

## Nonlinear ergodic theorems and weak convergence theorems

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### Introduction.

In this paper we study the asymptotic behavior of nonexpansive mappings and of one parameter semigroups of nonexpansive mappings in Banach spaces. In [1], Baillon proved the first nonlinear ergodic theorem for nonexpansive mappings in Hilbert spaces. Reich [16] extended Baillon's result to uniformly convex Banach spaces which have Fréchet differentiable norms and Bruck [8] simplified the original argument of Reich. The weak convergence of trajectories of one parameter semigroups of nonexpansive mappings was studied by Baillon [2], Bruck [7], Pasy [16], Miyadera [12] and Reich [17]. In section 2, we give ergodic theorems for nonexpansive mappings in uniformly convex Banach spaces which satisfy Opial's condition. In section 3, we consider a necessary and sufficient condition for the weak convergence of trajectories of nonexpansive mappings and one parameter semigroups of nonexpansive mappings in Banach spaces.

### 1. Preliminaries and notations.

Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a Banach space  $E$ . A mapping  $T : C \rightarrow E$  is said to be nonexpansive if

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \|x - y\| \quad \text{for all } x, y \in C.$$

A one parameter semigroup  $S = \{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$  of nonexpansive mappings on  $C$  is a family of nonexpansive mappings of  $C$  into itself satisfying the following conditions

$$(1.1) \quad S(s+t)x = S(s)S(t)x \quad \text{for } s, t \geq 0 \text{ and } x \in C;$$

$$(1.2) \quad \|S(t)x - S(t)y\| \leq \|x - y\| \quad \text{for } t \geq 0 \text{ and } x, y \in C;$$

$$(1.3) \quad S(0)x = x \quad \text{for } x \in C;$$

$$(1.4) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} S(t)x = S(t_0)x \quad \text{for } t, t_0 \geq 0 \text{ and } x \in C.$$

We define  $S_n x = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} T^k x / n$  for  $n \geq 1$  and  $x \in C$ , and denote by  $F(T)$  and  $F(S)$  the set of fixed points of  $T$  and the set of common fixed points of  $S$ , respectively. In the following,  $\rightarrow$  and  $\rightharpoonup$  indicate strong and weak convergence, respectively. Let  $E^*$  be the dual of  $E$ ,  $\varphi(r)$  a continuous strictly increasing function on  $R^1$  with  $\varphi(0)=0$  and  $\varphi(+\infty)=+\infty$ . The duality mapping  $J_\varphi$  with respect to  $\varphi$  is given by

$$J_\varphi(x) = \{x^* \in E^* : (x, x^*) = \|x\| \|x^*\|, \|x^*\| = \varphi(\|x\|)\}.$$

The duality mapping  $J_\varphi$  is said to be weakly sequentially continuous if  $J_\varphi$  is single valued and  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $E$  implies that  $\{J_\varphi x_n\}$  converges to  $J_\varphi x$  in the weak\* topology of  $E^*$ . A Banach space  $E$  satisfies Opial's condition if  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$  implies that

$$(1.5) \quad \liminf_n \|x_n - x_0\| < \liminf_n \|x_n - x\|$$

for all  $x \neq x_0$ . It is known that (1.5) is equivalent to the analogous condition obtained by replacing  $\liminf$  by  $\limsup$  (see [9]). Note that if a Banach space  $E$  has a weakly sequentially continuous duality mapping  $J_\varphi$ , then  $E$  satisfies Opial's condition [9]. Let  $E$  be a Banach space,  $A$  be a subset of  $E \times E$  and  $x \in E$ . Then we define  $Ax = \{y \in E : [x, y] \in A\}$ , and set  $D(A) = \{x \in E : Ax \neq \emptyset\}$ . A subset  $A \subset E \times E$  is said to be accretive if for any  $[x_i, y_i] \in A$ ,  $i=1, 2$ , there exists  $j \in J_\varphi(x_1 - x_2)$  such that

$$(y_1 - y_2, j) \geq 0.$$

An accretive set  $A$  with  $D(A) \subset C$  is said to be maximal accretive in  $C$  if it is not properly contained in any accretive set  $B$  of  $E \times E$  with  $D(B) \subset C$ . A sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset E$  is said to be (weakly) almost convergent to a point  $x$  in  $E$  if

$$(\text{weak-}) \lim_n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} x_{k+i} / n = x \quad \text{uniformly in } i=1, 2, \dots.$$

## 2. Nonlinear ergodic theorems.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  which satisfies Opial's condition,  $T: C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping with a fixed point, and  $x \in C$ . Then  $\{T^n x\}$  is weakly almost convergent to a fixed point of  $T$ .*

To prove Theorem 2.1, we need some lemmas.

**LEMMA 2.1.** *Let  $F$  be a closed convex subset of a reflexive Banach space  $E$  and  $\{x_n\} \subset E$  be a bounded sequence such that for each  $y \in F$ ,  $\lim_n \|x_n - y\|$  exists. Then there exists  $y_0 \in F$  such that*

$$(2.1) \quad \lim_n \|x_n - y_0\| = \min_n \{\lim_n \|x_n - y\| : y \in F\}.$$

PROOF. Let  $r = \inf_n \{\lim_n \|x_n - y\| : y \in F\}$  and  $D_k = \{y \in F : \lim_n \|x_n - y\| \leq r + 1/k\}$  for  $k \geq 1$ . Then for each  $k \geq 1$ ,  $D_k$  is weakly compact convex and  $D_{k+1} \subset D_k$ . Therefore  $\bigcap_k D_k \neq \emptyset$  and this completes the proof.

Let  $F, E$  and  $\{x_n\}$  be as in Lemma 2.1. Then we define

$$r(\{x_n\}, y) = \lim_n \|x_n - y\|, \quad \text{for } y \in F,$$

$$r(\{x_n\}, F) = \min\{r(\{x_n\}, y) : y \in F\}.$$

LEMMA 2.2. *Let  $F$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  and  $A$  be a set of bounded sequences in  $E$  which satisfies the following conditions:*

(2.2) *If  $\{x_n\} \in A$ , then for each  $y \in F$ ,  $\lim_n \|x_n - y\|$  exists;*

(2.3) *if  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\} \in A$ , then there exists  $\{z_n\} \in A$  such that*

$$r(\{z_n\}, y) \leq r(\{x_n\}, y)$$

and

$$r(\{z_n\}, y) \leq r(\{y_n\}, y) \quad \text{for all } y \in F.$$

Let  $r = \inf\{r(\{x_n\}, F) : \{x_n\} \in A\}$  and  $\{x_n^{(i)} : i \geq 1\}$  be a sequence in  $A$  such that  $\lim_i r(\{x_n^{(i)}\}, F) = r$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{z_i\} \subset F$  such that  $r(\{x_n^{(i)}\}, F) = r(\{x_n^{(i)}\}, z_i)$  for all  $i \geq 1$  and it follows that  $\{z_i\}$  converges to a point in  $F$ .

PROOF. The existence of  $\{z_i\}$  is a direct consequence of Lemma 2.1. Now we shall show that  $\{z_i\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and hence  $\{z_i\}$  converges to a point in  $F$ . If  $r = 0$ , then for each  $i, j \geq 1$ , there exists  $\{y_n\} \in A$  such that  $r(\{x_n^{(i)}\}, z_i) \geq r(\{y_n\}, z_i)$  and  $r(\{x_n^{(j)}\}, z_j) \geq r(\{y_n\}, z_j)$  and hence we have

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \|z_i - z_j\| &\leq \lim_n \|y_n - z_i\| + \lim_n \|y_n - z_j\| \\ &= r(\{y_n\}, z_i) + r(\{y_n\}, z_j) \\ &\leq r(\{x_n^{(i)}\}, z_i) + r(\{x_n^{(j)}\}, z_j). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_i r(\{x_n^{(i)}\}, z_i) = \lim_i r(\{x_n^{(i)}\}, F) = 0$ ,  $\{z_i\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Let  $r \neq 0$ .

If  $\{z_i\}$  is not a Cauchy sequence, then there exists an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for any  $k \geq 1$ , there exist  $j, j' \geq k$  with  $\|z_j - z_{j'}\| > \varepsilon$ . Choose  $c$  so small that  $r > (r+c) \cdot (1 - \delta(\varepsilon/(r+c)))$ , where  $\delta$  is the modulus of convexity of the norm of  $E$ . Let  $i, j$  be positive integers such that  $\|z_i - z_j\| > \varepsilon$ ,  $r(\{x_n^{(i)}\}, F) \leq r+c$ , and  $r(\{x_n^{(j)}\}, F) \leq r+c$  and let  $\{y_n\}$  be a sequence in  $A$  such that  $r(\{y_n\}, z_i) \leq r(\{x_n^{(i)}\}, z_i)$  and  $r(\{y_n\}, z_j) \leq r(\{x_n^{(j)}\}, z_j)$ . Then, by the definition of the modulus of the convex-

ity, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.5) \quad r(\{y_n\}, F) &\leq r(\{y_n\}, (z_i+z_j)/2) \\
 &= \lim_n \|y_n - (z_i+z_j)/2\| \\
 &\leq (r+c)(1-\delta(\varepsilon/(r+c))) \\
 &< r.
 \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts the definition of  $r$ .

LEMMA 2.3. *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  which satisfies Opial's condition,  $T: C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping with a fixed point, and  $\{x_n\} \subset C$  be a sequence such that  $\lim_n \|Tx_n - x_n\| = 0$  and  $\lim_n \|x_n - y\|$  exists for all  $y \in F(T)$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to a point  $z \in F(T)$  such that  $r(\{x_n\}, z) = r(\{x_n\}, F(T))$ .*

PROOF. By Theorem 8.4 of Browder [6], any weak subsequential limit of  $\{x_n\}$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . Now we show that the conditions  $x_{m_i} \rightarrow u$ ,  $x_{n_i} \rightarrow v$  imply  $u = v \in F(T)$ . If  $u \neq v$ , then by Opial's condition,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.6) \quad \lim_i \|x_{n_i} - u\| &= \lim_i \|x_{m_i} - u\| \\
 &< \lim_i \|x_{m_i} - v\| \\
 &= \lim_i \|x_{n_i} - v\| \\
 &< \lim_i \|x_{n_i} - u\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

This is impossible. Therefore  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to a point  $z \in F(T)$ . Also by using Opial's condition, we can see that  $r(\{x_n\}, z) = r(\{x_n\}, F(T))$ .

LEMMA 2.4 (Lemma 4, [10]). *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$ ,  $T: C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping with a fixed point, and  $x \in C$ . Then for each  $n \geq 0$ ,*

$$(2.7) \quad \lim_i \|S_n T^k T^i x - T^k S_n T^i x\| = 0, \text{ uniformly in } k \geq 0.$$

LEMMA 2.5. *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  which satisfies Opial's condition,  $T: C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping with a fixed point, and  $x \in C$ . Let  $\{S_{2^n} T^{k_n} x\}_{n \geq 0}$  satisfy that*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.8) \quad k_{n+1} &\geq k_n \text{ for all } n \geq 1 \text{ and} \\
 \lim_n \|T^k S_{2^n} T^{k_n} x - S_{2^n} T^{k_n+k} x\| &= 0 \text{ uniformly in } k \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then for each  $y \in F(T)$ ,  $\lim_n \|S_{2n}T^{kn}x - y\|$  exists and  $\{S_{2n}T^{kn}x\}$  converges weakly to a fixed point of  $T$ .

PROOF. Let  $y \in F(T)$  and  $r = \lim_n \inf \|S_{2n}T^{kn}x - y\|$ . For arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \geq 1$  such that for any  $n \geq n_0$ ,

$$\|T^k S_{2n}T^{kn}x - S_{2n}T^{k+n}x\| < \varepsilon/2$$

uniformly in  $k \geq 0$ . Hence we choose  $n \geq n_0$  such that

$$\|S_{2n}T^{kn}x - y\| < r + \varepsilon/2.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (2.9) \quad & \|S_{2n+1}T^{k_{n+1}}x - y\| \\ &= \|(T^{k_{n+1}}x + T^{k_{n+1}+1}x + \dots + T^{k_{n+1}+2^{n+1}-1}x)/2^{n+1} - y\| \\ &= \|\{(T^{k_{n+1}}x + \dots + T^{k_{n+1}+2^n-1}x)/2^n \\ &\quad + (T^{k_{n+1}+2^n}x + \dots + T^{k_{n+1}+2^{n+1}-1}x)/2^n\}/2 - y\| \\ &= \|(S_{2n}T^{k_{n+1}}x + S_{2n}T^{k_{n+1}+2^n}x)/2 - y\| \\ &\leq (\|S_{2n}T^{k_{n+1}}x - T^{k_{n+1}-k_n}S_{2n}T^{kn}x\| + \|T^{k_{n+1}-k_n}S_{2n}T^{kn}x - y\|)/2 \\ &\quad + (\|S_{2n}T^{k_{n+1}+2^n}x - T^{k_{n+1}-k_n+2^n}S_{2n}T^{kn}x\| \\ &\quad + \|T^{k_{n+1}-k_n+2^n}S_{2n}T^{kn}x - y\|)/2 \\ &\leq (\varepsilon/2 + r + \varepsilon/2)/2 + (\varepsilon/2 + r + \varepsilon/2)/2 \\ &= r + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we obtain  $\|S_{2n+i}T^{k_{n+i}}x - y\| < r + \varepsilon$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . Therefore

$$\lim_n \|S_{2n}T^{kn}x - y\|$$

exists. While the condition (2.8) implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_n \sup \|TS_{2n}T^{kn}x - S_{2n}T^{kn}x\| \\ & \leq \lim_n \|TS_{2n}T^{kn}x - S_{2n}T^{k_{n+1}}x\| + \lim_n \|S_{2n}T^{k_{n+1}}x - S_{2n}T^{kn}x\| \\ & = \lim_n \|T^{k_{n+1}-k_n}x - T^{kn}x\|/2^n \\ & = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by Lemma 2.3, we obtain that  $\{S_{2n}T^{kn}x\}$  converges weakly to a fixed point of  $T$ .

PROOF OF THEOREM 2.1. By Lemma 2.4, there exists a sequence  $\{S_{2^n}T^{k_n}x\}$  in  $E$  which satisfies the condition (2.8). We set  $A = \{S_{2^n}T^{h_n}x : h_n \geq k_n, h_{n+1} \geq h_n \text{ for all } n \geq 1\}$ . Then each element of  $A$  satisfies the condition (2.8). For simplicity, we set  $A_{h_n}x = S_{2^n}T^{h_n}x$  for each sequence  $\{h_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  of integers. By Lemma 2.5, we have that for any  $\{A_{h_n}x\} \in A$  and  $y \in F(T)$ ,  $\lim_n \|A_{h_n}x - y\|$  exists and  $\{A_{h_n}x\}$  converges weakly to a fixed point of  $T$ . While if  $\{A_{h_n}x\}, \{A_{m_n}x\} \in A$  and  $h_n \geq m_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , then the condition (2.8) implies that for each  $y \in F(T)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.10) \quad & \lim_n \|A_{h_n}x - y\| \\
& \leq \lim_n \|A_{h_n}x - T^{h_n - m_n}A_{m_n}x\| + \lim_n \|T^{h_n - m_n}A_{m_n}x - y\| \\
& \leq \lim_n \|S_{2^n}T^{m_n + (h_n - m_n)}x - T^{h_n - m_n}S_{2^n}T^{m_n}x\| + \lim_n \|A_{m_n}x - y\| \\
& = \lim_n \|A_{m_n}x - y\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $A$  satisfies the conditions (2.2), (2.3) for  $F = F(T)$ . Now we set  $r = \inf \{r(\{A_{h_n}x\}, F(T)) : \{A_{h_n}x\} \in A\}$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{\{A_{h_n^{(i)}}x\} : i \geq 1\}$  in  $A$  such that  $\lim_i r(\{A_{h_n^{(i)}}x\}, F(T)) = r$ . By Lemma 2.2, there exists a sequence  $\{y_i\} \subset F(T)$  such that  $r(\{A_{h_n^{(i)}}x\}, F(T)) = r(\{A_{h_n^{(i)}}x\}, y_i)$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . Also by Lemma 2.2, it follows that  $\{y_i\}$  converges to a point  $y$  in  $F(T)$ . If we set  $h_n = \max\{h_n^{(i)} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , then it follows that  $\{A_{h_n}x\} \in A$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
r(\{A_{h_n}x\}, y) &= \lim_i r(\{A_{h_n}x\}, y_i) \\
&\leq \lim_i r(\{A_{h_n}x\}, y_i) \\
&= r.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $r(\{A_{h_n}x\}, F(T)) = r(\{A_{h_n}x\}, y) = r$  and  $\{A_{h_n}x\}$  converges weakly to  $y$ . Moreover we obtain that each  $\{A_{m_n}x\} \in A$  such that  $m_n \geq h_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$  converges weakly to  $y$ . In fact, if  $m_n \geq h_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $A_{m_n}x \rightarrow z$  ( $\neq y$ ), then

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.11) \quad & \lim_n \|A_{m_n}x - z\| < \lim_n \|A_{m_n}x - y\| \\
& \leq \lim_n \|A_{h_n}x - y\| \\
& = r.
\end{aligned}$$

This contradicts the definition of  $r$ . Also, we can see that  $A_{h_n + k_2^{n+i}}x \rightarrow y$  as

$n \rightarrow \infty$  uniformly in  $k \geq 0$  and  $i \geq 0$ , since  $r(\{A_{h_n+k_n 2^{n+i}} x\}, y) = r$  for all sequences  $\{k_n\}$  and  $\{i_n\}$  of integers. Now we show that  $\{S_m T^i x\}_{m \geq 1}$  converges weakly to  $y$  uniformly in  $i \geq 0$ . For  $n$  and  $m$  with  $m > h_n$ ,

$$(2.12) \quad S_m T^i x = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} T^{k+i} x / m$$

$$= \left( \sum_{k=0}^{h_n-1} T^{k+i} x + 2^n \left( \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} S_{2^n} T^{h_n+k 2^n+i} x \right) + \sum_{k=h_n+j 2^n}^{m-1} T^{k+i} x \right) / m$$

where  $m = j \cdot 2^n + h_n + r$ ,  $r < 2^n$ . Since  $\{S_{2^n} T^{h_n+k 2^n+i} x\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges weakly to  $y$  uniformly in  $k$  and  $i$ , we obtain that  $\{S_m T^i x\}_{m \geq 1}$  converges weakly to  $y$ , uniformly in  $i \geq 0$ .

REMARK. In Theorem 2.1, we do not know if ‘Opial’s condition’ is essential. But if  $C$  is compact, it is easy to see that we need not ‘Opial’s condition’.

COROLLARY 2.1. *Let  $C$  be a compact convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$ ,  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping and  $x \in C$ . Then  $\{T^n x\}$  is almost convergent to a fixed point of  $T$ .*

Let  $E$ ,  $C$ , and  $T$  be as in Theorem 2.1, and  $P$  be the metric projection on  $F(T)$ . It is known that if  $E$  is a Hilbert space and  $x \in C$ , then  $\{PT^n x\}$  converges to a point in  $F(T)$  and which coincides with the weak limit point of  $\left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} T^k x / n \right\}_{n \geq 1}$  (cf. [1]). In Banach spaces, we do not know whether the result above holds. But if  $F(T)$  is compact, we have the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 2.1. *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  which satisfies Opial’s condition,  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping with a fixed point and  $x \in C$ . If  $F(T)$  is compact, then  $\left\{ P \left( \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} T^k x / n \right) \right\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges to the weak limit point of  $\left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} T^k x / n \right\}_{n \geq 1}$ .*

PROOF. Let  $\{PS_{n_i} x\}_{i \geq 1}$  be a convergent subsequence of  $\{PS_n x\}$ . If we set  $y = \text{weak-lim}_n S_n x$  and  $z = \lim_i PS_{n_i} x$ , then

$$\lim_i \inf \|S_{n_i} x - z\| = \lim_i \inf \|S_{n_i} x - PS_{n_i} x\|$$

$$\leq \lim_i \inf \|S_{n_i} x - y\|.$$

Therefore by Opial’s condition, we have that  $y = z$  and this completes the proof.

### 3. Weak convergence theorems.

In this section, we study the weak convergence of trajectory  $\{T^n x\}$  of a nonexpansive mapping  $T$  and the trajectory  $\{S(t)x\}_{t \geq 0}$  of a one parameter

semigroup  $S$  of nonexpansive mappings. First we show the following theorem due to Miyadera [14] by using the result of section 2.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  which satisfies Opial's condition,  $T: C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping with a fixed point, and  $x \in C$ . Then  $\{T^n x\}$  converges weakly to a fixed point of  $T$  if and only if  $\text{weak-}\lim_n (T^{n+1}x - T^n x) = 0$ .*

**PROOF.** By Theorem 2.1,  $\{T^n x\}$  is weakly almost convergent to a fixed point of  $T$ . Then Theorem 3.1 follows from easy Tauberian condition (cf. Lorentz [11]).

**PROPOSITION 3.1.** *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  which satisfies Opial's condition,  $T: C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping, and  $x \in C$ . If  $\{T^n x\}$  converges weakly to  $y \in F(T)$ , then  $\{PT^n x\}$  converges to  $y$ , where  $P$  is the metric projection on  $F(T)$ .*

**PROOF.** The strong convergence of  $\{PT^n x\}$  is known [18]. So we are sufficient to show that  $\lim_n PT^n x = y$ . If we set  $z = \lim_n PT^n x$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_n \|T^n x - z\| &\leq \lim_n \|T^n x - PT^n x\| + \lim_n \|PT^n x - z\| \\ &= \lim_n \|T^n x - PT^n x\| \\ &\leq \lim_n \|T^n x - y\|. \end{aligned}$$

Then by Opial's condition, we have  $z = y$ .

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  which satisfies Opial's condition,  $S = \{S(t) : t > 0\}$  be a semigroup of nonexpansive mappings on  $C$  which has a common fixed point and satisfies  $S(s+t) = S(s)S(t)$  for all  $t, s > 0$ , and let  $x \in C$ . Then  $\{S(t)x\}_{t>0}$  converges weakly to a common fixed point of  $S$  if and only if  $\text{weak-}\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (S(t+h)x - S(t)x) = 0$  for all  $h > 0$ .*

**PROOF.** We are sufficient to prove 'if part'. First we show that if  $S(t_k)x \rightarrow u$  where  $t_k \rightarrow \infty$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $u \in F(S) = \bigcap_{t>0} F(S(t))$ . We use the same argument as in the proof of Proposition in [13]. Since  $\text{weak-}\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (S(t+s)x - S(t)x) = 0$ , for all  $s > 0$ , we have that  $\text{weak-}\lim_k S(t_k+s)x = u$  for all  $s \geq 0$ . By Opial's condition it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} r_{s+t} &= \lim_k \sup \|S(t_k+s+t)x - u\| \\ &\leq \lim_k \sup \|S(t_k+s+t)x - S(t)u\| \\ &\leq \lim_k \sup \|S(t_k+s)x - u\| = r_s \end{aligned}$$



for all  $s, t > 0$ . Therefore  $\{r_s\}$  is convergent to  $r = \inf\{r_s : s > 0\}$ . If  $r = 0$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{S(s_k)x\}$  with  $s_k \uparrow \infty$  which converges strongly to  $u$ . Since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S(s_k + t)x = S(t)u$  for all  $t > 0$ , we have that  $S(t)u = u$  for all  $t > 0$ . Let  $r \neq 0$  and suppose that  $\|S(t_0)u - u\| \geq \varepsilon$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $t_0 > 0$ . We choose an  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that  $(r + \varepsilon_0)[1 - \delta(\varepsilon/(r + \varepsilon_0))] < r$  where  $\delta$  is the modulus of convexity of the norm, and choose  $s_0 > 0$  such that  $r_{s-t_0} \leq r + \varepsilon_0$  for all  $s \geq s_0$ . Then

$$\limsup_k \|S(t_k + s)x - S(t_0)u\| \leq r + \varepsilon_0$$

and

$$\limsup_k \|S(t_k + s)x - u\| \leq r + \varepsilon_0$$

for  $s \geq s_0$ . Therefore we have that for each  $s \geq s_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} r &\leq \limsup_k \|S(t_k + s)x - u\| \\ &< \limsup_k \|S(t_k + s)x - (S(t_0)u + u)/2\| \\ &\leq (r + \varepsilon_0)[1 - \delta(\varepsilon/(r + \varepsilon_0))] < r. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. Therefore we obtain that  $u$  is a common fixed point of  $S$ . Next we show that there exists a  $y \in F(S)$  such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P_s S(t)x = y$ , where  $P_s$  is the metric projection on  $F(S)$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} d(t+s) &= \|S(t+s)x - P_s S(t+s)x\| \\ &\leq \|S(t+s)x - P_s S(t)x\| \\ &\leq \|S(t)x - P_s S(t)x\| = d(t) \end{aligned}$$

for  $s, t > 0$ ,  $\{d(t)\}_{t>0}$  is convergent to  $d = \inf\{d(t) : t > 0\}$ . First, let  $d = 0$ . For  $s, t > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|P_s S(t+s)x - P_s S(t)x\| \\ &\leq \|P_s S(t+s)x - S(t+s)x\| + \|S(t+s)x - P_s S(t)x\| \\ &\leq \|P_s S(t+s)x - S(t+s)x\| + \|S(t)x - P_s S(t)x\| \\ &= d(t+s) + d(t). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(t) = d = 0$ , it follows that  $\{P_s S(t)x\}$  is convergent to a point  $y \in F(S)$ . Next, let  $r > 0$ . If  $\{P_s S(t)x\}$  does not converges strongly, then there exists a sequence  $\{P_s S(t_k)x\}$  with  $t_k \uparrow \infty$  which satisfies that for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\|P_s S(t_j)x - P_s S(t_k)x\| \geq \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } j, k \geq 1 (j \neq k).$$

We choose  $\varepsilon' > 0$  such that  $(d + \varepsilon')[1 - \delta(\varepsilon/(d + \varepsilon'))] < d$ , and  $t' > 0$  such that  $d(t) \leq d + \varepsilon'$  for all  $t \geq t'$ . Then by the same argument again, we have that for all  $t_j > t_k \geq t'$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d &\leq \|S(t_j)x - (P_s S(t_j)x + P_s S(t_k)x)/2\| \\ &\quad (d + \varepsilon')[1 - \delta(\varepsilon/(d + \varepsilon'))] < d. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. Therefore  $\{P_s S(t)x\}$  converges strongly to a point  $y \in F(S)$ . Now we prove that  $\{S(t)x\}$  converges weakly to  $y = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P_s S(t)x$ . Let  $u = \text{weak-}\lim_k S(t_k)x$  where  $t_k \rightarrow \infty$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $u \in F(S)$ . If  $u \neq y$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_k \|S(t_k)x - y\| &= \lim_k \|S(t_k)x - P_s S(t_k)x\| \\ &\leq \lim_k \|S(t_k)x - u\| \\ &< \lim_k \|S(t_k)x - y\|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have that  $u = y$  and this completes the proof.

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a reflexive Banach space  $E$  which has a weakly sequentially continuous duality mapping  $J_\varphi$ ,  $S = \{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$  be a one parameter semigroup on  $C$  such that  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$  and*

$$D = \{x \in C : \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (x - S(t)x)/t \text{ exists}\}$$

*is dense in  $C$ , and let  $x \in C$ . Then  $\{S(t)x\}_{t \geq 0}$  converges weakly to a common fixed point of  $S$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if  $\text{weak-}\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (S(t+h)x - S(t)x) = 0$  for all  $h > 0$ .*

**PROOF.** By the assumption, there exists an accretive set  $A \subset E \times E$  such that  $\overline{D(A)} = C$ ,  $A$  is maximal in  $C$ , and

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{d}{dt} S(t)z + AS(t)z \ni 0 \quad (\text{a. e. } t) \quad \text{for } z \in D(A).$$

Let  $v \in D(A)$  and  $w \in Av$ . If we set  $\Phi(t) = \int_0^t \varphi(s) ds$  for  $t \geq 0$ , then (3.1) implies that for any  $z \in D(A)$ ,

$$\Phi(\|S(t)x - v\|) - \Phi(\|S(s)z - v\|) \leq \int_s^t (w, J_\varphi(v - S(\tau)z)) d\tau$$

for  $t \geq s \geq 0$ . Since  $\overline{D(A)} = C$ , the inequality above holds for all  $z \in C$ . In particular,

$$(3.2) \quad \Phi(\|S(t)x - v\|) - \Phi(\|S(s)x - v\|) \leq \int_s^t (w, J_\varphi(v - S(\tau)x)) d\tau$$

for  $t \geq s \geq 0$ . Suppose that  $S(t_k)x \rightarrow y$  with  $t_k \uparrow \infty$ . Then by (3.2), we have that

$$(3.3) \quad -\Phi(r) \leq \Phi(\|S(t_k+T)x-v\|) - \Phi(\|S(t_k)x-v\|) \leq \int_0^T (w, J_\varphi(v-S(t_k+\tau)x)) d\tau$$

for  $T > 0$ , where  $r = \sup\{\|S(t)x-v\| : t > 0\}$ . Since  $\text{weak-lim}_{t \rightarrow \infty} (S(t+\tau)x - S(t)x) = 0$  for each  $\tau > 0$ , we have that  $\text{weak-lim}_k S(t_k+\tau)x = y$  for all  $\tau > 0$ . Therefore, if  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , (3.3) implies that  $-\Phi(r)/T \leq (w, J_\varphi(v-y))$ . Since  $T$  is arbitrary, we obtain

$$(3.4) \quad (w, J_\varphi(v-y)) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } v \in D(A) \text{ and } w \in Av.$$

(3.4) implies that  $0 \in Ay$  because  $A$  is maximal accretive in  $C$ . Therefore  $S(t)y = y$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Now it is enough to show that if  $S(t_m)x \rightarrow y \in F(S)$  and  $S(t_n)x \rightarrow z \in F(S)$  for sequences  $\{t_m\}$  and  $\{t_n\}$  with  $t_m \uparrow \infty$  and  $t_n \uparrow \infty$ , then  $y = z \in F(S)$ . Since  $E$  satisfies Opial's condition, this follows from the same argument as in the proof of Lemma 2.3.

**COROLLARY 3.2.** *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly smooth Banach space  $E$  which has a weakly sequentially continuous duality mapping  $J_\varphi$ ,  $S = \{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$  be a one parameter semigroup of nonexpansive mappings on  $C$  with a common fixed point of  $S$ , and  $x \in C$ . Then  $\{S(t)x\}_{t \geq 0}$  converges weakly to a common fixed point of  $S$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if  $\text{weak-lim}_{t \rightarrow \infty} (S(t+h)x - S(t)x) = 0$  for all  $h > 0$ .*

**PROOF.** If  $E$  is uniformly smooth, then the generator  $A_0$  of  $S(t)$  has a domain dense in  $C$  (cf. Baillon [3]). Therefore Corollary 3.2 follows from Theorem 3.3.

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