

# $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous approximation and invariant points

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## Abstract

In this paper we generalize and extend Brosowski-Meinardus type results on invariant points from the set of best approximation to the set of  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous approximation. As a consequence some results on  $\varepsilon$ -approximation and best approximation are also deduced. The results proved extend and generalize some of the results of R.N. Mukherjee and V. Verma [Bull. Cal. Math. Soc. 81(1989) 191-196; Publ. de l'Inst. Math. 49(1991) 111-116], T.D. Narang and S. Chandok [Mat. Vesnik 61(2009) 165-171; Selçuk J. Appl. Math. 10(2009) 75-80; Indian J. Math. 51(2009) 293-303], G.S. Rao and S.A. Mariadoss [Serdica-Bulgaricae Math. Publ. 9(1983) 244-248] and of few others.

## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

The idea of applying fixed point theorems to approximation theory was initiated by G. Meinardus [9]. Meinardus introduced the notion of invariant approximation in normed linear spaces. Generalizing the result of Meinardus, Brosowski [2] proved the following theorem on invariant approximation using fixed point theory:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $T$  be a linear and nonexpansive operator on a normed linear space  $E$ . Let  $C$  be a  $T$ -invariant subset of  $E$  and  $x$  a  $T$ -invariant point. If the set  $P_C(x)$  of best*

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$C$ -approximants to  $x$  is non-empty, compact and convex, then it contains a  $T$ -invariant point.

Subsequently, various generalizations of Brosowski's results appeared in the literature. Singh [18] observed that the linearity of the operator  $T$  and convexity of the set  $P_C(x)$  in Theorem 1.1 can be relaxed and proved the following:

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $T : E \rightarrow E$  be a nonexpansive self mapping on a normed linear space  $E$ . Let  $C$  be a  $T$ -invariant subset of  $E$  and  $x$  a  $T$ -invariant point. If the set  $P_C(x)$  is non-empty, compact and starshaped, then it contains a  $T$ -invariant point.*

Singh [19] further showed that Theorem 1.2 remains valid if  $T$  is assumed to be nonexpansive only on  $P_C(x) \cup \{x\}$ . Since then, many results have been obtained in this direction (see Mukherjee and Som [10], Mukherjee and Verma [12], Narang and Chandok ([13] [14] [15]), Rao and Mariadoss [16] and references cited therein).

In this paper we prove some similar types of results on  $T$ -invariant points for the set of  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous approximation to a pair of points  $x_1, x_2$  in a metric space  $(X, d)$  from a set  $C$ , which is not necessarily starshaped but has a jointly continuous contractive family. Some results on  $T$ -invariant points for the set of  $\varepsilon$ -approximation and best approximation are also deduced. The results proved in the paper generalize and extend some of the results of [11], [12], [13], [14], [15], [16] and of few others.

Let  $G$  be a non-empty subset of a metric space  $(X, d)$ ,  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . An element  $g_0 \in G$  is said to be  $\varepsilon$ -**simultaneous approximation** (respectively,  $\varepsilon$ -**simultaneous coapproximation**) if  $d(x_1, g_0) + d(x_2, g_0) \leq r + \varepsilon$ , where  $r = \inf\{d(x_1, g) + d(x_2, g) : g \in G\}$  (respectively,  $d(g_0, g) + \varepsilon \leq \max\{d(x_1, g) + d(x_2, g) : g \in G\}$  for all  $g \in G$ ). We shall denote by  $P_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  (respectively,  $R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$ ) the set of all  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous approximation (respectively,  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous coapproximation) to  $x_1, x_2$ .

It can be easily seen that for  $\varepsilon = 0$ , the set  $P_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  (respectively,  $R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$ ) is the set of best simultaneous approximations (respectively, best simultaneous coapproximations) of  $x_1, x_2$  in  $G$  and further if  $x_1 = x_2 = x$ , then it reduces to the set of best approximations (respectively, best coapproximations) of  $x$  in  $G$ .

It can be easily seen that for  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the set  $P_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is always a non-empty bounded set and is closed if  $G$  is closed.

A sequence  $\langle y_n \rangle$  in  $G$  is called a  $\varepsilon$ -**minimizing sequence** for  $x_1, x_2$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [d(x_1, y_n) + d(x_2, y_n)] \leq \inf\{d(x_1, y) + d(x_2, y) : y \in G\} + \varepsilon$ . The set  $G$  is said to be  $\varepsilon$ -**simultaneous approximatively compact** if for every pair  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ , each  $\varepsilon$ -minimizing sequence  $\langle y_n \rangle$  in  $G$  has a subsequence  $\langle y_{n_i} \rangle$  converging to an element of  $G$ .

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A continuous mapping  $W : X \times X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  is said to be a **convex structure** on  $X$  if for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$d(u, W(x, y, \lambda)) \leq \lambda d(u, x) + (1 - \lambda)d(u, y)$$

holds for all  $u \in X$ . The metric space  $(X, d)$  together with a convex structure is called a **convex metric space** [22].

A convex metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to satisfy **Property (I)** [5] if for all  $x, y, p \in X$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$d(W(x, p, \lambda), W(y, p, \lambda)) \leq \lambda d(x, y).$$

A normed linear space and each of its convex subset are simple examples of convex metric spaces. There are many convex metric spaces which are not normed linear spaces (see [22]). Property (I) is always satisfied in a normed linear space.

A subset  $K$  of a convex metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to be

- i) a **convex set** [22] if  $W(x, y, \lambda) \in K$  for all  $x, y \in K$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ;
- ii)  **$p$ -starshaped** [7] where  $p \in K$ , provided  $W(x, p, \lambda) \in K$  for all  $x \in K$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ;
- iii) **starshaped** if it is  $p$ -starshaped for some  $p \in K$ .

Clearly, each convex set is starshaped but not conversely.

A self map  $T$  on a metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to be

- i) **contraction** if  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq kd(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $0 \leq k < 1$ ;
- ii) **nonexpansive** if  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- iii) **quasi-nonexpansive** if the set  $F(T)$  of fixed points of  $T$  is non-empty and  $d(Tx, p) \leq d(x, p)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $p \in F(T)$ .

A nonexpansive mapping  $T$  on  $X$  with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$  is quasi-nonexpansive, but not conversely (see [20], p.27).

Let  $C$  be a subset of a metric space  $(X, d)$  and  $\mathfrak{F} = \{f_\alpha : \alpha \in C\}$  a family of functions from  $[0, 1]$  into  $C$ , having the property  $f_\alpha(1) = \alpha$ , for each  $\alpha \in C$ . Such a family  $\mathfrak{F}$  is said to be **contractive** if there exists a function  $\phi : (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, 1)$  such that for all  $\alpha, \beta \in C$  and for all  $t \in (0, 1)$ , we have

$$d(f_\alpha(t), f_\beta(t)) \leq \phi(t)d(\alpha, \beta).$$

Such a family  $\mathfrak{F}$  is said to be **jointly continuous** if  $t \rightarrow t_0$  in  $[0, 1]$  and  $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_0$  in  $C$  imply  $f_\alpha(t) \rightarrow f_{\alpha_0}(t_0)$  in  $C$ .

In normed linear spaces these notions were discussed by Dotson [4]. It was observed in [4] that if  $C$  is a starshaped subset (of a normed linear space) with star-center  $p$  then the family  $\mathfrak{F} = \{f_\alpha : \alpha \in C\}$  defined by  $f_\alpha(t) = (1 - t)p + t\alpha$  is contractive if we take  $\phi(t) = t$  for  $0 < t < 1$ , and is jointly continuous. The same is true for starshaped subsets of convex metric spaces with Property (I), by taking  $f_\alpha(t) = W(\alpha, p, t)$  and so the class of subsets of  $X$  with the property of contractiveness and joint continuity contains the class of starshaped sets which in turn contains the class of convex sets.

## 2 Main Results

To start with, we prove the following proposition on  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous approximation which will be used in the sequel.

**Proposition 2.1.** *If  $C$  a non-empty  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous approximatively compact subset of a metric space  $(X, d)$ ,  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ , then the set  $P_C(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is a non-empty compact subset of  $C$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $P_C(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is non-empty.

We now show that  $P_C(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is compact. Let  $\langle y_n \rangle$  be a sequence in  $P_C(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$ . Then  $\lim[d(x_1, y_n) + d(x_2, y_n)] \leq \inf\{d(x_1, y) + d(x_2, y) : y \in C\} + \varepsilon$ , i.e.  $\langle y_n \rangle$  is an  $\varepsilon$ -minimizing sequence for the pair  $x_1, x_2$  in  $C$ . Since  $C$  is  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous approximatively compact, there is a subsequence  $\langle y_{n_i} \rangle$  such that  $\langle y_{n_i} \rangle \rightarrow y \in C$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_1, y) + d(x_2, y) &= d(x_1, \lim y_{n_i}) + d(x_2, \lim y_{n_i}) \\ &= \lim\{d(x_1, y_{n_i}) + d(x_2, y_{n_i})\} \\ &\leq \inf\{d(x_1, y) + d(x_2, y) : y \in C\} + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $y \in P_C(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$ . Thus we get a subsequence  $\langle y_{n_i} \rangle$  of  $\langle y_n \rangle$  converging to an element  $y \in P_C(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$ . Hence  $P_C(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is compact. ■

If  $x_1 = x_2 = x$ , we have the following result on  $\varepsilon$ -approximation.

**Corollary 2.2.** *(see [13]) If  $C$  is an  $\varepsilon$ -approximatively compact set in a metric space  $(X, d)$  then  $P_C(x, \varepsilon)$  is a non-empty compact set.*

Further, if  $\varepsilon = 0$ , we have the following result.

**Corollary 2.3.** *(see, [14]) Let  $C$  be an approximatively compact subset of a metric space  $(X, d)$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $P_C(x) = \{y \in C : d(x, y) = d(x, C)\}$  is the set of best approximant to  $x$  in  $C$  then  $P_C(x)$  is a non-empty compact subset of  $C$ .*

We shall be using the following result of Hardy and Rogers [6] in proving our first theorem.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $F$  be a mapping from a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  into itself satisfying*

$$d(Fx, Fy) \leq a[d(x, Fx) + d(y, Fy)] + b[d(y, Fx) + d(x, Fy)] + cd(x, y), \quad (2.1)$$

for any  $x, y \in X$  where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are non-negative numbers such that  $2a + 2b + c \leq 1$ . Then  $F$  has a unique fixed point  $u$  in  $X$ . In fact for any  $x \in X$ , the sequence  $\{F^n x\}$  converges to  $u$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $T$  be a continuous self map on a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying (2.1),  $C$  a  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$ . Let  $Tx_i = x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) for some  $x_1, x_2$  not in  $cl(C)$ . If  $P_C(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is compact and has a contractive jointly continuous family  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then it contains a  $T$ -invariant point.*

*Proof.* Let  $D = P_C(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  i.e.

$$D = \{z \in C : d(x_1, z) + d(x_2, z) \leq d(x_1, y) + d(x_2, y) + \varepsilon, \text{ for every } y \in C\}. \quad (2.2)$$

Let  $z \in D$  be arbitrary. Then by (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_1, Tz) + d(x_2, Tz) &= d(Tx_1, Tz) + d(Tx_2, Tz) \\ &\leq a[d(x_1, Tx_1) + d(z, Tz)] + b[d(z, Tx_1) + d(x_1, Tz)] + \\ &\quad cd(x_1, z) + a[d(x_2, Tx_2) + d(z, Tz)] + b[d(z, Tx_2) + \\ &\quad d(x_2, Tz)] + cd(x_2, z) \\ &= 2ad(z, Tz) + (b + c)[d(x_1, z) + d(x_2, z)] + b[d(x_1, Tz) + \\ &\quad d(x_2, Tz)] \\ &= a[d(z, Tz) - d(x_1, Tz)] + a[d(z, Tz) - d(x_2, Tz)] + \\ &\quad a[d(x_1, Tz) + d(x_2, Tz)] + (b + c)[d(x_1, z) + d(x_2, z)] + \\ &\quad b[d(x_1, Tz) + d(x_2, Tz)]. \end{aligned}$$

This gives,

$$(1 - a - b)[d(x_1, Tz) + d(x_2, Tz)] \leq (a + b + c)[d(x_1, z) + d(x_2, z)].$$

Hence

$$d(x_1, Tz) + d(x_2, Tz) \leq d(x_1, z) + d(x_2, z) \quad (2.3)$$

since  $2a + 2b + c \leq 1$ . Also, using (2.2), we get

$$d(x_1, Tz) + d(x_2, Tz) \leq d(x_1, y) + d(x_2, y) + \varepsilon \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $y \in C$ . Hence  $Tz \in D$ . Therefore  $T$  is a self map on  $D$ . Define  $T_n : D \rightarrow D$  as  $T_n x = f_{Tx}(\lambda_n)$ ,  $x \in D$  where  $\langle \lambda_n \rangle$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\lambda_n \rightarrow 1$ . Also

$$\begin{aligned} d(T_n x, T_n y) &= d(f_{Tx}(\lambda_n), f_{Ty}(\lambda_n)) \\ &\leq \phi(\lambda_n)d(Tx, Ty) \\ &\leq \phi(\lambda_n)[a[d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty)] + b[d(y, Tx) + d(x, Ty)] + cd(x, y)] \end{aligned}$$

where  $\phi(\lambda_n)[2a + 2b + c] \leq 1$ . Therefore by Lemma 2.4, each  $T_n$  has a unique fixed point  $z_n$  in  $D$ . Since  $D$  is compact, there is a subsequence  $\langle z_{n_i} \rangle$  of  $\langle z_n \rangle$  such that  $z_{n_i} \rightarrow z_o \in D$ . We claim that  $Tz_o = z_o$ . Consider  $z_{n_i} = T_{n_i} z_{n_i} = f_{Tz_{n_i}}(\lambda_{n_i}) \rightarrow f_{Tz_o}(1)$  as the family  $\mathfrak{F}$  is jointly continuous and  $T$  is also continuous. Thus  $z_{n_i} \rightarrow Tz_o$  and consequently,  $Tz_o = z_o$  i.e.  $z_o \in D$  is a  $T$ -invariant point. ■

Since for an  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous approximatively compact subset  $C$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  the set of  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous  $C$ -approximant is nonempty and compact (Proposition 2.1), we have the following result.

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $T$  be a continuous self map on a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying (2.1),  $C$  an  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous approximatively compact and  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$ . Let  $Tx_i = x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) for some  $x_1, x_2$  not in  $cl(C)$ . If the set  $D = P_C(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  has a contractive jointly continuous family  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then it contains a  $T$ -invariant point.*

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $T$  be a continuous self map on a complete convex metric space  $(X, d)$  with Property (I) satisfying (2.1),  $C$  an  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous approximatively compact and  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$ . Let  $Tx_i = x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) for some  $x_1, x_2$  not in  $cl(C)$ . If the set  $D = P_C(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is  $p$ -starshaped, then it contains a  $T$ -invariant point.*

*Proof.* Define  $f_\alpha : [0, 1] \rightarrow D$  as  $f_\alpha(t) = W(\alpha, p, t)$ . Then

$$d(f_\alpha(t), f_\beta(t)) = d(W(\alpha, p, t), W(\beta, p, t)) \leq td(\alpha, \beta),$$

$\phi(t) = t$ ,  $0 < t < 1$ , i.e.  $D$  is a contractive jointly continuous family. Taking  $\lambda_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$  and defining  $T_n(x) = f_{Tx}(\lambda_n) = W(Tx, p, \lambda_n)$ , we get the result using Theorem 2.5. ■

For  $\varepsilon = 0$  in Theorem 2.5, we have the following results.

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let  $T$  be a continuous self map on a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying (2.1),  $C$  a  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$ . Let  $Tx_i = x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) for some  $x_1, x_2$  not in  $cl(C)$ . If  $P_C(x_1, x_2)$  is nonempty, compact and has a contractive jointly continuous family  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then it contains a  $T$ -invariant point.*

**Corollary 2.9.** *Let  $T$  be a continuous self map on a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying (2.1),  $C$  an approximatively compact and  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$ . Let  $Tx_i = x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) for some  $x_1, x_2$  not in  $cl(C)$ . If the set  $D = P_C(x_1, x_2)$  has a contractive jointly continuous family  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then it contains a  $T$ -invariant point.*

**Corollary 2.10.** *Let  $T$  be a continuous self map on a complete convex metric space  $(X, d)$  with Property (I) satisfying (2.1),  $C$  an approximatively compact and  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$ . Let  $Tx_i = x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) for some  $x_1, x_2$  not in  $cl(C)$ . If the set  $D$  of best simultaneous  $C$ -approximants to  $x_1, x_2$  is  $p$ -starshaped, then it contains a  $T$ -invariant point.*

**Corollary 2.11.** (see [12]) *Let  $T$  be a continuous self map on a Banach space  $X$  satisfying (2.1),  $C$  an approximatively compact and  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$ . Let  $Tx_i = x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) for some  $x_1, x_2$  not in  $cl(C)$ . If the set of best simultaneous  $C$ -approximants to  $x_1, x_2$  is starshaped, then it contains a  $T$ -invariant point.*

If  $a = b = 0$  in Corollary 2.8, the map  $T$  becomes nonexpansive, so we have the following result.

**Corollary 2.12.** (see [15]) *Let  $T$  be a mapping on a metric space  $(X, d)$ ,  $C$  a  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$  and  $x$  a  $T$ -invariant point. If  $P_C(x)$  is a non-empty, compact set for which there exists a contractive jointly continuous family  $\mathfrak{F}$  of functions and  $T$  is non-expansive on  $P_C(x) \cup \{x\}$  then  $P_C(x)$  contains a  $T$ -invariant point.*

**Corollary 2.13.** (see [10]-Theorem 2, [17]-Theorem 3.4) *Let  $T$  be nonexpansive operator on a normed linear space  $X$ . Let  $C$  be a  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$  and  $x$  a  $T$ -invariant point. If  $P_C(x)$  is non-empty, compact and for which there exists a contractive jointly continuous family  $\mathfrak{F}$  of functions, then it contains a  $T$ -invariant point.*

Since for an approximatively compact subset  $C$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  the set  $P_C(x)$  is non-empty and compact (Corollary 2.3), we have:

**Corollary 2.14.** Let  $T$  be a mapping on a metric space  $(X, d)$ ,  $C$  an approximatively compact,  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$  and  $x$  a  $T$ -invariant point. If there exists a contractive jointly continuous family  $\mathfrak{F}$  of functions and  $T$  is nonexpansive on  $P_C(x) \cup \{x\}$ , then  $P_C(x)$  contains a  $T$ -invariant point.

**Corollary 2.15.** Let  $T$  be a mapping on a convex metric space  $(X, d)$  with Property (I),  $C$  an approximatively compact,  $p$ -starshaped,  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$  and  $x$  a  $T$ -invariant point. If  $T$  is nonexpansive on  $P_C(x) \cup \{x\}$ , then  $P_C(x)$  contains a  $T$ -invariant point.

**Corollary 2.16.** (see [14]-Theorem 4) Let  $T$  be a quasi-nonexpansive mapping on a convex metric space  $(X, d)$  with Property (I),  $C$  a  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$  and  $x$  a  $T$ -invariant point. If  $P_C(x)$  is nonempty, compact and starshaped, and  $T$  is nonexpansive on  $P_C(x)$ , then  $P_C(x)$  contains a  $T$ -invariant point.

**Corollary 2.17.** (see [14]-Theorem 5) Let  $T$  be a quasi-nonexpansive mapping on a convex metric space  $(X, d)$  with Property (I),  $C$  an approximatively compact,  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$  and  $x$  a  $T$ -invariant point. If  $P_C(x)$  is starshaped and  $T$  is nonexpansive on  $P_C(x)$ , then  $P_C(x)$  contains a  $T$ -invariant point.

*Remark 2.1.* 1. If  $a = b = 0$  and  $x_1 = x_2 = x$  in Theorem 2.5, then it improves and generalizes Theorem 1 of Narang and Chandok [13].

2. Corollary 2.8 is a generalization and extension of Theorem 1 of Rao and Mariadoss [16] for a mapping  $T$  which maps the set  $D$  of best simultaneous  $C$ -approximants to  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  into itself and the spaces undertaken are metric spaces.

We shall be using the following result of Bose and Mukherjee [1] in proving our next theorem.

**Lemma 2.18.** Let  $\{F_n\}$  be a sequence of self mappings of complete metric space  $(X, d)$  such that

$$d(F_i x, F_j y) \leq a_1 d(x, F_i x) + a_2 d(y, F_j y) + a_3 d(y, F_i x) + a_4 d(x, F_j y) + a_5 d(x, y), \quad (j > i) \quad (2.5)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_5$  are non-negative numbers such that  $\sum_{k=1}^5 a_k < 1$  and  $a_3 = a_4$ . Then the sequence  $\{F_n x\}$  has a unique common fixed point.

**Theorem 2.19.** Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be a pair of continuous self maps on a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying  $d(T_1 x, T_2 y) \leq d(x, y)$ , for  $x, y \in X$  ( $x \neq y$ ). Let the set  $C$  be  $T_i$ -invariant ( $i = 1, 2$ ) subset of  $X$ . Suppose that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are two common fixed points for the pair  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  not in  $cl(C)$ . If the set  $D = P_C(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is compact and has a contractive jointly continuous family  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then it has a point which is both  $T_1$ - and  $T_2$ -invariant.

*Proof.* Since  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are common fixed points of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , proceeding as in Theorem 2.5, we get that  $T_1(D) \subseteq D$  and  $T_2(D) \subseteq D$ . Now we show that there is a point  $z_0 \in D$  such that  $T_i z_0 = z_0$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ). Define  $T_{1n}$  and  $T_{2n}$  as  $T_{1n} x = f_{T_1 x}(\lambda_{1n})$ , and  $T_{2n} x = f_{T_2 x}(\lambda_{2n})$ ,  $x \in D$  where  $\langle \lambda_{1n} \rangle$  and  $\langle \lambda_{2n} \rangle$  are sequences in  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\langle \lambda_{1n} \rangle, \langle \lambda_{2n} \rangle \rightarrow 1$ . Then using Lemma 2.18, we have  $T_{1n} z_n = T_{2n} z_n = z_n \in D$ . Since  $D$  is compact, there is a subsequence

$\langle z_{n_i} \rangle$  of  $\langle z_n \rangle$  such that  $z_{n_i} \rightarrow z_o \in D$ . We claim that  $T_1 z_o = z_o = T_2 z_o$ . Consider  $z_{n_i} = T_{1n_i} z_{n_i} = f_{T_1 z_{n_i}}(\lambda_{1n_i}) \rightarrow f_{T_1 z_o}(1) = T_1 z_o$  as the family  $\mathfrak{F}$  is jointly continuous and  $T_{1n}$  is continuous. Thus  $z_{n_i} \rightarrow T_1 z_o$  and similarly,  $z_{n_i} \rightarrow T_2 z_o$ . Hence the result. ■

**Corollary 2.20.** *Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be a pair of continuous self maps on a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying  $d(T_1 x, T_2 y) \leq d(x, y)$ , for  $x, y \in X$  ( $x \neq y$ ). Let  $C$  be an  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous approximatively compact,  $T_i$ -invariant ( $i = 1, 2$ ) subset of  $X$ . Suppose that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are two common fixed points for the pair  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  not in  $cl(C)$ . If the set  $D = P_C(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  has a contractive jointly continuous family  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then it has a point which is both  $T_1$ - and  $T_2$ -invariant.*

**Corollary 2.21.** *Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be a pair of continuous self maps on a complete convex metric space  $(X, d)$  with Property (I) satisfying  $d(T_1 x, T_2 y) \leq d(x, y)$ , for  $x, y \in X$  ( $x \neq y$ ). Let  $C$  be an  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous approximatively compact,  $T_i$ -invariant ( $i = 1, 2$ ) subset of  $X$ . Suppose that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are two common fixed points for the pair  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  not in  $cl(C)$ . If the set  $D = P_C(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is starshaped, then it has a point which is both  $T_1$ - and  $T_2$ -invariant.*

For  $\varepsilon = 0$ , we have the following result.

**Corollary 2.22.** *Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be a pair of continuous self maps on a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying  $d(T_1 x, T_2 y) \leq d(x, y)$ , for  $x, y \in X$  ( $x \neq y$ ). Let the set  $C$  be  $T_i$ -invariant ( $i = 1, 2$ ) subset of  $X$ . Suppose that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are two common fixed points for the pair  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  not in  $cl(C)$ . If the set  $D = P_C(x_1, x_2)$  is nonempty, compact and has a contractive jointly continuous family  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then it has a point which is both  $T_1$ - and  $T_2$ -invariant.*

**Corollary 2.23.** *Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be a pair of continuous self maps on a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying  $d(T_1 x, T_2 y) \leq d(x, y)$ , for  $x, y \in X$  ( $x \neq y$ ). Let  $C$  be an approximatively compact,  $T_i$ -invariant ( $i = 1, 2$ ) subset of  $X$ . Suppose that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are two common fixed points for the pair  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  not in  $cl(C)$ . If the set  $D$  of best simultaneous  $C$ -approximants to  $x_1, x_2$  has a contractive jointly continuous family  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then it has a point which is both  $T_1$ - and  $T_2$ -invariant.*

**Corollary 2.24.** *Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be a pair of continuous self maps on a complete convex metric space  $(X, d)$  with Property (I) satisfying  $d(T_1 x, T_2 y) \leq d(x, y)$ , for  $x, y \in X$  ( $x \neq y$ ). Let  $C$  be an approximatively compact,  $T_i$ -invariant ( $i = 1, 2$ ) subset of  $X$ . Suppose that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are two common fixed points for the pair  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  not in  $cl(C)$ . If the set  $D$  of best simultaneous  $C$ -approximants to  $x_1, x_2$  is starshaped, then it has a point which is both  $T_1$ - and  $T_2$ -invariant.*

**Corollary 2.25.** (see [12]) *Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be a pair of continuous self maps on a Banach space  $X$  satisfying  $d(T_1 x, T_2 y) \leq d(x, y)$ , for  $x, y \in X$  ( $x \neq y$ ). Let  $C$  be an approximatively compact,  $T_i$ -invariant ( $i = 1, 2$ ) subset of  $X$ . Suppose that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are two common fixed points for the pair  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  not in  $cl(C)$ . If the set  $D$  of best simultaneous  $C$ -approximants to  $x_1, x_2$  is starshaped, then it has a point which is both  $T_1$ - and  $T_2$ -invariant.*

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $K$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  is said to be **contractive** if there exists a sequence  $\langle f_n \rangle$  of contraction mappings of  $K$  into itself such that  $f_n y \rightarrow y$  for each  $y \in K$ .

**Theorem 2.26.** Let  $T$  be a self mapping on a metric space  $(X, d)$ ,  $G$  a  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$  and  $Tx_i = x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) for some  $x_1, x_2$  not in  $cl(G)$ . If  $T$  is nonexpansive and the set  $D = P_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is compact and contractive, then  $D$  contains a  $T$ -invariant point.

*Proof.* Proceeding as in Theorem 2.5, we can prove that  $T$  is a self map of  $D$ . Since  $D$  is contractive, there exists a sequence  $\langle f_n \rangle$  of contraction mapping of  $D$  into itself such that  $f_n z \rightarrow z$  for every  $z \in D$ .

Clearly,  $f_n T$  is a contraction on the compact set  $D$  for each  $n$  and so by Banach contraction principle, each  $f_n T$  has a unique fixed point, say  $z_n$  in  $D$ . Now the compactness of  $D$  implies that the sequence  $\langle z_n \rangle$  has a subsequence  $\langle z_{n_i} \rangle \rightarrow z_o \in D$ . We claim that  $z_o$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Since  $z_{n_i} \rightarrow z_o$  and  $f_n T z_o \rightarrow T z_o$ , there exist a positive integer  $m$  such that for all  $n_i \geq m$

$$d(z_{n_i}, z_o) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ and } d(f_{n_i} T z_o, T z_o) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Again,

$$d(f_{n_i} T z_{n_i}, f_{n_i} T z_o) \leq d(z_{n_i}, z_o) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} d(f_{n_i} T z_{n_i}, T z_o) &\leq d(f_{n_i} T z_{n_i}, f_{n_i} T z_o) + d(f_{n_i} T z_o, T z_o) \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $d(f_{n_i} T z_{n_i}, T z_o) < \varepsilon$  for all  $n_i \geq m$  and so  $f_{n_i} T z_{n_i} \rightarrow T z_o$ . But  $f_{n_i} T z_{n_i} = z_{n_i} \rightarrow z_o$  and therefore  $T z_o = z_o$ . ■

Using Proposition 2.1 we have the following result.

**Corollary 2.27.** Let  $T$  be a self mapping on a metric space  $(X, d)$ ,  $G$  an  $\varepsilon$ - simultaneous approximatively compact,  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$  and  $Tx_i = x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) for some  $x_1, x_2$  not in  $cl(G)$ . If  $T$  is nonexpansive and the set  $D = P_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is contractive, then  $D$  contains a  $T$ -invariant point.

If  $\varepsilon = 0$ , we have the following results.

**Corollary 2.28.** Let  $T$  be a self mapping on a metric space  $(X, d)$ ,  $G$  a  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$  and  $Tx_i = x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) for some  $x_1, x_2$  not in  $cl(G)$ . If  $T$  is nonexpansive and the set  $D = P_G(x_1, x_2)$  is nonempty compact, contractive, then  $D$  contains a  $T$ -invariant point.

**Corollary 2.29.** Let  $T$  be a self mapping on a metric space  $(X, d)$ ,  $G$  an  $\varepsilon$ - approximatively compact,  $T$ -invariant subset of  $X$  and  $Tx_i = x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) for some  $x_1, x_2$  not in  $cl(G)$ . If  $T$  is nonexpansive and the set  $D = P_G(x_1, x_2)$  is contractive, then  $D$  contains a  $T$ -invariant point.

*Remark 2.2.* Theorem 2.26 improves and generalizes the corresponding results of Brosowski [2], Mukherjee and Verma [11] [12], Narang and Chandok [13], Rao and Mariadoss [16], Singh [18] and of Subrahmanyam [21].

**Definition 2.2.** For each bounded subset  $G$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$ , the **Kuratowski's measure of noncompactness** of  $G$ ,  $\alpha[G]$  is defined as,

$$\alpha[G] = \inf\{\varepsilon > 0 : G \text{ is covered by a finite number of closed balls centered at points of } X \text{ of radius } \leq \varepsilon\}.$$

A mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is called **condensing** if for all bounded sets  $G \subset X$ ,  $\alpha[T(G)] \leq \alpha[G]$ .

**Lemma 2.30.** [3] Let  $X$  be a complete contractive metric space with contractions  $\{f_n\}$ . Let  $C$  be a closed bounded subsets of  $X$  and  $f_n : C \rightarrow C$  is nonexpansive and condensing, then  $T$  has a fixed point in  $C$ .

**Theorem 2.31.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete, contractive metric space with contractions  $f_n$ . Let  $G$  be a closed and bounded subset of  $X$ . If  $T$  is a nonexpansive and condensing self map on  $X$  such that  $Tx_1 = x_1$  and  $Tx_2 = x_2$  for some  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ , then  $D = P_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  has a  $T$ -invariant point.

*Proof.* As  $G$  is closed and bounded,  $D$  is nonempty, closed and bounded. Using Theorem 2.5, we can prove that  $T$  is a self map of  $D$ . Now a direct application of Lemma 2.30, gives a  $T$ -invariant point in  $D$ . ■

**Corollary 2.32.** ([12]-Theorem 3.1) Let  $X$  be a complete, contractive metric space with contractions  $f_n$ . Let  $G$  be a closed and bounded subset of  $X$ . If  $T$  is a nonexpansive and condensing self map on  $X$  such that  $Tx_1 = x_1$  and  $Tx_2 = x_2$  for some  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ , and  $D = P_G(x_1, x_2)$  is nonempty, then it has a  $T$ -invariant point.

**Corollary 2.33.** ([16]-Theorem 4) Let  $X$  be a complete, contractive metric space with contractions  $f_n$ . Let  $G$  be a closed and bounded subset of  $X$ . If  $T$  is a nonexpansive and condensing self map on  $X$  such that  $Tx = x$  for some  $x \in X$ , and  $P_G(x)$  is nonempty, then it has a  $T$ -invariant point.

**Definition 2.3.** A mapping  $T$  on a metric space  $(X, d)$  is called **Kannan**[8] if there exists  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha[d(x, Tx) + d(y, Ty)] \quad (2.6)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Kannan [8] proved that if  $X$  is complete, then every Kannan mapping has a unique fixed point.

**Theorem 2.34.** Let  $G$  be an  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous approximatively compact subset of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$ . Let  $T$  be a self map on  $X$  with  $Tx_1 = x_1$  and  $Tx_2 = x_2$  for some  $x_1, x_2 \in X \setminus G$  and let  $T^m$  satisfies

$$d(T^m y, T^m z) \leq \alpha[d(y, T^m y) + d(z, T^m z)], \quad (2.7)$$

for some positive integer  $m$ ,  $y, z \in G$  and  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $D = P_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  has a unique fixed point of  $T$ .

*Proof.* As  $Tx_1 = x_1$ , and  $Tx_2 = x_2$ ,  $T^n x_1 = x_1$  and  $T^n x_2 = x_2$  for all positive integer  $n$ . Let  $y_0 \in D$ . Then, for  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_1, T^m y_0) + d(x_2, T^m y_0) &= d(Tx_1, T^m y_0) + d(Tx_2, T^m y_0) \\ &\leq \alpha [d(x_1, T^m x_1) + d(y_0, T^m y_0)] + \alpha [d(x_2, T^m x_2) + d(y_0, T^m y_0)] \\ &= 2\alpha d(y_0, T^m y_0) \\ &\leq \alpha [d(y_0, x_1) + d(x_1, T^m y_0)] + \alpha [d(y_0, x_2) + d(x_2, T^m y_0)], \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$d(x_1, T^m y_0) + d(x_2, T^m y_0) \leq \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} d(y_0, x_1) + \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} d(y_0, x_2).$$

Further, for all  $y \in G$ , we have

$$d(x_1, T^m y_0) + d(x_2, T^m y_0) \leq \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} [d(y, x_1) + d(y, x_2) + \varepsilon].$$

Therefore,  $T^m y_0 \in D$ ,  $T^m(D) \subset D$ . Since  $T^m$  satisfies the conditions of Kannan map,  $T^m$  has a unique fixed point  $x_0$  in  $D$ . Now,  $T^m(Tx_0) = T(T^m x_0) = Tx_0$ , implies that  $Tx_0$  is a fixed point of  $T^m$ . But the fixed point of  $T^m$  is unique and equals  $x_0$ . Therefore  $Tx_0 = x_0$  and hence  $x_0$  is a unique fixed point of  $T$  in  $D$ . ■

*Remarks 2.1.* i) If  $\varepsilon = 0$ , Theorem 2.34 extends Theorem 3.2 of Mukherjee and Verma [12] and further if  $x_1 = x_2 = x$ , then it extends Theorem 5 of Rao and Mariadoss [16].

ii) It is interesting to note that Theorem 2.34 gives a unique fixed point in the set  $P_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  and it also extends Brosowski's result to a generalized form (2.7) of Kannan map (2.6).

We now prove a result for  $T$ -invariant points from the set of  $\varepsilon$ -simultaneous coapproximations.

A mapping  $T : X \rightarrow X$  satisfies **condition (A)** (see [11]) if  $d(Tx, y) \leq d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 2.35.** *Let  $T$  be a self map satisfying condition (A) and inequality (2.1) on a convex metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying Property (I),  $G$  a subset of  $X$  such that  $R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is compact and starshaped, then  $R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  contains a  $T$ -invariant point.*

*Proof.* Let  $g_\circ \in R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$ . Consider

$$d(Tg_\circ, g) + \varepsilon \leq d(g_\circ, g) + \varepsilon \leq \max\{d(x_1, g), d(x_2, g)\},$$

for all  $g \in G$  and so  $Tg_\circ \in R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  i.e.  $T : R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon) \rightarrow R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$ . Since  $R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is starshaped, there exists  $p \in R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  such that  $W(z, p, \lambda) \in R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  for all  $z \in R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$ ,  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . Let  $\langle k_n \rangle$ ,  $0 \leq k_n < 1$ , be a sequence of real numbers such that  $k_n \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Define  $T_n$  as  $T_n(z) = W(Tz, p, k_n)$ ,  $z \in R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$ . Since  $T$  is a self map on  $R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$

and  $R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is starshaped, each  $T_n$  is a well defined and maps  $R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  into  $R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} d(T_n y, T_n z) &= d(W(Ty, p, k_n), W(Tz, p, k_n)) \\ &\leq k_n d(Ty, Tz) \\ &\leq k_n [a[d(y, Ty) + d(z, Tz)] + b[d(z, Ty) + d(y, Tz)] + cd(y, z)], \end{aligned}$$

where  $k_n[2a + 2b + c] \leq 1$ . So by Lemma 2.4 each  $T_n$  has a unique fixed point  $x_n \in R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  i.e.  $T_n x_n = x_n$  for each  $n$ . Since  $R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$  is compact,  $\langle x_n \rangle$  has a subsequence  $x_{n_i} \rightarrow x \in R_G(x_1, x_2, \varepsilon)$ . We claim that  $Tx = x$ . Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_{n_i}, Tx) &= d(T_{n_i} x_{n_i}, Tx) \\ &= d(W(Tx_{n_i}, p, k_{n_i}), Tx) \\ &\leq k_{n_i} d(Tx_{n_i}, Tx) + (1 - k_{n_i}) d(p, Tx) \\ &\leq k_{n_i} [a[d(x_{n_i}, Tx_{n_i}) + d(x, Tx)] + b[d(x, Tx_{n_i}) + d(x_{n_i}, Tx)] + \\ &\quad cd(x_{n_i}, x)] + (1 - k_{n_i}) d(p, Tx) \\ &\leq k_{n_i} [a[d(x_{n_i}, x_{n_i}) + d(x, x)] + b[d(x, x_{n_i}) + d(x_{n_i}, x)] + cd(x_{n_i}, x)] \\ &\quad + (1 - k_{n_i}) d(p, x) \\ &\rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

and so  $x_{n_i} \rightarrow Tx$ . Therefore  $Tx = x$  i.e.  $x$  is  $T$ -invariant. Hence the result. ■

If  $\varepsilon = 0$  in the above theorem we have the following result.

**Corollary 2.36.** *Let  $T$  be a self map satisfying condition (A) and inequality (2.1) on a convex metric space  $(X, d)$  satisfying Property (I),  $G$  a subset of  $X$  such that  $R_G(x_1, x_2)$  is nonempty compact and starshaped, then  $R_G(x_1, x_2)$  contains a  $T$ -invariant point.*

*Remarks 2.2.* i) Taking  $x_1 = x_2 = x$  and  $a = b = 0$ , we see that Theorem 2.35 improves and generalizes Theorem 4 of Narang and Chandok [13].

ii) Taking  $x_1 = x_2 = x$ ,  $a = b = 0$  and  $\varepsilon = 0$ , we see that Theorem 2.35 improves and generalizes Theorem 4.1 of Mukherjee and Verma [11].

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