Nonlinear Ergodic Theorems for Semigroups of Nonexpansive Mappings and Left Ideals

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1 Introduction

Let S be a semitopological semigroup, i.e., S is a semigroup with a Hausdorff topology such that for each $s \in S$ the mappings $s \to a \cdot s$ and $s \to s \cdot a$ from S to S are continuous. Let E be a uniformly convex Banach space and let $S = \{T_s : s \in S\}$ be a continuous representation of S as nonexpansive mappings on a closed convex subset C of E into C, i.e., $T_{ab}x = T_aT_bx$ for every $a, b \in S$ and $x \in C$ and the mapping $(s, x) \to T_s(x)$ from $S \times C$ into C is continuous when $S \times C$ has the product topology. Let F(S) denote the set $\{x \in C : T_sx = x \text{ for all } s \in S\}$ of common fixed points of S in C. Then as well known, F(S) (possibly empty) is a closed convex subset of C (see [5]).

In this paper, we shall study the distance between left ideal orbits and elements in the fixed point set F(S). We shall prove (Theorem 3.11) among other things that if E has a Fréchet differentiable norm, then for any semitopological semigroup S and $x \in C$, the set $Q(x) = \bigcap \overline{co}\{T_tx : t \in L\}$, with the intersection taking over all closed left ideals L of S, contains at most one common fixed point of S (where $\overline{co}A$ denotes the closed convex hull of A). This result is then applied to show (Theorem 4.1) that if $F(S) \cap Q(x) \neq \emptyset$ for any $x \in C$, then there exists a retraction P from C onto F(S) such that $T_tP = PT_t = P$ for every $t \in S$ and $P(x) \in \overline{co}\{T_tx : t \in S\}$ for every $x \in C$. Both Theorem 3.11 and Theorem 4.1 were established by Lau and Takahashi in [18] when S has finite intersection property for closed left ideals.

The first nonlinear ergodic theorem for nonexpansive mappings was established in 1975 by Baillon [1]: Let C be a closed convex subset of a Hilbert space and let T be a nonexpansive mapping of C into itself. If the set F(T) of fixed points of T is nonempty, then for each $x \in C$, the Cesàro means

$$S_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} T^k x$$

converge weakly to some $y \in F(T)$. In this case, putting y = Px for each $x \in C$, P is a nonexpansive retraction of C onto F(T) such that PT = TP = P and $Px \in \overline{co}\{T^nx : n = 1, 2, \cdots\}$ for each $x \in C$. In [24], Takahashi proved the existence of such a retraction for an amenable semigroup. This result is further extended to certain Banach spaces by Hirano and Takahashi in [12].

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Our paper is organized as follows: In section 2 we define some terminologies that we use ; in section 3 we study the distance between ideals determined by left orbits and the fixed point set; in section 4 we apply our results in section 3 to establish our main nonlinear ergodic theorems; finally in section 5 we study an almost fixed point property determined by the minimal left ideals in the enveloping semigroup of a semigroup of nonexpansive mappings on a weak compact convex set and obtain a generalization of De Marr's fixed point theorem [6].

2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, we assume that a Banach (or Hilbert) space is real.

Let E be a Banach space and let E^* be its dual. Then, the value of $f \in E^*$ at $x \in E$ will be denoted by $\langle x, f \rangle$ or f(x). The duality mapping J of E is a multivalued operator $J: E \to E^*$ where $J(x) = \{f \in E^* : \langle x, f \rangle = ||x||^2 = ||f||^2\}$ (which is nonempty by simple application of the Hahn-Banach theorem). Let $B = \{x \in E : ||x|| = 1\}$ be the unit sphere of E. Then the norm of E is said to be Fréchet differentiable if for each $x \in B$, the limit

$$\lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{\|x + \lambda y\| - \|x\|}{\lambda}$$

is attained uniformly for $y \in B$. In this case, J is a single-valued and norm to norm continuous mapping from E into E^* (see [5] or [8] for more details).

Let S be a nonempty set and let X be a subspace of $l^{\infty}(S)$ (bounded real-valued functions on S) containing constants. By a submean on X we shall mean a real-valued function μ on X satisfying the following properties:

- (1) $\mu(f+g) \le \mu(f) + \mu(g)$ for every $f, g \in X$;
- (2) $\mu(\alpha f) = \alpha \mu(f)$ for every $f \in X$ and $\alpha \ge 0$;
- (3) For $f, g \in X, f \leq g$ implies $\mu(f) \leq \mu(g)$;
- (4) $\mu(c) = c$ for every constant function c.

A semitopological semigroup S is called left reversible (resp. right reversible) if S has finite intersection property for right (resp. left) ideals. S is called reversible if S is both left and right reversible.

Let S be a semitopological semigroup and let C(S) denote the closed subalgebra of $l^{\infty}(S)$ consisting of bounded continuous functions. For each $f \in C(S)$ and $a \in S$, let $(l_a f)(t) = f(at)$ and $(r_a f)(t) = f(ta)$. Let RUC(S) denote all $f \in C(S)$ such that the mapping $S \to C(S)$ defined by $s \to r_s f$ is continuous when C(S) has the norm topology. Then RUC(S) is a translation invariant subalgebra of C(S) containing constants. Further, RUC(S) is precisely the space of bounded left uniformly continuous functions on S when S is a group (see [11]).

A submean μ on RUC(S) is called invariant if $\mu(l_a f) = \mu(r_a f) = \mu(f)$ for every $f \in RUC(S)$ and $a \in S$. If S is a discrete semigroup, then RUC(S) has an invariant submean if and only if S is reversible. Also if S is normal and C(S) has an invariant submean, then S is reversible. However S need not be reversible when C(S) has an invariant submean in general (see [19] for details).

3 Left ideal orbits and the fixed point set

Unless otherwise specified, S denotes a semitopological semigroup and $S = \{T_s : s \in S\}$ a continuous representation of S as nonexpansive mappings from a nonempty closed convex subset C of a Banach space E into C.

Let $\mathcal{L}(S)$ denote the collection of closed left ideals in S. Assume that $F(S) \neq \emptyset$. For each $x \in C$ and $L \in \mathcal{L}(S)$, define the real-valued function $q_{x,L}$ on F(S) by

$$q_{x,L}(f) = \inf\{||T_t x - f||^2 : t \in L\}$$

and let

$$q_x(f) = \sup\{q_{x,L} : L \in \mathcal{L}(S)\}.$$

Then

$$q_x(f) = \sup_{s} \inf_{t} ||T_{ts}x - f||^2$$

as readily checked.

LEMMA 3.1 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Banach space E. If $F(S) \neq \emptyset$, then for each $x \in C$, q_x is a continuous real-valued function on F(S) such that $0 \leq q_x(f) \leq ||x-f||^2$ for each $f \in F(S)$ and $q_x(f_n) \to \infty$ if $||f_n|| \to \infty$. Further, if F(S) is convex, then q_x is a convex function on F(S).

Proof. Since $0 \leq ||T_t x - f||^2 = ||T_t x - T_t f||^2 \leq ||x - f||^2$ for every $f \in F(\mathcal{S})$ and $t \in S$, it follows readily that $0 \leq q_x(f) \leq ||x - f||^2$. Also if $f \in F(\mathcal{S})$ and $t \in S$, then $||T_t x - f|| \leq ||x - f||$. Hence $||T_t x|| \leq ||T_t x - f|| + ||f|| \leq ||x - f|| + ||f||$, i.e., $M = \sup\{||T_t x|| : t \in S\} < \infty$. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence in $F(\mathcal{S})$ such that $||f_n|| \to \infty$. Then we have for each $t \in S$,

$$||T_{t}x - f_{n}||^{2} \geq (||T_{t}x|| - ||f_{n}||)^{2}$$

$$= ||f_{n}||^{2} - 2||T_{t}x||||f_{n}|| + ||T_{t}x||^{2}$$

$$\geq ||f_{n}||^{2} - 2M||f_{n}||$$

$$= ||f_{n}||^{2} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{||f_{n}||}\right)$$

and hence for each $L \in \mathcal{L}(S)$,

$$q_{x,L}(f_n) \ge ||f_n||^2 \left(1 - \frac{2M}{||f_n||}\right)_1 \to \infty.$$

So we have $q_x(f_n) \to \infty$.

To see that q_x is continuous, let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence in F(S) converging to some $f \in F(S)$ and

$$M' = \sup\{||T_t x - f_n|| + ||T_t x - f|| : n = 1, 2, \dots \text{ and } t \in S\}.$$

Then since

$$||T_t x - f_n||^2 - ||T_t x - f||^2 \le (||T_t x - f_n|| + ||T_t x - f||) ||T_t x - f_n|| - ||T_t x - f|| ||T_t x$$

we have for each $L \in \mathcal{L}(S)$,

$$q_{x,L}(f_n) \le q_{x,L}(f) + M' ||f_n - f||.$$

Similarly, we have

$$q_{x,L}(f) \le q_{x,L}(f_n) + M' ||f_n - f||.$$

So we obtain

$$|q_x(f_n) - q_x(f)| \le M' ||f_n - f||.$$

This implies that q_x is continuous on F(S).

If F(S) is convex, for each $f, g \in F(S)$ and $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ with $\alpha + \beta = 1, \alpha f + \beta g \in F(S)$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there exists $L_0 \in \mathcal{L}(S)$ such that

$$\sup_{L \in \mathcal{L}(S)} \inf_{t \in L} (\alpha \| T_t x - f \|^2 + \beta \| T_t x - g \|^2) < \inf_{t \in L_0} (\alpha \| T_t x - f \|^2 + \beta \| T_t x - g \|^2) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Let $u \in L_0$. Then $Su \subseteq L_0$ and hence

$$\sup_{L \in \mathcal{L}(S)} \inf_{t \in L} (\alpha \|T_t x - f\|^2 + \beta \|T_t x - g\|^2) < \inf_{t \in S} (\alpha \|T_{tu} x - f\|^2 + \beta \|T_{tu} x - g\|^2) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Moreover, there exist $v, w \in S$ such that

$$||T_{vu}x - f||^2 < \inf_{t \in S} ||T_{tu}x - f||^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

and

$$||T_{wvu}x - f||^2 < \inf_{t \in S} ||T_{tvu}x - f||^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Therefore we obtain

$$q_{x}(\alpha f + \beta g) = \sup_{L \in \mathcal{L}(S)} \inf_{t \in L} \|T_{t}x - (\alpha f + \beta g)\|^{2}$$

$$\leq \sup_{L \in \mathcal{L}(S)} \inf_{t \in L} (\alpha \|T_{t}x - f\|^{2} + \beta \|T_{t}x - g\|^{2})$$

$$< \inf_{t \in S} (\alpha \|T_{tu}x - f\|^{2} + \beta \|T_{tu}x - g\|^{2}) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$\leq \alpha \|T_{wvu}x - f\|^{2} + \beta \|T_{wvu}x - g\|^{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$\leq \alpha \|T_{vu}x - f\|^{2} + \beta \|T_{wvu}x - g\|^{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$< \alpha \inf_{t \in S} \|T_{tu}x - f\|^{2} + \beta \inf_{t \in S} \|T_{tvu}x - g\|^{2} + \frac{\alpha \varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\beta \varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$= \alpha \inf_{t \in L_{1}} \|T_{t}x - f\|^{2} + \beta \inf_{t \in L_{2}} \|T_{t}x - g\|^{2} + \varepsilon$$

$$(\text{ where } L_{1} = \overline{Su} \text{ and } L_{2} = \overline{Svu})$$

$$< \alpha q_{x}(f) + \beta q_{x}(g) + \varepsilon.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, we have

$$q_x(\alpha f + \beta g) \le \alpha q_x(f) + \beta q_x(g).\Box$$

THEOREM 3.2 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space E. Assume that $F(S) \neq \emptyset$. Then for any $x \in C$, there exists a unique element $h \in F(S)$ such that

$$q_x(h) = \inf\{q_x(f) : f \in F(\mathcal{S})\}.$$

Proof. Since E is uniformly convex, the fixed point set F(S) in C is closed and convex (see [5]). Hence it follows from Lemma 3.1 and [2] that there exists $h \in F(S)$ such that

$$q_x(h) = \inf\{q_x(f) : f \in F(\mathcal{S})\}.$$

To see that h is unique, let $k \in F(S)$. Then by [27], there exists a strictly increasing and convex function (depending on h and k) $g:[0,\infty) \to [0,\infty)$ such that g(0)=0 and

$$||T_t x - (\lambda h + (1 - \lambda)k)||^2 = ||\lambda (T_t x - h) + (1 - \lambda)(T_t x - k)||^2$$

$$\leq \lambda ||T_t x - h||^2 + (1 - \lambda)||T_t x - k||^2 - \lambda (1 - \lambda)g(||h - k||)$$

for each $t \in S$ and λ with $0 \le \lambda \le 1$. So we have for each λ with $0 \le \lambda \le 1$,

$$q_x(h) \leq q_x(\lambda h + (1 - \lambda)k)$$

$$\leq \lambda q_x(h) + (1 - \lambda)q_x(k) - \lambda(1 - \lambda)g(\|h - k\|)$$

and hence

$$q_x(h) \leq q_x(k) - \lambda g(||h-k||).$$

It follows that

$$q_x(h) \le q_x(k) - g(||h - k||)$$
 as $\lambda \to 1$.

Since g is strictly increasing, it follows that if $q_x(h) = q_x(k)$, then $h = k \square$

We call the unique element $h \in F(S)$ in Theorem 3.2 the minimizer of q_x in F(S). For each $x \in C$, let

$$Q(x) = \bigcap_{L \in \mathcal{L}(S)} \overline{co} \{ T_t x : t \in L \} (= \bigcap_{s \in S} \overline{co} \{ T_{ts} x : t \in S \}).$$

THEOREM 3.3 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H. Let $S = \{T_s : s \in S\}$ be a continuous representation of S as nonexpansive mappings from C into C. Then for any $x \in C$, any element in $Q(x) \cap F(S)$ is the unique minimizer of q_x in F(S). In particular, $Q(x) \cap F(S)$ contains at most one point.

Proof. Let $z \in F(S)$ be the minimizer of q_x in F(S) and $y \in Q(x) \cap F(S)$. Then for some $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $u \in S$ such that

$$\sup_{s} \inf_{t} (\|T_{ts}x - z\|^{2} + 2\langle T_{ts}x - z, z - y \rangle + \|z - y\|^{2})$$

$$< \inf_{t} (\|T_{tu}x - z\|^{2} + 2\langle T_{tu}x - z, z - y \rangle + \|z - y\|^{2}) + \frac{\varepsilon}{4}.$$

Moreover there exist $v, w \in S$ such that

$$||T_{vu}x - z||^2 < \inf_t ||T_{tu}x - z||^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$$

and

$$\langle T_{wvu}x-z,z-y\rangle < \inf_t \langle T_{tvu}x-z,z-y\rangle + \frac{\varepsilon}{4}.$$

Therefore we obtain

$$q_{x}(y) = \sup_{s} \inf_{t} ||T_{ts}x - y||^{2}$$

$$= \sup_{s} \inf_{t} (||T_{ts}x - z||^{2} + 2\langle T_{ts}x - z, z - y \rangle + ||z - y||^{2})$$

$$< \inf_{t} (||T_{tu}x - z||^{2} + 2\langle T_{tu}x - z, z - y \rangle + ||z - y||^{2}) + \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$$

$$\leq ||T_{wvu}x - z||^{2} + 2\langle T_{wvu}x - z, z - y \rangle + ||z - y||^{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$$

$$\leq ||T_{vu}x - z||^{2} + 2\langle T_{wvu}x - z, z - y \rangle + ||z - y||^{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$$

$$< \inf_{t} ||T_{tu}x - z||^{2} + 2\inf_{t} \langle T_{tvu}x - z, z - y \rangle$$

$$+ ||z - y||^{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$$

$$\leq \sup_{s} \inf_{t} ||T_{ts}x - z||^{2} + 2\sup_{s} \inf_{t} \langle T_{ts}x - z, z - y \rangle$$

$$+ ||z - y||^{2} + \varepsilon$$

$$= q_{x}(z) + 2\sup_{s} \inf_{t} \langle T_{ts}x - z, z - y \rangle + ||z - y||^{2} + \varepsilon.$$

This implies

$$2 \sup_{s} \inf_{t} \langle T_{ts}x - z, z - y \rangle > q_{x}(y) - q_{x}(z) - ||z - y||^{2} - \varepsilon$$

$$\geq -||z - y||^{2} - \varepsilon.$$

So, there exists $a \in S$ such that

$$2\langle T_{ta}x-z,z-y\rangle > -\|z-y\|^2 - \varepsilon$$

for every $t \in S$. From $y \in \overline{co}\{T_{ta}x : t \in S\}$, we have

$$2\langle y-z, z-y\rangle \ge -\|z-y\|^2 - \varepsilon.$$

This inequality implies $||z-y||^2 \le \varepsilon$. Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, we have z = y. \square

REMARK 3.4 From Theorem 3.3, it is natural to ask the following:

Problem 1. If E is a uniformly convex Banach space, $x \in C$ and $y \in Q(x) \cap F(S)$, is y always the minimizer of q_x in F(S)?

Problem 2. If E is a uniformly convex Banach space, does $Q(x) \cap F(S)$ contain at most one point for each $x \in C$?

Clearly, by Theorem 3.2, an affirmative answer for Problem 1 gives an affirmative answer to Problem 2. We now proceed to give an affirmative answer for Problem 2 when E has a Fréchet differentiable norm.

LEMMA 3.5 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Banach space E. Let $x \in C$ and $f \in F(S)$. Then

$$\inf_{s} ||T_{s}x - f|| = \inf_{s} \sup_{t} ||T_{ts}x - f||.$$

Proof. Let $r = \inf_{s} ||T_s x - f||$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there exists $a \in S$ such that

$$||T_a x - f|| < r + \varepsilon.$$

So, for each $t \in S$, we have

$$||T_{ta}x - f|| \le ||T_ax - f|| < r + \varepsilon$$

and hence

$$\inf_{s} \sup_{t} ||T_{ts}x - f|| \leq \sup_{t} ||T_{ta}x - f|| < r + \varepsilon.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, we have

$$\inf_{s} \sup_{t} ||T_{ts}x - f|| \le r.$$

It is clear that $\inf_{s} \sup_{t} ||T_{ts}x - f|| \ge r$. So we have

$$\inf_{s} \sup_{t} ||T_{ts}x - f|| = r.\square$$

LEMMA 3.6 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space E. Let $x \in C$, $f \in F(S)$ and $0 < \alpha \le \beta < 1$. Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a closed left ideal L of S such that

$$||T_s(\lambda T_t x + (1-\lambda)f) - (\lambda T_s T_t x + (1-\lambda)f)|| < \varepsilon$$

for every $s \in S, t \in L$ and $\alpha \leq \lambda \leq \beta$.

Proof. Let $r = \inf_s ||T_s x - f||$. By Lemma 3.5, for any d > 0, there exists $t_0 \in S$ such that

$$\sup_{t} ||T_{tt_0}x - f|| \le r + d.$$

Apply now Lemma 1 in [18] and let $L = \overline{St_0}$.

Let E be a Banach space and let S be a semigroup. Let $\{x_{\alpha} : \alpha \in S\}$ be a subset of E and $x, y \in E$. Then we write $x_{\alpha} \to x (\alpha \to \infty_R)$ if for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\alpha_0 \in S$ such that $||x_{\alpha\alpha_0} - x|| < \varepsilon$ for every $\alpha \in S$ (see [23]). We also denote by [x, y] the set $\{\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y : 0 \le \lambda \le 1\}$.

LEMMA 3.7 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Banach space E with a Fréchet differentiable norm and let S be a semigroup. Let $\{x_{\alpha} : \alpha \in S\}$ be a bounded subset of C. Let $z \in \bigcap_{\beta} \overline{co}\{x_{\alpha\beta} : \alpha \in S\}$, $y \in C$ and $\{y_{\alpha} : \alpha \in S\}$ be a subset of C with $y_{\alpha} \in [y, x_{\alpha}]$ and

$$||y_{\alpha}-z|| = \min\{||u-z|| : u \in [y,x_{\alpha}]\}.$$

If $y_{\alpha} \to y \ (\alpha \to \infty_R)$, then y = z.

Proof. Since the duality mapping J of E is single-valued, for each $\alpha \in S$, it follows from [7] that

$$\langle u - y_{\alpha}, J(y_{\alpha} - z) \rangle \ge 0$$

for every $u \in [y, x_{\alpha}]$. Putting $u = x_{\alpha}$, we have

$$\langle x_{\alpha} - y_{\alpha}, J(y_{\alpha} - z) \rangle \ge 0$$

for every $\alpha \in S$. Since $\{x_{\alpha} : \alpha \in S\}$ is bounded, there exists K > 0 such that $\|x_{\alpha} - y\| \le K$ and $\|y_{\alpha} - z\| \le K$ for every $\alpha \in S$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and choose $\delta > 0$ so small that $2\delta K < \varepsilon$. Then since the norm of E is Fréchet differentiable, there exists $\delta_0 > 0$ such that $\delta_0 < \delta$ and

$$||J(u) - J(y - z)|| < \delta$$

for every $u \in E$ with $||u - (y - z)|| < \delta_0$. Since $y_{\alpha} \to y \ (\alpha \to \infty_R)$, there exists $\alpha_0 \in S$ such that

$$||y_{\alpha\alpha_0} - y|| < \delta_0$$

for every $\alpha \in S$. So, for each $\alpha \in S$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle x_{\alpha\alpha_0} - y_{\alpha\alpha_0}, J(y_{\alpha\alpha_0} - z) \rangle - \langle x_{\alpha\alpha_0} - y, J(y - z) \rangle| \\ &\leq |\langle x_{\alpha\alpha_0} - y_{\alpha\alpha_0}, J(y_{\alpha\alpha_0} - z) \rangle - \langle x_{\alpha\alpha_0} - y, J(y_{\alpha\alpha_0} - z) \rangle| \\ &+ |\langle x_{\alpha\alpha_0} - y, J(y_{\alpha\alpha_0} - z) \rangle - \langle x_{\alpha\alpha_0} - y, J(y - z) \rangle| \\ &= |\langle y - y_{\alpha\alpha_0}, J(y_{\alpha\alpha_0} - z) \rangle| + |\langle x_{\alpha\alpha_0} - y, J(y_{\alpha\alpha_0} - z) - J(y - z) \rangle| \\ &\leq ||y - y_{\alpha\alpha_0}|| ||y_{\alpha\alpha_0} - z|| + ||x_{\alpha\alpha_0} - y|| ||J(y_{\alpha\alpha_0} - z) - J(y - z)|| \\ &< \delta_0 K + \delta K < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\langle x_{\alpha\alpha_0} - y, J(y-z) \rangle > \langle x_{\alpha\alpha_0} - y_{\alpha\alpha_0}, J(y_{\alpha\alpha_0} - z) \rangle - \varepsilon \ge -\varepsilon.$$

From $z \in \overline{co}\{x_{\alpha\alpha_0} : \alpha \in S\}$, we have

$$\langle z - y, J(y - z) \rangle \ge -\varepsilon,$$

that is

$$||y-z||^2 \le \varepsilon.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, we have y = z. \square

LEMMA 3.8 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space E with a Fréchet differentiable norm. Let $x \in C$. Assume that $F(S) \neq \emptyset$. Then for $y \in F(S)$ and $y \notin Q(x)$,

$$k = \inf_{s} ||T_s x - y|| > 0.$$

Proof. Supposing that k = 0, by Lemma 3.5,

$$\inf_{s} \sup_{t} ||T_{ts}x - y|| = k = 0.$$

Let $z \in Q(x)$. For each $t \in S$, let y_t be the unique element in $[y, T_t x]$ such that

$$||y_t - z|| = \min\{||u - z|| : u \in [y, T_t x]\}.$$

So, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $s_0 \in S$ such that

$$\sup_{t} \|T_{ts_0}x - y\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

and hence we have

$$||y_{ts_0} - y|| \le ||y_{ts_0} - T_{ts_0}x|| + ||T_{ts_0}x - y||$$

 $\le 2||T_{ts_0}x - y|| < \varepsilon$

for every $t \in S$, that is, $y_t \to y$ $(t \to \infty_R)$. So by Lemma 3.7, we have y = z. This is a contradiction. So we have k > 0. \square

LEMMA 3.9 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space E with a Fréchet differentiable norm. Let $x \in C$. Then for any $y \in F(S)$ and $z \in Q(x)$, there exists a closed left ideal L of S such that

$$\langle T_t x - y, J(y - z) \rangle \leq 0$$

for every $t \in L$.

Proof. If x = y or y = z, Lemma 3.9 is obvious. So, let $x \neq y$ and $y \neq z$. For any $t \in S$, define a unique element y_t such that $y_t \in [y, T_t x]$ and

$$||y_t - z|| = \min\{||u - z|| : u \in [y, T_t x]\}.$$

Then since $y \neq z$, by Lemma 3.7 we have $y_t \not\to y$ $(t \to \infty_R)$. So we obtain c > 0 such that for any $t \in S$, there exists $t' \in S$ with $||y_{t't} - y|| \ge c$. Setting

$$y_{t't} = a_{t't}T_{t't}x + (1 - a_{t't})y, \quad a_{t't} \in [0, 1],$$

we also obtain $c_0 > 0$ so small that $a_{t't} \geq c_0$. In fact, since $T_{t't}$ is nonexpansive and $y \in F(\mathcal{S})$, we have

$$c \leq \|y_{t't} - y\| = a_{t't} \|T_{t't}x - y\| \leq a_{t't} \|x - y\|.$$

So, put $c_0 = c/\|x - y\|$. Let $k = \inf_s \|T_s x - y\|$. By Lemma 3.5 and $y_t \not\to y$ $(t \to \infty_R)$, we have k > 0.

Now, choose $\varepsilon > 0$ so small that

$$(R+\varepsilon)\left(1-\delta\left(\frac{c_0k}{R+\varepsilon}\right)\right) < R,$$

where δ is the modulus of convexity of E and R = ||z - y||. Then by Lemma 3.6, there exists $t_0 \in S$ such that

$$||T_s(c_0T_{tt_0}x + (1 - c_0)y) - (c_0T_sT_{tt_0}x + (1 - c_0)y)|| < \varepsilon$$
 (*)

for every $s, t \in S$. Fix $t_1 \in S$ with $||y_{t_1t_0} - y|| \ge c$. Then since $a_{t_1t_0} \ge c_0$, we have

$$c_0 T_{t_1 t_0} x + (1 - c_0) y = \left(1 - \frac{c_0}{a_{t_1 t_0}} \right) y + \frac{c_0}{a_{t_1 t_0}} (a_{t_1 t_0} T_{t_1 t_0} x + (1 - a_{t_1 t_0}) y)$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{c_0}{a_{t_1 t_0}} \right) y + \frac{c_0}{a_{t_1 t_0}} y_{t_1 t_0} \in [y, y_{t_1 t_0}]$$

and hence

$$||c_0T_{t_1t_0}x+(1-c_0)y-z|| \leq \max\{||y-z||, ||y_{t_1t_0}-z||\}$$

$$\leq ||y-z|| = R.$$

By using (*), we obtain

$$||c_{0}T_{s}T_{t_{1}t_{0}}x + (1 - c_{0})y - z|| < ||T_{s}(c_{0}T_{t_{1}t_{0}}x + (1 - c_{0})y) - z|| + \varepsilon$$

$$\leq ||c_{0}T_{t_{1}t_{0}}x + (1 - c_{0})y - z|| + \varepsilon$$

$$< R + \varepsilon$$

for every $s \in S$. On the other hand, since $||y - z|| = R < R + \varepsilon$ and

$$||c_0T_sT_{t_1t_0}x+(1-c_0)y-y||=c_0||T_{st_1t_0}x-y|| \geq c_0k$$

for every $s \in S$, we have, by uniform convexity,

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(c_0 T_s T_{t_1 t_0} x + (1 - c_0) y - z \right) + (y - z) \right) \right\|$$

$$\leq \left(R + \varepsilon \right) \left(1 - \delta \left(\frac{c_0 k}{R + \varepsilon} \right) \right) < R,$$

that is

$$\left\| \frac{c_0}{2} T_s T_{t_1 t_0} x + \left(1 - \frac{c_0}{2} \right) y - z \right\| < R$$

for every $s \in S$. Putting

$$u_s = \frac{c_0}{2} T_s T_{t_1 t_0} x + \left(1 - \frac{c_0}{2}\right) y,$$

we have

$$||u_{s} + \alpha(y - u_{s}) - z|| = ||\alpha(y - z) - (\alpha - 1)(u_{s} - z)||$$

$$\geq \alpha||y - z|| - (\alpha - 1)||u_{s} - z||$$

$$\geq \alpha||y - z|| - (\alpha - 1)||y - z|| = ||y - z||$$

for every $s \in S$ and $\alpha \ge 1$. So, by Theorem 2.5 in [7], we have

$$\langle u_s + \alpha(y - u_s) - y, J(y - z) \rangle \ge 0$$

for every $s \in S$ and $\alpha \ge 1$ and hence

$$\langle u_s - y, J(y - z) \rangle \le 0$$

for every $s \in S$. Therefore we obtain

$$\langle T_{s}T_{t_{1}t_{0}}x - y, J(y - z) \rangle = \frac{2}{c_{0}} \left\langle \frac{c_{0}}{2}T_{s}T_{t_{1}t_{0}}x - \frac{c_{0}}{2}y, J(y - z) \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{2}{c_{0}} \langle u_{s} - y, J(y - z) \rangle \leq 0$$

for every $s \in S$. Let $L = \overline{St_1t_0}$. \square

LEMMA 3.10 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space E. Let $x \in C$. If for any $y, z \in Q(x) \cap F(S)$,

$$\inf_{L\in\mathcal{L}(S)}\inf_{\phi\in J(y-z)}\sup_{t\in L}\langle T_tx-y,\phi\rangle\leq 0,$$

then $Q(x) \cap F(S)$ has at most one point.

Proof. Let $y, z \in Q(x) \cap F(S)$. Then by convexity of $Q(x) \cap F(S)$, we have $(y+z)/2 \in Q(x) \cap F(S)$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. By assumption, there exist $L \in \mathcal{L}(S)$ and $\phi \in J((y+z)/2 - z)$ such that

$$\left\langle T_t x - \frac{y+z}{2}, \phi \right\rangle \le \varepsilon$$

for every $t \in L$. Since $y \in \overline{co}\{T_t x : t \in L\}$, it follows

$$\left\langle y - \frac{y+z}{2}, \phi \right\rangle \le \varepsilon$$

and hence

$$\frac{1}{2}\langle y-z,\phi\rangle=\frac{1}{2}\|y-z\|^2\leq\varepsilon.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, we have y = z. \square

Combining Lemma 3.9 and Lemma 3.10, we have the following result.

THEOREM 3.11 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space E with a Fréchet differentiable norm. Let $x \in C$. Then $Q(x) \cap F(S)$ contains at most one point.

4 Ergodic theorems

We are now ready to prove our main nonlinear ergodic theorems.

THEOREM 4.1 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space E with a Fréchet differentiable norm. Let $S = \{T_s : s \in S\}$ be a continuous representation of a semitopological semigroup S as nonexpansive mappings from C into C. Assume that $F(S) \neq \emptyset$. Then the following are equivalent:

(1) For each $x \in C$, the set $Q(x) \cap F(S)$ is nonempty.

(2) There exists a retraction P of C onto F(S) such that $PT_t = T_tP = P$ for every $t \in S$ and $Px \in \overline{co}\{T_tx : t \in S\}$ for every $x \in C$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). If for each $x \in C$, the set $Q(x) \cap F(S) \neq \emptyset$, then by Theorem 3.11, $Q(x) \cap F(S)$ contains exactly one point Px. Then clearly P is a retraction of C onto F(S) and $Px \in \overline{co}\{T_tx : t \in S\}$ for every $x \in C$. Clearly $T_tP = P$ for every $t \in S$. Also if $u \in S$ and $x \in C$, we have

$$\bigcap_{s \in S} \overline{co} \{ T_{ts}x : t \in S \} \subset \bigcap_{s \in S} \overline{co} \{ T_{tsu}x : t \in S \}$$

and hence

$$Q(x) \cap F(S) = Q(T_u x) \cap F(S).$$

This implies $PT_t = P$ for every $t \in S$.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$. Let $x \in C$. Then it is obvious that $Px \in F(S)$. Since

$$Px = PT_s x \in \overline{co}\{T_t T_s x : t \in S\} = \overline{co}\{T_{ts} : t \in S\}$$

for every $s \in S$, we have

$$Px \in \bigcap_{s \in S} \overline{co}\{T_{ts}x : t \in S\} = Q(x).\square$$

THEOREM 4.2 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H and let $S = \{T_s : s \in S\}$ be a continuous representation of a semitopological semigroup S as nonexpansive mappings from C into C. If for each $x \in C$, the set $Q(x) \cap F(S)$ is nonempty, then there exists a nonexpansive retraction P of C onto F(S) such that $PT_t = T_tP = P$ for every $t \in S$ and $Px \in \overline{co}\{T_tx : t \in S\}$ for every $x \in C$.

Proof. For each $x \in C$, let Px be the unique element in $Q(x) \cap F(S)$. Then, as in the proof of Theorem 4.1 (1) \Rightarrow (2), P is a retraction of C onto F(S) such that $PT_t = T_tP = P$ for every $t \in S$ and $Px \in \overline{co}\{T_tx : t \in S\}$ for every $x \in C$. It remains to show that P is nonexpansive. Let $y \in C$ and $0 < \lambda < 1$. Then as in the proof of Theorem 3.3 we have for any $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$q_{x}((1-\lambda)Px + \lambda Py)$$
= $\sup_{s} \inf_{t} ||T_{ts}x - ((1-\lambda)Px + \lambda Py)||^{2}$
= $\sup_{s} \inf_{t} ||T_{ts}x - Px + \lambda(Px - Py)||^{2}$
= $\sup_{s} \inf_{t} (||T_{ts}x - Px||^{2} + 2\lambda\langle T_{ts}x - Px, Px - Py\rangle + \lambda^{2}||Px - Py||^{2})$
 $< q_{x}(Px) + 2\lambda \sup_{s} \inf_{t} \langle T_{ts}x - Px, Px - Py\rangle + \lambda^{2}||Px - Py||^{2} + \varepsilon.$

Since Px is the minimizer of q_x , we have

$$2\lambda \sup_{s} \inf_{t} \langle T_{ts}x - Px, Px - Py \rangle + \lambda^{2} ||Px - Py||^{2} + \varepsilon$$
$$> q_{x}((1 - \lambda)Px + \lambda Py) - q_{x}(Px) \ge 0.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, we have

$$2\lambda \sup_{s} \inf_{t} \langle T_{ts}x - Px, Px - Py \rangle + \lambda^{2} ||Px - Py||^{2} \geq 0$$

and hence

$$2\sup_{s}\inf_{t}\langle T_{ts}x-Px,Px-Py\rangle\geq -\lambda\|Px-Py\|^{2}.$$

Now, if $\lambda \to 0$, then

$$\sup_{s}\inf_{t}\left\langle T_{ts}x-Px,Px-Py\right\rangle \geq0.$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there exists $u \in S$ such that

$$\langle T_{tu}x - Px, Px - Py \rangle > -\varepsilon$$

for every $t \in S$. For such an element $u \in S$, we also have

$$\sup_{s} \inf_{t} \langle T_{ts} T_{u} y - P T_{u} y, P T_{u} y - P x \rangle \ge 0$$

and hence there exists $v \in S$ such that

$$\langle T_{tvu}y - PT_{u}y, PT_{u}y - Px \rangle > -\varepsilon$$

for every $t \in S$. Then, from $PT_uy = Py$, we have

$$\langle T_{tvu}y - Py, Py - Px \rangle > -\varepsilon$$

for every $t \in S$. Therefore we have

$$-2\varepsilon < \langle T_{uvu}x - Px, Px - Py \rangle + \langle T_{uvu}y - Py, Py - Px \rangle
= \langle T_{uvu}x - T_{uvu}y - (Px - Py), Px - Py \rangle
= \langle T_{uvu}x - T_{uvu}y, Px - Py \rangle - ||Px - Py||^2
\le ||T_{uvu}x - T_{uvu}y|| ||Px - Py|| - ||Px - Py||^2
\le ||x - y|| ||Px - Py|| - ||Px - Py||^2.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, this implies $||Px - Py|| \le ||x - y||$. \square

We now proceed to find conditions on S and E such that $Q(x) \cap F(S) \neq \emptyset$ for every $x \in C$.

LEMMA 4.3 [20] Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H, let S be an index set, and let $\{x_t : t \in S\}$ be a bounded set of H. Let X be a subspace of $l^{\infty}(S)$ containing constants, and let μ be a submean on X. Suppose that for each $x \in C$, the real-valued function f on S defined by

$$f(t) = ||x_t - x||^2$$
 for all $t \in S$

belongs to X. If

$$r(x) = \mu_t ||x_t - x||^2$$
 for all $x \in C$

and $r = \inf\{r(x) : x \in C\}$, then there exists a unique element $z \in C$ such that r(z) = r. Further the following inequality holds:

$$|r + ||z - x||^2 \le r(x)$$
 for every $x \in C$.

THEOREM 4.4 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H and let S be a semitopological semigroup such that RUC(S) has an invariant submean. Let $S = \{T_s : s \in S\}$ be a continuous representation of S as nonexpansive mappings from C into C. Suppose that $\{T_sx : s \in S\}$ is bounded for some $x \in C$. Then the set $Q(x) \cap F(S)$ is nonempty.

Proof. First we observe that for any $y \in H$, the function $f(t) = ||T_t x - y||^2$ is in RUC(S) (see [16]). Let μ be an invariant submean and define a real-valued function g on H by

$$g(y) = \mu_t ||T_t x - y||^2$$
 for each $y \in H$.

If $r = \inf\{g(y) : y \in H\}$, then by Lemma 4.3 there exists a unique element $z \in H$ such that g(z) = r. Further, we know that

$$|r + ||z - y||^2 \le g(y)$$
 for every $y \in H$.

For each $s \in S$, let Q_s be the metric projection of H onto $\overline{co}\{T_{ts}x : t \in S\}$. Then by Phelps [22], Q_s is nonexpansive and for each $t \in S$,

$$||T_{ts}x - Q_sz||^2 = ||Q_sT_{ts}x - Q_sz||^2 \le ||T_{ts}x - z||^2.$$

So, we have

$$\mu_{t} ||T_{t}x - Q_{s}z||^{2} = \mu_{t} ||T_{ts}x - Q_{s}z||^{2}$$

$$\leq \mu_{t} ||T_{ts}x - z||^{2}$$

$$= \mu_{t} ||T_{t}x - z||^{2}$$

and thus $Q_s z = z$. This implies

$$z \in \overline{co}\{T_{ts}x : t \in S\}$$
 for all $s \in S$

and hence

$$z \in \bigcap_{s \in S} \overline{co} \{ T_{ts} x : t \in S \}.$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 4.3

$$||z - y||^2 \le \mu_t ||T_t x - y||^2 - \mu_t ||T_t x - z||^2$$
 for every $y \in H$.

So, putting $y = T_s z$ for each $s \in S$, we have

$$||z - T_s z||^2 \leq \mu_t ||T_t x - T_s z||^2 - \mu_t ||T_t x - z||^2$$

$$= \mu_t ||T_s x - T_s z||^2 - \mu_t ||T_t x - z||^2$$

$$\leq \mu_t ||T_t x - z||^2 - \mu_t ||T_t x - z||^2 = 0.$$

Therefore, we have $T_s z = z$ for every $s \in S$. \square

PROPOSITION 4.5 Let S be a discrete reversible semigroup and let C be a nonempty weakly compact convex subset of a Banach space E. Let $S = \{T_s : s \in S\}$ be a representation of S as affine nonexpansive mappings from C into C. Then for each $x \in C$, the set $Q(x) \cap F(S)$ is nonempty.

Proof. Let $x \in C$. Clearly $Q(x) = \bigcap_{s \in S} \overline{co}\{T_{ts}x : t \in S\}$ is compact and convex. Also Q(x) is nonempty. Indeed, for each $s \in S$, let $K_s = \overline{co}\{T_{ts}x : t \in S\}$. Then $\{K_s : s \in S\}$ are weakly closed subsets of C with finite intersection property: If $s_1, \ldots, s_n \in S$, choose $t_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n S s_i$. Then $T_{t_0}x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n K_{s_i}$. Consequently $\bigcap_{s \in S} K_s = Q(x)$ is nonempty. Let $a, s \in S, y \in Q(x)$ and let $\{y_k\}$ be a sequence in K_s such that $\|y_k - y\| \to 0$. Then $T_a y_k \in K_s$ (by affiness and continuity of T_a) and $\|T_a y_k - T_a y\| \le \|y_k - y\| \to 0$. Hence $T_a y \in K_s$. Consequently $T_a y \in \bigcap_{s \in S} K_s = Q(x)$. Hence Q(x) is S-invariant. Now since S is left reversible, by [14] the space WAP(S) of weakly almost periodic functions on S has a left invariant mean (see also [17]). Hence by [15], there exists a common fixed point in Q(x), i.e., $Q(x) \cap F(S) \neq \emptyset$. \square

5 Minimal left ideals

Let (Σ, \circ) be a compact right topological semigroup, i.e., a smigroup and a compact Hausdorff topological space such that for each $\tau \in \Sigma$ the mapping $\gamma \to \gamma \circ \tau$ from Σ into Σ is continuous. In this case, Σ must contain minimal left ideals. Any minimal left ideal in Σ is closed and any two minimal left ideals of Σ are homeomorphic and algebraically isomorphic (see [3]).

LEMMA 5.1 Let X be a nonempty weakly compact convex subset of a Banach space E. Let $S = \{T_s : s \in S\}$ be a representation of a semigroup S as nonexpansive and weak-weak continuous mappings from X into X. Let Σ be the closure of S in the product space $(X, weak)^X$. Then Σ is a compact right topological semigroup consisting of nonexpansive mappings from X into X. Further, for any $T \in \Sigma$, there exists a sequence $\{T_n\}$ of convex combination of operators from S such that $\|T_nx - Tx\| \to 0$ for every $x \in X$.

Proof. It is easy to see that Σ is a compact right topological semigroup. We now prove the last statement (which implies that each $T \in \Sigma$ is nonexpansive). Consider $S \subseteq (E, \|\cdot\|)^X$ with the product topology. Let $\Phi = coS$. Then each $T \in \Phi$ is nonexpansive. Hence each $T \in \overline{\Phi}$ is also nonexpansive. Since the weak topology of the locally convex space $(E, \|\cdot\|)^X$ is the product space $(E, \text{weak})^X$, it follows that $\Sigma \subseteq \overline{\Phi}^{\text{weak}} = \overline{\Phi}$, and hence the last statement holds. \square .

 Σ is called the enveloping semigroup of S.

A subset X of a Banach space E is said to have normal structure if for any bounded (closed) convex subset W of X which contains more than one point, there exists $x \in W$ such that $\sup\{\|x-y\|: y \in W\} < \operatorname{diam}(W)$, where $\operatorname{diam}(W) = \sup\{\|x-y\|: x, y \in W\}$ (see [10] for more details).

THEOREM 5.2 Let X be a nonempty weakly compact convex subset of a Banach space E and X has normal structure. Let $S = \{T_s : s \in S\}$ be a representation of a semigroup

as norm-nonexpansive and weakly continuous mappings from X into X and let Σ be the enveloping of S. Let I be a minimal left ideal of Σ and let Y be a minimal S-invariant closed convex subset of X. Then there exists a nonempty weakly closed subset C of Y such that I is constant on C.

Proof. Since I is a minimal left ideal of Σ and Σ is a compact right topological semigroup (Lemma 5.1), $I = \Sigma e$ for a minimal idempotent e of Σ and $G = e\Sigma e$ is a maximal subgroup contained in I (see [3]). Since each $T \in G$ is a nonexpansive mapping from Y into Y (Lemma 5.1), by Broskii-Milman Theorem [4], there exists $x \in Y$ such that Tx = x for every $T \in G$. Now put C = Ix. Then C is weakly closed and S-invariant. Also if $y_1, y_2 \in C, y_1 = T_1 ex, y_2 = T_2 ex, T_1, T_2 \in \Sigma$, then, since $eT_1 e \in G$, we have

$$(Te)y_1 = Te(T_1ex) = Tx$$

for every $T \in \Sigma$ and similarly

$$(Te)y_2 = Tx$$

for every $T \in \Sigma$. The assertion is proved. \square The following improves the main theorem in [13] for Banach spaces (see also [21]).

COROLLARY 5.3 Let Σ and X be as in Theorem 5.2. Then there exist $T_0 \in \Sigma$ and $x \in X$ such that $T_0Tx = T_0x$ for every $T \in \Sigma$.

Proof. Pick $x \in C$ and $T_0 \in I$ of the above theorem. \square

REMARK 5.4 If S is commutative, then for any $T \in \Sigma$ and $s \in S, T_s \circ T = T \circ T_s$, i.e., $z = T_0 x$ is in fact a common fixed point for Σ (and hence for S). Note that if X is norm compact, the weak and norm topology agree on X. Hence every nonexpansive mapping from X into X must be weakly continuous. Therefore Corollary 5.3 improves the well known fixed point theorem of De Marr [6] for commuting semigroups of nonexpansive mappings on compact convex sets.

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