

FIXED POINT THEOREM IN CONVEX METRIC SPACE

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Abstract

Fixed point theorem for convex metric space is proved under more generalized conditions.

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1. Introduction

Takahashi [5] has introduced the definition of convexity in metric space and generalized some fixed point theorems previously proved for the Banach space. Subsequently, Mochado [3], Tallman [6], Nainpally and Singh [4], Guay and Singh [1], Hadžić and Gajić [2] were among others who obtained results in this setting. This paper is a continuation of the investigation in the same setting.

2. Preliminaries

To prove our result we need the following definitions:

Definition 1. Let X be a metric space and I be the closed unit interval. A mapping $W : X \times X \times I \rightarrow X$ is said to be a convex structure on X if for all $x, y \in X, \lambda \in I$,

$$d(u, W(x, y, \lambda)) \leq \lambda d(u, x) + (1 - \lambda)d(u, y), \text{ for all } u \in X.$$

The metric space (X, d) , together with a convex structure is called the Takahashi convex metric space.

Any subset of a Banach space is a Takahashi convex metric space with

$$W(x, y, \lambda) = \lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y.$$

Definition 2. Let X be a convex metric space. A nonempty subset K of X is said to be convex if and only if $W(x, y, \lambda) \in K$ whenever $x, y \in K, \lambda \in I$.

Takahashi [5] has shown that the open and closed balls are convex and that an arbitrary intersection of convex sets is also convex.

For an arbitrary $A \subset X$, let

$$(1) \quad \tilde{W}(A) = \{W(x, y, \lambda) : x, y \in A, \lambda \in I\}.$$

It is easy to see that

$\tilde{W} : P(X) \rightarrow P(X)$ is a mapping with the properties:

- (i) $A \subset \tilde{W}(A)$, for $A \subset X$,
- (ii) $A \subset B \Rightarrow \tilde{W}(A) \subset \tilde{W}(B)$, for $A, B \in P(X)$,
- (iii) $\tilde{W}(A \cap B) \subset \tilde{W}(A) \cap \tilde{W}(B)$, for any $A, B \in P(X)$.

Using this notation we can see that K is convex iff $\tilde{W}(K) \subset K$.

Definition 3. A convex metric space X will be said to have Property (C) iff every bounded decreasing set of nonempty closed convex subset of X has nonempty intersection.

Remark 1. Every weakly compact convex subset of a Banach space has Property (C).

Definition 4. Let X be a convex metric space and A be a nonempty closed, convex bounded set in X . For $x \in X$, let us set

$$r_x(A) = \sup_{y \in A} d(x, y),$$

and

$$r(A) = \inf_{x \in A} r_x(A).$$

We thus define $A_C = \{x \in A : r_x(A) = r(A)\}$ to be the centre of A .

We denote the diameter of a subset A of X by

$$\delta(A) = \sup\{d(x, y) : x, y \in A\}.$$

Definition 5. A point $x \in A$ is a diametral point of A iff

$$\sup_{y \in A} d(x, y) = \delta(A).$$

Definition 6. A convex metric space X is said to have normal structure iff for each closed bounded, convex subset A of X , containing at least two points, there exists $x \in A$, which is not a diametral point of A .

Remark 2. Any compact convex metric space has a normal structure.

Definition 7. A convex hull of the set A ($A \subset X$) is the intersection of all convex sets in X containing A , and is denoted by $\text{conv } A$.

It is obvious that if A is a convex set, then

$$\tilde{W}^n(A) = \tilde{W}(\tilde{W}(\tilde{W}(A) \dots)) \subset A \text{ for any } n \in \mathbf{N}.$$

If we set

$$A_n = \tilde{W}^n(A), \quad (A \subset X),$$

then the sequence $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ will be increasing and $\limsup A_n$ exists, and $\limsup A_n = \liminf A_n = \lim A_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$.

Also, we need the following propositions:

Proposition 1. *Let X be a convex metric space. Then*

$$(2) \quad \text{conv } A = \lim A_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n, \quad (A \subset X)$$

Proof. If $x, y \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$, then there exists a positive integer n_0 (say) such that $x, y \in A_{n_0}$. So, for $\lambda \in I$,

$$W(x, y, \lambda) \in A_{n_0+1} \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n.$$

Thus, $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ is convex and contains A .

Further, for any convex set C containing A ,

$$\tilde{W}^n(A) \subset C \text{ for every } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

i. e.

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \subset C.$$

So,

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \text{conv } A.$$

In the remaining part of this paper (X, d) will denote a convex metric space.

Proposition 2. *For any subset A of (X, d)*

$$\delta(\text{conv } A) = \delta(A).$$

Proof. Since $A \subset \text{conv } A$ then $\delta(A) \leq \delta(\text{conv } A)$. Now let x and y be in $\text{conv } A$. If $x, y \in A$, then it is obvious that $d(x, y) \leq \delta(A)$. So, let one of them, for instance x , be in $\text{conv } A$, and let the other one be from A . Since $x \in \text{conv } A$, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x \in \tilde{W}^{n_0}(A)$. But, it means that there exist $x_1, x_2 \in \tilde{W}^{n_0-1}(A)$, $\lambda_1 \in [0, 1]$, so that $x = W(x_1, x_2, \lambda_1)$ and then:

$$d(x, y) = d(W(x_1, x_2, \lambda_1), y) \leq \lambda_1 d(x_1, y) + (1 - \lambda_1) d(x_2, y).$$

By induction it can be seen that there exists the subset

$$\{x_i\}_{i \in I} \subset A \quad (I - \text{finite set})$$

and

$$\{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}, \alpha_i \geq 0, \sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i = 1,$$

such that

$$d(x, y) \leq \sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i d(\tilde{x}_i, y).$$

Since

$$d(\tilde{x}_i, y) \leq \delta(A) \text{ for } i \in I,$$

we can prove that

$$(3) \quad d(x, y) \leq \delta(A).$$

Similarly, it can be seen that the above is valid even in the case for $y \in \text{conv } A$.

3. Main result

Now we prove the following:

Theorem 1. *Let (X, d) be a metric space with continuous convex structure and let K be a closed convex bounded subset of (X, d) with normal structure and Property (C).*

If $A : K \rightarrow K$ is a continuous mapping such that for $x, y \in K$,

$$(4) \quad d(Ax, Ay) \leq \max\{d(x, y), d(x, Ax), d(y, Ay), d(x, Ay), d(y, Ax), \\ d(x, A^2x), d(y, A^2y), d(Ax, A^2x), d(Ay, A^2y)\}$$

then A has a fixed point.

Proof. Let \mathcal{F} be a family of non-empty closed convex subsets $F \subset K$ so that $A(F) \subset F$, then F is non-empty since $K \in \mathcal{F}$. We partially order \mathcal{F} by inclusion, and let $S = \{F_i\}_{i \in \Delta}$ be the decreasing chain in \mathcal{F} . Then by Property (C) we have that

$$F_0 = \bigcap_{i \in I} F_i \neq \emptyset.$$

So,

$$F_0 \in F.$$

Therefore, any chain in F has a greatest lower bound, and by Zorn's Lemma there is a minimal member \mathcal{F} in F . We claim that F is a singleton set. If not, then, as shown by Takahashi [5], the centre of D , denoted by F_C , is a non-empty proper closed convex subset of F . Now, it is easy to see that

$$\delta(F_C) \leq r(F) \leq \delta(F).$$

Now, let us define a sequence $F_0 = F_C$ and

$$F_{k+1} = \text{conv}(F_k \cup A(F_k)), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

Clearly, $F_k \subset F_{k+1}$, ($k = 0, 1, \dots$). Thus we shall prove by induction that

$$(5) \quad \delta_k = \delta(F_k) \leq r(F) = r, \quad \text{for any } k \in \mathbf{N}.$$

For $k = 0$ (5) is valid. Suppose that it is valid for $k = 0, 1, \dots, m$, then we show that it is also valid for $k = m + 1$.

By definition of $\delta(F)$ for any sequence $\{\varepsilon_n\}$, $\varepsilon_n > 0$ ($n \in \mathbf{N}$), $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varepsilon_n = 0$, there exist $\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{y}_n \in F_{m+1}$, so that

$$\delta_{m+1} - \varepsilon_n \leq d(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{y}_n).$$

Then, by Proposition 2 we have three cases:

- (i) $\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{y}_n \in F_m$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$)
- (ii) $\tilde{x}_n = x_n$ $\tilde{y}_n = Ay_n$ ($x_n, y_n \in F_m$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$)
- (ii) $\tilde{x}_n = Ax_n$ $\tilde{y}_n = Ay_n$ ($x_n, y_n \in F_m$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$)

Considering the first case it is clear that $\delta_{m+1} \leq r$. So, let us see the second one. For any $x \in F_0$ thus we have

$$(6) \quad d(x, Ax) \leq r.$$

We assume that (6) is valid for $x \in F_k$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1$) and prove that it is valid for $k = m$.

For any $x \in F_m$, by Proposition 1, $x \in \tilde{W}^{n_0}(F_{m-1} \cup A(F_{m-1}))$ for some $n_0 \in \mathbf{N}$. Then

$$(7) \quad d(x, Ax) \leq \sum_{j \in I_1} \gamma_j d(x_j, Ax) + \sum_{j \in I_2} \gamma_j d(Ax_j, Ax),$$

for $x_j \in F_{m-1}$, $j \in I = I_1 \cup I_2$, (I -finite set), $I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset$ and $\sum_{j \in I} \gamma_j = 1$, $\gamma_j \geq 0$ for $j \in I$. In (7) is sufficient to look only for the case when $\sum_{j \in I} \gamma_j \neq 0$.

Further, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, Ax) &\leq \sum_{j \in I_1} \gamma_j d(x_j, Ax) + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(1)}} \gamma_j d(Ax_j, x) \\ &\quad \sum_{j \in I_2^{(2)}} \gamma_j d(x_j, Ax_j) + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(3)}} \gamma_j d(x_j, Ax) \\ &\quad \sum_{j \in I_2^{(4)}} \gamma_j d(x_j, Ax) + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(5)}} \gamma_j d(x, Ax_j) \\ &\quad \sum_{j \in I_2^{(6)}} \gamma_j d(x_j, A^2x_j) + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(7)}} \gamma_j d(x, A^2x) \\ &\quad \sum_{j \in I_2^{(8)}} \gamma_j d(Ax_j, A^2x_j) + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(9)}} \gamma_j d(Ax_j, A^2x) \end{aligned}$$

where we suppose

for $I \in I_2^{(1)}$ that $d(Ax_j, Ax) \leq d(x_j, x)$

for $I \in I_2^{(2)}$ that $d(Ax_j, Ax) \leq d(x_j, Ax_j)$

for $I \in I_2^{(3)}$ that $d(Ax_j, Ax) \leq d(x, Ax)$

for $I \in I_2^{(4)}$ that $d(Ax_j, Ax) \leq d(x_j, Ax)$

for $I \in I_2^{(5)}$ that $d(Ax_j, Ax) \leq d(x, Ax_j)$

for $I \in I_2^{(6)}$ that $d(Ax_j, Ax) \leq d(x_j, A^2x_j)$

for $I \in I_2^{(7)}$ that $d(Ax_j, Ax) \leq d(x, A^2x)$

for $I \in I_2^{(8)}$ that $d(Ax_j, Ax) \leq d(Ax_j, A^2x_j)$

for $I \in I_2^{(9)}$ that $d(Ax_j, Ax) \leq d(Ax, A^2x)$.

Now, using the hypothesis, one can see that

$$d(x, Ax) \leq \sum_{j \in I_1} \gamma_j d(x_j, Ax) + r \sum_{j \in I_2^{(1)}} \gamma_j$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(2)}} \gamma_j d(x_j, Ax_j) + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(3)}} \gamma_j d(x_j, Ax) \\
& + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(4)}} \gamma_j d(x_j, Ax) + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(5)}} \gamma_j d(x, Ax_j) \\
& + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(6)}} \gamma_j d(x_j, A^2 x_j) + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(7)}} \gamma_j d(x, A^2 x) \\
& + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(8)}} \gamma_j d(Ax_j, A^2 x_j) + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(9)}} \gamma_j d(Ax_j, A^2 x)
\end{aligned}$$

Since by induction, similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
d(x, Ax) & \leq \sum_{k \in J_j^{(1)}} \beta_k d(\hat{x}k, x_j) \\
& + \sum_{k \in J_j^{(2)}} \beta_k d(\hat{x}k, A\hat{x}k) + \sum_{k \in J_j^{(3)}} \beta_k d(x_j, Ax_j) \\
& + \sum_{k \in J_j^{(4)}} \beta_k d(\hat{x}k, Ax_j) + \sum_{k \in J_j^{(5)}} \beta_k d(x_j, A\hat{x}k) \\
& + \sum_{j \in I_j^{(6)}} \beta_k d(\hat{x}k, A^2 \hat{x}k) + \sum_{k \in J_j^{(7)}} \beta_k d(x_j, A^2 x_j) \\
& + \sum_{j \in I_j^{(8)}} \beta_k d(A\hat{x}k, A^2 \hat{x}k) + \sum_{k \in J_j^{(9)}} \beta_k d(Ax_j, A^2 x),
\end{aligned}$$

for $\hat{x}k \in F_{m-1}$ ($k \in J_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^9 J_i^{(i)}$, $\sum_{k \in J_j} \beta_k = 1$ and $B_k \geq 0$, $k \in J_j$, $\sum_{k \in J_j^{(1)}} \beta_k \neq 0$). Therefore

$$d(x, Ax_j) \leq r$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
d(x, Ax) & \leq \sum_{j \in I_1} \gamma_j d(x_j, Ax) + r \left(\sum_{j \in I_2^{(1)}} + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(2)}} + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(5)}} \right) \gamma_j \\
& + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(3)}} \gamma_j d(x, Ax) + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(4)}} \gamma_j d(x_j, Ax)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(6)}} \gamma_j d(x_j, A^2 x_j) + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(7)}} \gamma_j d(x, Ax) \\
& + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(8)}} \gamma_j d(Ax_j, A^2 x_j) + \sum_{j \in I_2^{(9)}} \gamma_j d(Ax_j, A^2 x).
\end{aligned}$$

After not more than n_0 steps we shall that

$$d(x, Ax) \leq \sum_{j \in I^*} \gamma_j^* d(v_j, Ax) + \gamma_0^* r,$$

for

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_j^* & \geq 0, \quad i \in \{0\} \cup I^* \\
\gamma_0^* + \sum_{j \in I^*} \gamma_j^* & = 1
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$v_j \in F_{0,j} \in I^*.$$

Since F_0 is the centre we have that

$$d(v_j, Ax) \leq r,$$

which implies that

$$d(x, Ax) \leq r \text{ for all } x \in F_m.$$

Similarly, we can prove that

$$d(x, Ay) \leq r \text{ for all } x, y \in F_m.$$

So, in the second case we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta_{m+1} - \varepsilon_n & \leq d(\bar{x}_n, \bar{y}_n) \\
& = d(x_n, Ay_n) \leq r, \text{ for } n \in \mathbf{N},
\end{aligned}$$

and consequently

$$\delta_{m+1} \leq r.$$

Using (4) it is easy to prove this inequality for cast (iii). Thus,

$$\delta_m \leq r \text{ for all } m \in \mathbf{N}.$$

Let us define $F^\infty = \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} F_k$.

F_0 is non-empty. So, F^∞ is non-empty too.

Since $\delta(F^\infty) < r\delta(F)$, F^∞ is a closed proper subset of F .

Moreover, W is continuous and that the closure of convex set is convex. Since mapping A is continuous so,

$$A(F^\infty) \subset F^\infty$$

and therefore F^∞ is a subset of F , which is a contradiction to the minimality of F . Hence, F consists of a single element which is a fixed point for A .

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