

A FIXED POINT THEOREM IN REFLEXIVE BANACH SPACES

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In this note we shall prove the following fixed-point theorem.

THEOREM. *Let B be a reflexive Banach space, K a nonempty bounded, closed and convex subset of B and let $T : K \rightarrow K$ be a map such that*

$$\text{diam } [T(D)] < \text{diam } (D) \tag{1}$$

holds for every closed and convex subset D of K , containing more than one element and mapped into itself by T . Then T has a fixed point in K .

PROOF. Let \mathcal{F} denote a family of all non-empty closed and convex subsets of K which T maps into itself. Then using the result of Smulian [7, p. 327] and Zorn's Lemma it follows that \mathcal{F} has a minimal element, say C . Since $T(C) \subseteq C \in \mathcal{F}$ it follows that $\text{Cl } [\text{co } T(C)] \subseteq C$ and hence

$$T(\text{Cl } [\text{co } T(C)]) \subseteq T(C) \subseteq \text{Cl } [\text{co } T(C)].$$

This implies $\text{Cl } [\text{co } T(C)] \in \mathcal{F}$ and by the minimality of C we have

$$\text{Cl } [\text{co } T(C)] = C. \tag{2}$$

As $\text{diam } (\text{co } S) = \text{diam } (S)$ for every subset S of K [5, p. 17], (2) implies

$$\text{diam } [T(C)] = \text{diam } (C). \tag{3}$$

Now, using (1) we conclude that C is a singleton, say $C = u$. Therefore, u is a fixed-point of T , and the proof is complete.

We remark that maps considered in [2], [4] and [6] satisfy the condition (1), and therefore our theorem is a certain generalization of corresponding fixed-point theorems. We shall illustrate this on a theorem given in [6].

THEOREM A [6]. Let K and D be as in the previous theorem and $T : K \rightarrow K$ mapping satisfying the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx - Ty\| \leq \max\{\|x - Tx\|, \|y - Ty\|, a\|x - Ty\| + b\|y - Tx\|, \\ (\|x - y\| + \|x - Tx\| + \|y - Ty\|)/3\}; \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$x, y \in K, \quad a \geq 0, \quad b \geq 0, \quad a + b < 1,$$

$$\sup_{z \in D} \|z - Tz\| < r \operatorname{diam}(D), \quad 0 < r = r(D) < 1. \quad (5)$$

Then T has a unique fixed point in K .

PROOF. If $\operatorname{diam}(D) > 0$, then by (4) and (5) for every $x, y \in D$ we have

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \max\{r, (a + b), (1 + 2r)/3\} \cdot \operatorname{diam}(D) < \operatorname{diam}(D).$$

Therefore, T satisfies (1), and by the previous theorem, T has a fixed point in K . Since condition (4) implies that T may have at most one fixed point, the proof is complete.

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