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## SOFT $S_b$ -METRIC SPACES AND SOME OF ITS PROPERTIES

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**ABSTRACT.** Firstly, we have founded a generalized concept of soft S-metric spaces, named soft  $S_b$ -metric space, based on soft points of soft sets, and some basic properties regarding soft  $S_b$ -metric spaces are studied with examples. After that, we have established a fixed point theorem on soft  $S_b$ -metric spaces with an application.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Soft set theory was first initiated by Molodtsov [4] in 1999, which is an extension of fuzzy set theory [7]. After that, Maji et al. [10] studied this theory in detail. The concepts of soft real set, soft real number, soft point, and soft metric spaces were introduced, and some of their important properties were studied by Das and Samanta in [13, 15].

In 2012, S-metric space was introduced by Sedghi et al. [12] and obtained some fixed point results on S-metric spaces. Thereafter, some more fixed-point results are discussed by many researchers in [8, 9, 16, 17, 19].

As a continuation, Aras et al. [2] have extended the concept of S-metric spaces to soft S-metric spaces, and some important fixed point results were established in 2018 [3] with the help of soft mapping [1, 5, 11, 18]. Recently, soft  $S_b$ -metric space using soft elements was discussed in [6].

In the present study, using soft points, we have introduced a generalized notion of soft S-metric spaces called soft  $S_b$ - metric spaces, and some of their fundamental properties are established with proper examples. An important soft fixed point result on soft  $S_b$ -metric spaces is also discussed with an application.

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Choosing  $X(\neq \emptyset)$ , universal set;  $E^*$ , set of parameters, and  $P(X)$ , power set of  $X$ .

**Definition 1.1.** [4] Taking  $F^* : Q^* \rightarrow P(X)$ , a function;  $Q^* \subseteq E^*$ , then  $(F^*, Q^*)$  is soft set over  $X$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [10] If  $F^*(q^*) = X, \forall q^* \in Q^*$ , then  $(F^*, Q^*)$ , a soft set over  $X$ , is designated absolute soft set and is glossed by  $\tilde{X}$ .

**Definition 1.3.** [13] A function  $H^* : E^* \rightarrow B(\mathbb{R})$  is a soft real set and is glossed by  $(H^*, E^*)$ .

If  $(H^*, E^*)$  is singleton, then it is designated a soft real number. It is prevailed as  $t^*$ , whereas  $\bar{t}^*$  prevailed a especial form of soft real numbers, where  $\bar{t}^*(a^*) = t^*, \forall a^* \in E^*$ .

**Definition 1.4.** [15]  $(F^*, Q^*)$  is mentioned as a soft point of  $X$  if there is a specific one  $q^* \in Q^*$  for which  $F^*(q^*) = \{z\}$ , for few  $z \in X$  and  $F^*(b^*) = \emptyset, \forall b^* \in Q^* \setminus \{q^*\}$ . It is prevailed by  $P_{q^*}^z$ .

**Definition 1.5.** [14]  $P_{q_1^*}^{z_1} = P_{q_2^*}^{z_2} \Rightarrow z_1 = z_2$  and  $q_1^* = q_2^*$ .  
Again,  $P_{q_1^*}^{z_1} \neq P_{q_2^*}^{z_2} \Rightarrow$  either  $z_1 \neq z_2$  or,  $q_1^* \neq q_2^*$ .

## 2. SOFT $S_b$ -METRIC SPACES

In this part, we have initiated soft  $S_b$ -metric spaces, and some of their properties are discussed with application.

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $SP(\tilde{X})$  be the collection of all soft points of  $\tilde{X}$  and  $\mathbb{R}(E^*)^*$  be the collection of all non-negative soft real numbers.

A mapping  $\tilde{S}_b : SP(\tilde{X}) \times SP(\tilde{X}) \times SP(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}(E^*)^*$ , is entitled a soft  $S_b$ -metric on the soft set  $\tilde{X}$  with constant soft real number  $\bar{s} \geq \bar{1}$ , if  $\tilde{S}_b$  content the following conditions  $\forall P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3}, P_{a_4}^{x_4} \in SP(\tilde{X})$ ,

$$(S_1) \quad \tilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3}) \gtrsim \bar{0}, \text{ equality holds if and only if } P_{a_1}^{x_1} = P_{a_2}^{x_2} = P_{a_3}^{x_3}$$

$$(S_2) \quad \tilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3}) \lesssim \bar{s} \{ \tilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_4}^{x_4}) + \tilde{S}_b(P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_4}^{x_4}) \\ + \tilde{S}_b(P_{a_3}^{x_3}, P_{a_3}^{x_3}, P_{a_4}^{x_4}) \}$$

and the soft set  $\tilde{X}$  with a soft  $S_b$ -metric on  $\tilde{X}$  is called a soft  $S_b$ -metric space and is denoted by  $(\tilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$ .

**Example 1.** Choose  $X = \mathbb{R} = E^*$  and  $\forall P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3} \in SP(\tilde{X})$ , define the function  $\tilde{S}_b$  by,

$$\tilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3}) = [ |\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2| + |\bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_3| + |\bar{x}_3 - \bar{x}_1| ]^2 \\ + [ |\bar{a}_1 - \bar{a}_2| + |\bar{a}_2 - \bar{a}_3| + |\bar{a}_3 - \bar{a}_1| ]^2, \text{ where } \bar{x}_1(\lambda^*) = x_1, \forall \lambda^* \in E^*.$$

Then, definitely the condition  $(S_1)$  is satisfied. Now, for condition  $(S_2)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3}) &= [|\overline{x_1} - \overline{x_2}| + |\overline{x_2} - \overline{x_3}| + |\overline{x_3} - \overline{x_1}|]^2 + [|\overline{a_1} - \overline{a_2}| \\
&\quad + |\overline{a_2} - \overline{a_3}| + |\overline{a_3} - \overline{a_1}|]^2 \\
&\lesssim [|\overline{x_1} - \overline{x_4}| + |\overline{x_4} - \overline{x_2}| + |\overline{x_2} - \overline{x_4}| + |\overline{x_4} - \overline{x_3}| \\
&\quad + |\overline{x_3} - \overline{x_4}| + |\overline{x_4} - \overline{x_1}|]^2 \\
&\quad + [|\overline{a_1} - \overline{a_4}| + |\overline{a_4} - \overline{a_2}| + |\overline{a_2} - \overline{a_4}| + |\overline{a_4} - \overline{a_3}| \\
&\quad + |\overline{a_3} - \overline{a_4}| + |\overline{a_4} - \overline{a_1}|]^2 \\
&= [\overline{2} |\overline{x_1} - \overline{x_4}|]^2 + [\overline{2} |\overline{x_2} - \overline{x_4}|]^2 + [\overline{2} |\overline{x_3} - \overline{x_4}|]^2 \\
&\quad + \overline{8} |\overline{x_1} - \overline{x_4}| |\overline{x_2} - \overline{x_4}| + \overline{8} |\overline{x_2} - \overline{x_4}| |\overline{x_3} - \overline{x_4}| \\
&\quad + \overline{8} |\overline{x_3} - \overline{x_4}| |\overline{x_1} - \overline{x_4}| + [\overline{2} |\overline{a_1} - \overline{a_4}|]^2 \\
&\quad + [\overline{2} |\overline{a_2} - \overline{a_4}|]^2 + [\overline{2} |\overline{a_3} - \overline{a_4}|]^2 + \overline{8} |\overline{a_1} - \overline{a_4}| |\overline{a_2} - \overline{a_4}| \\
&\quad + \overline{8} |\overline{a_2} - \overline{a_4}| |\overline{a_3} - \overline{a_4}| + \overline{8} |\overline{a_3} - \overline{a_4}| |\overline{a_1} - \overline{a_4}| \\
&\lesssim \overline{3} \left[ [\overline{2} |\overline{x_1} - \overline{x_4}|]^2 + [\overline{2} |\overline{x_2} - \overline{x_4}|]^2 + [\overline{2} |\overline{x_3} - \overline{x_4}|]^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + [\overline{2} |\overline{a_1} - \overline{a_4}|]^2 + [\overline{2} |\overline{a_2} - \overline{a_4}|]^2 + [\overline{2} |\overline{a_3} - \overline{a_4}|]^2 \right] \\
&= \overline{3} [\widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_4}^{x_4}) + \widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_4}^{x_4}) + \widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_3}^{x_3}, P_{a_3}^{x_3}, P_{a_4}^{x_4})]
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  is a soft  $S_b$ -metric space with constant  $\overline{s} = \overline{3}$ .

**Note:** Every soft S-metric space is a soft  $S_b$ -metric space with  $\overline{s} = 1$ , but the function  $\widetilde{S}_b$  may not be a soft  $S$ -metric, if we pick  $\overline{x_1} = \overline{4}$ ,  $\overline{x_2} = \overline{6}$ ,  $\overline{x_3} = \overline{8}$ ,  $\overline{x_4} = \overline{5}$ ; and  $\overline{a_1} = \overline{2}$ ,  $\overline{a_2} = \overline{4}$ ,  $\overline{a_3} = \overline{6}$ ,  $\overline{a_4} = \overline{3}$ , then from Example 1 we have  $\forall \lambda^* \in E^*$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3})(\lambda^*) &= 128 \\
&\lesssim [\widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_4}^{x_4}) + \widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_4}^{x_4}) \\
&\quad + \widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_3}^{x_3}, P_{a_3}^{x_3}, P_{a_4}^{x_4})](\lambda^*) \\
&= 88, \text{ which is a contradiction.}
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.1.** In a soft  $S_b$ -metric space  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  with  $\overline{s} \gtrsim \overline{1}$ ,

$$\widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}) \gtrsim \overline{s} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_1}^{x_1}).$$

*Proof.* Since,  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  is a soft  $S_b$ -metric space with  $\overline{s} \gtrsim \overline{1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}) &\lesssim \overline{s} \{ \widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_1}^{x_1}) + \widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_1}^{x_1}) \\
&\quad + \widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_1}^{x_1}) \} \\
\Rightarrow \widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}) &\lesssim \overline{s} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_1}^{x_1})
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition 2.7.** A soft  $S_b$ -metric space  $(\tilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  with  $\bar{s} \gtrsim \bar{1}$  is called symmetric if

$$\widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}) = \widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_1}^{x_1}).$$

**Example 2.** In Example 1, the function  $\widetilde{S}_b$  is a symmetric soft  $S_b$ -metric on  $\tilde{X}$ .

**Example 3.** Take  $X = \mathbb{R} = E^*$  and  $\forall P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3} \in SP(\tilde{X})$  pick  $\widetilde{S}_b$  as,

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{S}_b(P_0^0, P_0^0, P_1^1) &= \bar{3}, \\ \widetilde{S}_b(P_1^1, P_1^1, P_0^0) &= \bar{6}, \\ \widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3}) &= \bar{0}, \text{ if } P_{a_1}^{x_1} = P_{a_2}^{x_2} = P_{a_3}^{x_3}, \\ \widetilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3}) &= \bar{1}, \text{ otherwise,} \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\widetilde{S}_b$  is soft  $S_b$ -metric, but not symmetric.

**Definition 2.8.** A sequence  $\{P_{d,n}^{x_1}\}$  in a soft  $S_b$ -metric space  $(\tilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  is converges to  $P_a^y$  if and only if  $\widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_a^y) \rightarrow \bar{0}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

i.e, for each  $\bar{\varepsilon} \succ \bar{0}$ ,  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_a^y) \prec \bar{\varepsilon}$ ,  $\forall n \geq k$ .

It is denoted by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{d,n}^{x_1} = P_a^y$ .

**Example 4.** Take  $E^* = \{d_1, d_2\}$  and  $X = \mathbb{R}$ .

Pick  $S_b$  from Example 1.

Define  $\{P_{d,n}^{x_1}\}$  by  $P_{d,n}^{x_1}(d_i) = \frac{i}{n}$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;  $i = 1, 2$ .

Then  $\forall d_i \in E^*$ ;  $i = 1, 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_d^0)(d_i) &= \widetilde{S}_b(P_d^{\frac{i}{n}}, P_d^{\frac{i}{n}}, P_d^0) \\ &= \left[ \left| \frac{i}{n} - \frac{i}{n} \right| + \left| \frac{i}{n} - \bar{0} \right| + \left| \bar{0} - \frac{i}{n} \right| \right]^2 \\ &= \left[ \left| \frac{i}{n} - \frac{i}{n} \right| + \left| \frac{i}{n} - 0 \right| + \left| 0 - \frac{i}{n} \right| \right]^2 \\ &= 4 \left[ \frac{i}{n} \right]^2 \\ &\rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{d,n}^{x_1} = P_d^0$

**Theorem 2.1.** If a sequence  $\{P_{d,n}^{x_1}\}$  in a symmetric soft  $S_b$ - metric space  $(\tilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  converges to  $P_a^y$ , then  $P_a^y$  is unique.

*Proof.* Let  $\{P_{d,n}^{x_1}\} \rightarrow P_a^y$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\{P_{d,n}^{x_1}\} \rightarrow P_b^z$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $P_a^y \neq P_b^z$ . So, for each  $\bar{\varepsilon} \succ \bar{0}$ ,  $\exists k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that,

$$\widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_a^y) \prec \frac{\bar{\varepsilon}}{4\bar{s}}, \forall n \geq k_1$$

and

$$\widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_b^z) \prec \frac{\bar{\varepsilon}}{2\bar{s}}, \forall n \geq k_2$$

If we take  $k^* = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$ , then

$$\widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_a^y) \lesssim \frac{\widetilde{\varepsilon}}{4\bar{s}}, \forall n \geq k^*$$

and

$$\widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_b^z) \lesssim \frac{\widetilde{\varepsilon}}{2\bar{s}}, \forall n \geq k^*$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{S}_b(P_a^y, P_a^y, P_b^z) &= \bar{s} \{2 \widetilde{S}_b(P_a^y, P_a^y, P_{d,n}^{x_1}) + \widetilde{S}_b(P_b^z, P_b^z, P_{d,n}^{x_1})\} \\ &= \bar{s} \{2 \widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_a^y) + \widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_b^z)\}, \\ &\quad \text{since } \widetilde{S}_b \text{ is symmetric} \\ &\lesssim \widetilde{\varepsilon}, \forall n \geq k^* \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\widetilde{\varepsilon} > \bar{0}$  is arbitrary, so  $\widetilde{S}_b(P_a^y, P_a^y, P_b^z) = \bar{0}$ , i.e.,  $P_a^y = P_b^z$ .  $\square$

**Note:** If the function  $S_b$  is not symmetric, then  $P_a^y$  in Theorem 2.1 may not be unique.

In Example 3,  $P_a^y$  is not unique.

**Definition 2.9.** A sequence  $\{P_{d,n}^{x_1}\}$  in a soft  $S_b$ -metric space  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  is Cauchy if  $\widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,m}^{x_1}) \rightarrow \bar{0}$ , as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ .

i.e., for each  $\widetilde{\varepsilon} \succ \bar{0}$ ,  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,m}^{x_1}) \lesssim \widetilde{\varepsilon}$ ,  $\forall n, m \geq k$ .

**Example 5.** In Example 4, the sequence  $\{P_{d,n}^{x_1}\}$ , where  $P_{d,n}^{x_1}(d_i) = \frac{i}{n}$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;  $i = 1, 2$  is a Cauchy sequence, as for all  $d_i \in E^*$ ;  $i = 1, 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,m}^{x_1})(d_i) &= \widetilde{S}_b(P_d^{\frac{i}{n}}, P_d^{\frac{i}{n}}, P_d^{\frac{i}{m}}) \\ &= \left[ \left| \frac{i}{n} - \frac{i}{n} \right| + \left| \frac{i}{n} - \frac{i}{m} \right| + \left| \frac{i}{m} - \frac{i}{n} \right| \right]^2 \\ &= \left[ \left| \frac{i}{n} - \frac{i}{n} \right| + \left| \frac{i}{n} - \frac{i}{m} \right| + \left| \frac{i}{m} - \frac{i}{n} \right| \right]^2 \\ &= 4 \left[ \frac{i}{m} - \frac{i}{n} \right]^2 \\ &\rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.2.** If a sequence  $\{P_{d,n}^{x_1}\}$  in a soft  $S_b$ -metric space  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  converges to  $P_a^y$ , then  $\{P_{d,n}^{x_1}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

*Proof.* As  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{d,n}^{x_1} = P_a^y$ , so for any  $\widetilde{\varepsilon} \succ \bar{0}$ ,  $\exists k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that,

$$\widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_a^y) \lesssim \frac{\widetilde{\varepsilon}}{4\bar{s}}, \forall n \geq k_1,$$

and

$$\widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,m}^{x_1}, P_{d,m}^{x_1}, P_a^y) \lesssim \frac{\widetilde{\varepsilon}}{2\bar{s}}, \forall n \geq k_2.$$

Set  $k^* = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,m}^{x_1}) &\lesssim \bar{s} \{2 \widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_a^y) + \widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,m}^{x_1}, P_{d,m}^{x_1}, P_a^y)\} \\ &\lesssim \frac{\widetilde{\varepsilon}}{2} + \frac{\widetilde{\varepsilon}}{2}, \forall n, m \geq k^* \\ \Rightarrow \widetilde{S}_b(P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,n}^{x_1}, P_{d,m}^{x_1}) &\lesssim \widetilde{\varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\{P_{d,n}^{x_1}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.  $\square$

**Definition 2.10.** A soft  $S_b$ -metric space  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  is complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $\widetilde{X}$  converges to some soft point in  $\widetilde{X}$ .

**Example 6.** In Example 4, if we take  $(Y, E^*) \widetilde{\subset} \widetilde{X}$ , where  $Y(d) = [0, 1], \forall d \in E^*$ , then  $(\widetilde{Y}, S_b, E^*)$  is a complete soft  $S_b$ -metric spaces.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  be a complete soft  $S_b$ -metric space with  $\bar{s} \widetilde{\geq} \bar{1}$ . If  $f_\varphi$  and  $T_\psi$  are two soft mappings on  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$ , content the following condition,

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{S}_b(f_\varphi(P_{\lambda^*}^x), f_\varphi(P_{\lambda^*}^x), T_\psi(P_{\mu^*}^y)) &\lesssim \bar{a} \left[ \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*}^x, P_{\lambda^*}^x, P_{\mu^*}^y) \right], \\ \forall P_{\lambda^*}^x, P_{\mu^*}^y &\in SP(\widetilde{X}), \text{ where } \bar{a} \in \left[ \bar{0}, \frac{\bar{1}}{\bar{s}^2} \right), \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

then  $f_\varphi$  and  $T_\psi$  have a unique common fixed soft point in  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $P_{\lambda^*,0}^x \in SP(\widetilde{X})$ .

Let us consider a sequence of soft points  $\{P_{\lambda^*,n}^x\}$  in  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  defined as,

$$P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x = f_\varphi(P_{\lambda^*,2k}^x), P_{\lambda^*,2k+2}^x = T_\psi(P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x); k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k+2}^x) &= \widetilde{S}_b(f_\varphi(P_{\lambda^*,2k}^x), f_\varphi(P_{\lambda^*,2k}^x), T_\psi(P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x)) \\ &\lesssim \bar{a} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,2k}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x) \end{aligned}$$

Again,

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,2k+2}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k+2}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k+3}^x) &= \widetilde{S}_b(T_\psi(P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x), T_\psi(P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x), f_\varphi(P_{\lambda^*,2k+2}^x)) \\ &= \bar{s} \widetilde{S}_b(f_\varphi(P_{\lambda^*,2k+2}^x), f_\varphi(P_{\lambda^*,2k+2}^x), T_\psi(P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x)), \\ &\quad \text{from Lemma 2.1} \\ &\lesssim \bar{a} \bar{s} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,2k+2}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k+2}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x) \\ &= \bar{a} \bar{s}^2 \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k+2}^x), \\ &\quad \text{from Lemma 2.1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,2k+2}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k+2}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k+3}^x) &\lesssim \bar{a} \bar{s}^2 \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k+2}^x) \\ &\lesssim \bar{a}^2 \bar{s}^2 \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,2k}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k}^x, P_{\lambda^*,2k+1}^x); k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+2}^x) &\lesssim \bar{a} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x) \\ &\lesssim \bar{a}^2 \bar{s}^2 \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n-1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n-1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n}^x) \\ &\vdots \\ &\lesssim \bar{a}^{n+1} \bar{s}^{n+1} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,0}^x, P_{\lambda^*,0}^x, P_{\lambda^*,1}^x) \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 2.1, for  $m > n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n}^x, P_{\lambda^*,m}^x) &\lesssim \bar{s} [2 \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x) + \\ &\quad \bar{s} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,m}^x)] \\ &\lesssim \bar{s} \left[ 2 \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \bar{s} [2 \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+2}^x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \bar{s} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n+2}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+2}^x, P_{\lambda^*,m}^x)] \right] \\ &\vdots \\ &\lesssim 2 \bar{s} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x) \\ &\quad + 2 \bar{s}^2 \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+2}^x) \\ &\quad + \dots + 2 \bar{s}^{(m-n-1)} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,m-2}^x, P_{\lambda^*,m-2}^x, P_{\lambda^*,m-1}^x) \\ &\quad + 2 \bar{s}^{(m-n)} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,m-1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,m-1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,m}^x) \\ &\lesssim 2 \bar{s} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x) \\ &\quad + 2 \bar{s}^2 \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+2}^x) \\ &\quad + 2 \bar{s}^3 \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n+2}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+2}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+3}^x) \\ &\quad + 2 \bar{s}^4 \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,n+3}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+3}^x, P_{\lambda^*,n+4}^x) + \dots + \\ &\quad 2 \bar{s}^{(m-n-1)} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,m-2}^x, P_{\lambda^*,m-2}^x, P_{\lambda^*,m-1}^x) \\ &\quad + 2 \bar{s}^{(m-n)} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,m-1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,m-1}^x, P_{\lambda^*,m}^x) + \dots \\ &\lesssim 2 [\bar{a}^n \bar{s}^{n+1} + \bar{a}^{n+1} \bar{s}^{n+3} + \bar{a}^{n+2} \bar{s}^{n+5} \\ &\quad + \bar{a}^{n+3} \bar{s}^{n+7} + \dots] \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,0}^x, P_{\lambda^*,0}^x, P_{\lambda^*,1}^x) \\ &\lesssim 2 \bar{a}^n \bar{s}^{n+1} [1 + (\bar{a} \bar{s}^2) + (\bar{a} \bar{s}^2)^2 \\ &\quad + (\bar{a} \bar{s}^2)^3 + \dots] \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,0}^x, P_{\lambda^*,0}^x, P_{\lambda^*,1}^x) \\ &\lesssim 2 \frac{\bar{a}^n \bar{s}^{n+1}}{1 - (\bar{a} \bar{s}^2)} \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*,0}^x, P_{\lambda^*,0}^x, P_{\lambda^*,1}^x) \\ &\rightarrow \bar{0}, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \left[ \text{since, } \bar{a}_1 \in \left[ \bar{0}, \frac{\bar{1}}{\bar{s}^2} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\{P_{\lambda^*,n}^x\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Since,  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  is a complete soft  $S_b$ -metric space, so  $\exists P_\alpha^t \in SP(\widetilde{X})$  such that  $P_{\lambda^*,n}^x \rightarrow P_\alpha^t$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{S}_b(f_\varphi(P_\alpha^t), f_\varphi(P_\alpha^t), P_\alpha^t) &\lesssim 2 \widetilde{S}_b(f_\varphi(P_\alpha^t), f_\varphi(P_\alpha^t), T_\psi(P_{\lambda^*, 2k+1}^x)) \\ &\quad + \widetilde{S}_b(P_\alpha^t, P_\alpha^t, T_\psi(P_{\lambda^*, 2k+1}^x)) \\ &\lesssim 2 \bar{a} \widetilde{S}_b(P_\alpha^t, P_\alpha^t, P_{\lambda^*, 2k+1}^x) + \widetilde{S}_b(P_\alpha^t, P_\alpha^t, P_{\lambda^*, 2k+2}^x)\end{aligned}$$

Taking  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{S}_b(f_\varphi(P_\alpha^t), f_\varphi(P_\alpha^t), P_\alpha^t) &\lesssim 2 \bar{a} \widetilde{S}_b(P_\alpha^t, P_\alpha^t, P_\alpha^t) + \widetilde{S}_b(P_\alpha^t, P_\alpha^t, P_\alpha^t) \\ \Rightarrow \widetilde{S}_b(f_\varphi(P_\alpha^t), f_\varphi(P_\alpha^t), P_\alpha^t) &\lesssim \bar{0} \\ \Rightarrow f_\varphi(P_\alpha^t) &= P_\alpha^t.\end{aligned}$$

Again,

$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{S}_b(P_\alpha^t, P_\alpha^t, T_\psi(P_\alpha^t)) &= \widetilde{S}_b(f_\varphi(P_\alpha^t), f_\varphi(P_\alpha^t), T_\psi(P_\alpha^t)) \\ &\lesssim \bar{a} \widetilde{S}_b(P_\alpha^t, P_\alpha^t, P_\alpha^t) \\ &= \bar{0} \\ \Rightarrow T_\psi(P_\alpha^t) &= P_\alpha^t.\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f_\varphi(P_\alpha^t) = T_\psi(P_\alpha^t) = P_\alpha^t$ .

*i.e.*,  $f_\varphi$  and  $T_\psi$  have common fixed soft point.

To assert uniqueness, let  $P_\beta^{t*} (\neq P_\alpha^t) \in SP(\widetilde{X})$  be another fixed soft point of  $f_\varphi$  and  $T_\psi$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{S}_b(P_\alpha^t, P_\alpha^t, P_\beta^{t*}) &= \widetilde{S}_b(f_\varphi(P_\alpha^t), f_\varphi(P_\alpha^t), T_\psi(P_\beta^{t*})) \\ &= \bar{a} \widetilde{S}_b(P_\alpha^t, P_\alpha^t, P_\beta^{t*}) \\ \Rightarrow \widetilde{S}_b(P_\alpha^t, P_\alpha^t, P_\beta^{t*}) &= \bar{0} \\ \Rightarrow P_\alpha^t &= P_\beta^{t*}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f_\varphi$  and  $T_\psi$  have unique common fixed soft point in  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.0.** *Let  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  be a complete soft  $S_b$ - metric space with  $\bar{s} \gtrsim \bar{1}$ . If  $h_\gamma$  is a soft mappings on  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$ , content the following condition,*

$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{S}_b(h_\gamma(P_{\lambda^*}^x), h_\gamma(P_{\lambda^*}^x), h_\gamma(P_{\mu^*}^y)) &\lesssim \bar{b} \left[ \widetilde{S}_b(P_{\lambda^*}^x, P_{\lambda^*}^x, P_{\mu^*}^y) \right], \\ \forall P_{\lambda^*}^x, P_{\mu^*}^y &\in SP(\widetilde{X}), \text{ where } \bar{b} \in \left[ \bar{0}, \frac{\bar{1}}{\bar{s}^2} \right), \quad (2)\end{aligned}$$

then  $h_\gamma$  has a unique fixed soft point in  $(\widetilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$ .

*Proof.* Choose  $f_\varphi = h_\gamma = T_\psi$  and  $\bar{a} = \bar{b}$ . Then from Theorem 2.3, we get the result.  $\square$



**2.1. Application.** Let  $E^* = [-2, \infty)$  and  $\tilde{X}(\lambda^*) = [-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}]$ ,  $\forall \lambda^* \in E^*$ .

For all  $P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3} \in SP(\tilde{X})$ , define  $\tilde{S}_b$  as,

$$\tilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3}) = [ | \overline{x_1} - \overline{x_2} | + | \overline{x_2} - \overline{x_3} | + | \overline{x_3} - \overline{x_1} | ]^2 + [ | \overline{a_1} - \overline{a_2} | + | \overline{a_2} - \overline{a_3} | + | \overline{a_3} - \overline{a_1} | ]^2, \text{ where } \overline{x_1}(\lambda^*) = x_1, \forall \lambda^* \in E^*.$$

Then  $(\tilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  is a soft  $S_b$ -metric space.

Now, we define  $\varphi : [-2, \infty) \rightarrow [-2, \infty)$  and  $f : [-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}] \rightarrow [-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}]$  by  $\varphi(x) = \frac{x}{2} - 1$ ,  $\forall x \in [-2, \infty)$  and  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $\forall x \in [-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}]$  respectively.

Let  $f_\varphi : (\tilde{X}, S_b, E^*) \rightarrow (\tilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  be such that  $f_\varphi(P_{\lambda^*}^x) = P_{\varphi(\lambda^*)}^{f(x)}$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{S}_b(f_\varphi(P_{a_1}^{x_1}), f_\varphi(P_{a_2}^{x_2}), f_\varphi(P_{a_3}^{x_3}))(\lambda^*) \\ &= \left[ | \overline{f(x_1)}(\lambda^*) - \overline{f(x_2)}(\lambda^*) | + | \overline{f(x_2)}(\lambda^*) - \overline{f(x_3)}(\lambda^*) | \right. \\ &+ \left. | \overline{f(x_3)}(\lambda^*) - \overline{f(x_1)}(\lambda^*) | \right]^2 + \left[ | \overline{\varphi(a_1)}(\lambda^*) - \overline{\varphi(a_2)}(\lambda^*) | \right. \\ &+ \left. | \overline{\varphi(a_2)}(\lambda^*) - \overline{\varphi(a_3)}(\lambda^*) | + | \overline{\varphi(a_3)}(\lambda^*) - \overline{\varphi(a_1)}(\lambda^*) | \right]^2 \\ &= \left[ | f(x_1) - f(x_2) | + | f(x_2) - f(x_3) | + | f(x_3) - f(x_1) | \right]^2 \\ &+ \left[ | \varphi(a_1) - \varphi(a_2) | + | \varphi(a_2) - \varphi(a_3) | + | \varphi(a_3) - \varphi(a_1) | \right]^2, \text{ (since } \overline{x_1}(\lambda^*) = x_1) \\ &= \left[ | x_1^2 - x_2^2 | + | x_2^2 - x_3^2 | + | x_3^2 - x_1^2 | \right]^2 + \left[ | \frac{a_1}{2} - \frac{a_2}{2} | + | \frac{a_2}{2} - \frac{a_3}{2} | + | \frac{a_3}{2} - \frac{a_1}{2} | \right]^2 \\ &\lesssim \frac{1}{4} \left[ ( | x_1 - x_2 | + | x_2 - x_3 | + | x_3 - x_1 | )^2 + ( | a_1 - a_2 | + | a_2 - a_3 | \right. \\ &+ \left. | a_3 - a_1 | )^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ ( | \overline{x_1}(\lambda^*) - \overline{x_2}(\lambda^*) | + | \overline{x_2}(\lambda^*) - \overline{x_3}(\lambda^*) | + | \overline{x_3}(\lambda^*) - \overline{x_1}(\lambda^*) | )^2 \right. \\ &+ \left. ( | \overline{a_1}(\lambda^*) - \overline{a_2}(\lambda^*) | + | \overline{a_2}(\lambda^*) - \overline{a_3}(\lambda^*) | + | \overline{a_3}(\lambda^*) - \overline{a_1}(\lambda^*) | )^2 \right], \\ &\text{(since } \overline{x_1}(\lambda^*) = x_1) \\ &\Rightarrow \tilde{S}_b(f_\varphi(P_{a_1}^{x_1}), f_\varphi(P_{a_2}^{x_2}), f_\varphi(P_{a_3}^{x_3}))(\lambda^*) \lesssim \frac{1}{4} \tilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3})(\lambda^*). \end{aligned}$$

Since this is true for all  $\lambda^* \in E^*$ , so

$$\tilde{S}_b(f_\varphi(P_{a_1}^{x_1}), f_\varphi(P_{a_2}^{x_2}), f_\varphi(P_{a_3}^{x_3})) \lesssim \frac{1}{4} \tilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3})$$

Therefore,  $(\tilde{X}, S_b, E^*)$  is a complete soft  $S_b$ -metric space.

Also the condition,

$$\tilde{S}_b(f_\varphi(P_{a_1}^{x_1}), f_\varphi(P_{a_2}^{x_2}), f_\varphi(P_{a_3}^{x_3})) \lesssim \bar{b} \tilde{S}_b(P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3}), \forall P_{a_1}^{x_1}, P_{a_2}^{x_2}, P_{a_3}^{x_3} \in SP(\tilde{X}),$$

is satisfied for  $\bar{b} (= \frac{1}{4}) \in \mathbb{R}(E^*)$ .

Thus, all the conditions of Corollary 2.0 are contented. So, from Corollary 2.0, we can say that  $f_\varphi$  has a unique fixed soft point.

$$\text{Now, } f_\varphi(P_{-2}^0) = P_{\left(\frac{-2}{2}-1\right)}^{0^2} = P_{-2}^0.$$

Hence,  $P_{-2}^0$  is a fixed soft point.

### 3. CONCLUSIONS

In this study, we have initiated soft  $S_b$ -metric space, and some elementary behaviours are investigated. A significant fixed point result on soft  $S_b$ -metric spaces is established with an application. We expect that this modern thought will favour researchers in enhancing and generalizing the theory of soft metric spaces and related fields.

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