, \infty)$ . Let  $y \in T^n x$  in (3), then we have

$$S(T^{n+1}x, T^{n+1}x, T^{n+2}x) \leq LS(T^n x, T^n x, T^{n+1}x)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}S(T^n x, T^n x, T^{n+1}x) - LS(T^n x, T^n x, T^{n+1}x) \\ \leq S(T^n x, T^n x, T^{n+1}x) - S(T^{n+1}x, T^{n+1}x, T^{n+2}x)\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}S(T^n x, T^n x, T^{n+1}x) &\leq \frac{1}{1-L} \\ &[S(T^n x, T^n x, T^{n+1}x) - S(T^{n+1}x, T^{n+1}x, T^{n+2}x)]\end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$$S(y, y, Ty) \leq \psi(y) - \psi(Ty)$$

so (a) and (c) are immediate from Theorem 2.1. Using inequality (3) we have

$$S(T^n x, T^n x, T^{n+1}x) \leq L^n S(x, x, Tx)$$

and then from Theorem 2.1 (b) we get

$$\begin{aligned}S(T^n x, T^n x, x') &\leq 2\psi(T^n x) \\ &= 2\frac{1}{1-L} S(T^n x, T^n x, T^{n+1}x) \\ &\leq 2\frac{L^n}{1-L} S(x, x, Tx)\end{aligned}$$

and this gives (b).

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