

FIXED POINT THEOREMS FOR NONEXPANSIVE MAPPINGS

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The notions of nonexpansive, contractive, iteratively contractive and strictly contractive mappings have been generalized to a Hausdorff topological space whose topology is generated by a family of pseudometrics. A fixed point theorem for strictly contractive mappings is obtained which generalizes the Banach's contractive mapping principle. Several examples and an implicit function theorem are given as well as some applications in solving functional equations in topological vector spaces.

For iteratively contractive mappings, some results obtained by D. D. Ang and E. D. Daykin, S. C. Chu and J. B. Diaz, by M. Edelstein, by K. W. Ng and by E. Rakotch respectively are generalized.

1. Definitions and Notations. Throughout this paper X is a Hausdorff topological space whose topology is generated by a family $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ of pseudometrics on X . It is well known that in order for X to be such a space, it is necessary and sufficient that X be a Hausdorff uniform space, or equivalently a Hausdorff completely regular space. It is clear that for any $x, y \in X$, if $x \neq y$, then there is an $\lambda \in \Gamma$ such that $d_\lambda(x, y) > 0$. We shall denote by \mathfrak{S}^+ the set of all nonnegative integers, \mathfrak{N} the set of all natural numbers, \mathfrak{R} the set of real numbers and \mathfrak{C} the set of all complex numbers.

NOTATION 1.1. If $f, g: X \rightarrow X$, we shall denote by fg the composition $f \circ g$ of f and g . If $n \in \mathfrak{S}^+$, we shall denote $f^{n+1} = f^n(f)$, where $f^0 = I$, the identity mapping of X .

NOTATION 1.2. If $A \subset X$ is nonempty, for each $\lambda \in \Gamma$, we denote $d_\lambda(A) = \sup \{d_\lambda(x, y) : x, y \in A\}$, which is called the diameter of A w.r.t. d_λ .

DEFINITION 1.3. If $f: X \rightarrow X$, then

(i) f is nonexpansive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ if and only if for each $\lambda \in \Gamma$, $d_\lambda(f(x), f(y)) \leq d_\lambda(x, y)$, for all $x, y \in X$.

(ii) f is contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ if and only if f is nonexpansive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ and for any $x, y \in X$, if $x \neq y$, then there is a $\lambda \in \Gamma$ such that $d_\lambda(f(x), f(y)) < d_\lambda(x, y)$.

(iii) f is iteratively contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ if and only if f is nonexpansive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ and for any $x, y \in X$, if $x \neq y$, there is a $\lambda \in \Gamma$ and there is an $n \in \mathfrak{N}$ such that $d_\lambda(f^n(x), f^n(y)) < d_\lambda(x, y)$.

(iv) f is strictly contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ if and only if for each $\lambda \in \Gamma$, there is a $C_\lambda \in \mathfrak{R}$ with $0 \leq C_\lambda < 1$ such that $d_\lambda(f(x), f(y)) \leq C_\lambda d_\lambda(x, y)$, for all $x, y \in X$.

(v) f is an isometry w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$, if and only if for each $\lambda \in \Gamma$, $d_\lambda(f(x), f(y)) = d_\lambda(x, y)$, for all $x, y \in X$.

By choosing an appropriate basis for the uniformity generated by the family $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ of pseudometrics, Definition 1.3 (i) of nonexpansiveness reduces to the notion of contraction defined by T. A. Brown and W. W. Comfort in [3], while Definition 1.3 (ii) of contractiveness reduces to the notion of β -contractiveness defined by W. J. Kammerer and R. H. Kasriel in [9]. Also Definition 1.3 (ii) is a condition used by D. D. Ang and D. E. Daykin in Theorem 1 of [1].

It is clear that if $f: X \rightarrow X$ is nonexpansive (respectively contractive, iteratively contractive or strictly contractive) w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$, then for each $n \in \mathfrak{N}$, f^n is nonexpansive (respectively contractive, iteratively contractive, or strictly contractive) w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$. It is also clear that every strictly contractive mapping w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ is contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$, every contractive mapping w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ is iteratively contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ and every nonexpansive mapping w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ is continuous.

If $f: X \rightarrow X$ is nonexpansive (respectively contractive, iteratively contractive or strictly contractive) w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ and if X is metrizable, it is not known whether there exists a metric d on X inducing the same topology on X such that f is nonexpansive (respectively contractive, iteratively contractive or strictly contractive) w.r.t. $\{d\}$.

NOTATION 1.4. If $f: X \rightarrow X$, $X^f = \{x \in X: \text{there is an } x_0 \in X \text{ such that } x \text{ is a cluster point of } (f^n(x_0))_{n=0}^\infty\}$.

In case $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ contains a single metric, the above notation X^f was first introduced by M. Edelstein in [7].

DEFINITION 1.5. Let $(x_n)_{n=0}^\infty$ be a sequence in X . Then $(x_n)_{n=0}^\infty$ is Cauchy if and only if for each $\lambda \in \Gamma$, $d_\lambda(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$.

DEFINITION 1.6. X is sequentially complete if and only if every Cauchy sequence in X converges to some element in X .

It is known that X is sequentially compact implies X is countably compact and X is countably compact implies X is sequentially complete.

2. Strictly contractive mappings. In this section the well known

Banach's contraction mapping principle is generalized.

PROPOSITION 2.1. *Let $f: X \rightarrow X$ be iteratively contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$. Then a fixed point of f , whenever it exists, is unique. Moreover, $x \in X$ is a fixed point of f if and only if x is a periodic point of f .*

Proof. Suppose there were $\zeta, \eta \in X$ such that $f(\zeta) = \zeta \neq \eta = f(\eta)$. Since f is iteratively contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ and $\zeta \neq \eta$, there is an $\lambda \in \Gamma$ and there is an $n \in \mathfrak{N}$ such that $d_\lambda(f^n(\zeta), f^n(\eta)) < d_\lambda(\zeta, \eta)$, which contradicts the fact that $f^n(\zeta) = \zeta$ and $f^n(\eta) = \eta$.

Next suppose $x \in X$ is a periodic point of f , then $x = f^N(x)$, for some $N \in \mathfrak{N}$, then x is a fixed point of f^N . Since f^N is also iteratively contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$, x must be the unique fixed point of f^N . Since $f(f^N(x)) = f^N(f(x)) = f(x)$, we must have $x = f(x)$. Hence x is a fixed point of f .

If $\text{card}(\Gamma) = 1$, Theorem 1 of K. W. Ng in [11] shows that the above proposition still holds even if the nonexpansiveness is dropped in defining an iteratively contractive mapping. However in a Hausdorff locally convex space, we have the following generalization:

PROPOSITION 2.2. *Let E be a Hausdorff locally convex space (T_2 -l.c.s.), $K \subset E$, and \mathcal{U} be a base for closed absolutely convex neighborhoods of 0. For each $U \in \mathcal{U}$ let P_U be the gauge of U . Suppose $f: K \rightarrow K$ is such that for any $x, y \in K$ and $U \in \mathcal{U}$, if $P_U(x - y) > 0$, then there is an $n \in \mathfrak{N}$ such that $P_U(f^n(x) - f^n(y)) < P_U(x - y)$. Then for any $x \in K$, x is a fixed point of f if and only if x is a periodic point of f .*

Proof. Suppose $x \in K$ is a periodic point of f and $f(x) \neq x$. Let $N = \inf \{n \in \mathfrak{N}: f^n(x) = x\}$, then $N > 1$. If $f^n(x) = f^{n+1}(x)$ for some $n \in \{0, 1, \dots, N - 1\}$, then $x = f^N(x) = f^{N-n}(f^n(x)) = f^{N-n}(f^{n+1}(x)) = f^{N+1}(x) = f(x)$, which is a contradiction. Hence $f^n(x) \neq f^{n+1}(x)$ for any $n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, N - 1\}$. Thus $0 \notin \{f^n(x) - f^{n+1}(x): n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1\}$. Since $\{f^n(x) - f^{n+1}(x): n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1\}$ is closed, there exists a $U \in \mathcal{U}$ such that $U \cap \{f^n(x) - f^{n+1}(x): n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1\} = \emptyset$. It follows that $P_U(f^n(x) - f^{n+1}(x)) > 1 > 0$ for each $n \in \{0, 1, \dots, N - 1\}$. Since $P_U(x - f(x)) > 0$, there is an $m \in \mathfrak{N}$ such that $P_U(f^m(x) - f^{m+1}(x)) < P_U(x - f(x))$. Let $N_1 = \inf \{n \in \mathfrak{N}: P_U(x - f(x)) > P_U(f^n(x) - f^{n+1}(x))\}$. If $N_1 \geq N$, say $N_1 = pN + q$, where $0 \leq q < N \leq N_1$ so that $P_U(x - f(x)) > P_U(f^{N_1}(x) - f^{N_1+1}(x)) = P_U(f^q(x) - f^{q+1}(x))$, which contradicts the minimality of N_1 . Hence we must have $N_1 < N$. Suppose $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_i \in \mathfrak{N}$ have been defined such that for each $j = 1, \dots, i$, $N_j < N$ and $P_U(f^{N_j+1}(x) - f^{N_j+2}(x)) < P_U(f^{N_j}(x) - f^{N_j+1}(x))$ for each

$j = 1, \dots, i - 1$. Then since $P_U(f^{N_i}(x) - f^{N_{i+1}}(x)) > 0$, there is an $n \in \mathfrak{N}$ such that $P_U(f^{N_i}(x) - f^{N_{i+1}}(x)) > P_U(f^n(f^{N_i}(x)) - f^n(f^{N_{i+1}}(x)))$. Let $N_{i+1} = \inf\{n \in \mathfrak{N}: P_U(f^{N_i}(x) - f^{N_{i+1}}(x)) > P_U(f^n(x) - f^{n+1}(x))\}$. If $N_{i+1} \geq N$, say $N_{i+1} = pN + q$, where $0 \leq q < N$, $p \geq 1$, then $P_U(f^{N_i}(x) - f^{N_{i+1}}(x)) > \dots > P_U(f^{N_i}(x) - f^{N_{i+1}}(x)) > P_U(f^{N_{i+1}}(x) - f^{N_{i+1}+1}(x)) = P_U(f^q(x) - f^{q+1}(x))$, which contradicts the minimality of N_1 . Hence we must have $N_{i+1} < N$. Therefore by induction there is an infinite sequence $(N_i)_{i=1}^\infty$ of positive integers such that (i) $N_i < N$, for all $i = 1, 2, \dots$, and (ii) $P_U(f^{N_i}(x) - f^{N_{i+1}}(x)) > P_U(f^{N_{i+1}}(x) - f^{N_{i+1}+1}(x))$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots$. By (i), there exist $i, j \in \mathfrak{N}$ such that $i \neq j$ while $N_i = N_j$, which contradicts (ii). Thus we must have $f(x) = x$.

The proof of the following theorem is the same as the classical Banach fixed point theorem, and is therefore omitted.

THEOREM 2.3. *Let X be sequentially complete. If $f: X \rightarrow X$ is strictly contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$, then f has a unique fixed point $\zeta \in X$ such that $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x)$, for all $x \in X$.*

PROPOSITION 2.4. *Let Y be any topological space and $f: Y \rightarrow Y$ (not necessarily continuous). If there exists an $N \in \mathfrak{N}$ and there is a $\zeta \in Y$ such that for each $y \in Y$, $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f^N)^n(y)$, then $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(y)$, for each $y \in Y$.*

Proof. Let V be any neighborhood of ζ . If $y \in Y$, then for each $k \in \{1, \dots, N - 1\}$, $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f^N)^n(f^k(y))$, so that for each $k \in \{1, \dots, N - 1\}$, there is an $n_k \in \mathfrak{N}$ such that for all $n \geq n_k$, $(f^N)^n(f^k(y)) \in V$. Take $n_0 = \max\{n_1, \dots, n_{N-1}\}$. Then for all $n \geq n_0$, $n \geq n_k$ for all $k = 1, \dots, N - 1$, so that $(f^N)^n(f^k(y)) \in V$ for all $n \geq n_0$ and for all $k = 1, \dots, N - 1$. Hence $f^n(y) \in V$ for all $n \geq n_0 N$. Thus $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(y)$ for each $y \in Y$.

Theorem 1.3 on pp. 8 of Bonsall in [2] is a special case of the following.

COROLLARY 2.5. *Let X be sequentially complete, $f: X \rightarrow X$ (not necessarily continuous). If there is an $N \in \mathfrak{N}$ such that f^N is strictly contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$, then f has a unique fixed point $\zeta \in X$ and $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x)$, for all $x \in X$.*

Proof. By Theorem 2.3, f^N has a unique fixed point $\zeta \in X$ such that $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f^N)^n(x)$, for all $x \in X$. By proposition 2.4, $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x)$ for all $x \in X$. Since $f(\zeta) = f(f^N(\zeta)) = f^N(f(\zeta))$, we must have $f(\zeta) = \zeta$.

COROLLARY 2.6. *Let X be sequentially complete, $f: X \rightarrow X$ (not necessarily continuous). If there are $R, S: X \rightarrow X$ such that $RS = I$,*

identity mapping on X and if there exists an $N \in \mathfrak{N}$ such that $Sf^N R$ is strictly contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in I}$, then f has a unique fixed point $\zeta \in X$ and $\zeta = R(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (Sf^n R)(x))$, for all $x \in X$.

Proof. Since $(SfR)^N = Sf^N R$ is strictly contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in I}$, SfR has a unique fixed point $\eta \in X$ and $\eta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (SfR)^n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (Sf^n R)(x)$, for all $x \in X$, by Corollary 2.5. But then it is easy to show that $\zeta = R\eta$ is a unique fixed point of f , and $\zeta = R(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (Sf^n R)(x))$, for all $x \in X$.

The above corollary generalizes a result of S. C. Chu and J. B. Diaz in [4].

COROLLARY 2.7. *Let X be sequentially complete and F be a family of commuting mappings on X . Suppose there exists an $f \in F$ and there are $R, S: X \rightarrow X$ such that (i) $RS = I$ and (ii) for some $N \in \mathfrak{N}$, $Sf^N R$ is strictly contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in I}$. Then F has a unique common fixed point.*

Proof. By Corollary 2.6, f has a unique fixed point, say $\zeta \in X$. If $g \in F$, then $f(g(\zeta)) = g(f(\zeta)) = g(\zeta)$, so that $g(\zeta)$ is also a fixed point of f implies $g(\zeta) = \zeta$. Thus ζ is the unique common fixed point of F .

3. Some examples and applications. First we shall give an example of a mapping which is contractive but not strictly contractive while some iterates of it is strictly contractive.

EXAMPLE 3.1. Let S be a nonempty topological space and $C(S)$ be the set of all complex-(or real)-valued continuous functions on S . Let $\mathcal{C} = \{C: C \text{ is a nonempty compact subset of } S\}$. For each $C \in \mathcal{C}$, we define $q_C(f) = \sup_{x \in C} |f(x)|$, for all $f \in C(S)$. Then q_C is a seminorm on $C(S)$ for each $C \in \mathcal{C}$. Let $F = \{q_C: C \in \mathcal{C}\}$. If $f \in C(S)$ is non zero then $f(x) \neq 0$ for some $x \in X$, so that $q_{\{x\}}(f) > 0$. By a theorem of Robertson in [13], $C(S)$ is a Hausdorff locally convex space under the topology generated by F . For each $C \in \mathcal{C}$, if we define $d_C(f, g) = q_C(f - g)$, for all $f, g \in C(S)$, then d_C is a pseudometric on $C(S)$ and $\{d_C\}_{C \in \mathcal{C}}$ generates the same topology as F . First we note that $C(S)$ is complete. Define $K = \{f \in C(S): \|f\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in S} |f(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$, then it is clear that K is nonempty closed and convex, so that K is also complete and hence sequentially complete.

(i) For each $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $|\lambda| = 1$ and each $g \in C(S)$ with $\|g\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{4}$, we define $T_{\lambda,g}: K \rightarrow K$ by $T_{\lambda,g}(f) = \lambda f^2 + g$, for all $f \in K$. Since for each $f \in K$, $\|T_{\lambda,g}(f)\|_\infty = \|\lambda f^2 + g\|_\infty \leq |\lambda| \|f^2\|_\infty + \|g\|_\infty = \|f\|_\infty^2 + \|g\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$, $T_{\lambda,g}$ indeed maps K into K . If $f_1, f_2 \in K$, $C \in \mathcal{C}$, then $d_C(T_{\lambda,g}(f_1), T_{\lambda,g}(f_2)) = q_C(T_{\lambda,g}(f_1) - T_{\lambda,g}(f_2)) = \sup_{x \in C} |f_1^2(x) -$

$f_2^2(x) = \sup_{x \in C} |f_1(x) - f_2(x)| |f_1(x) + f_2(x)| \leq \sup_{x \in C} |f_1(x) - f_2(x)| = d_C(f_1, f_2)$, so that $T_{\lambda, g}$ is nonexpansive w.r.t. $\{d_C\}_{C \in \mathcal{C}}$. If $f_1, f_2 \in K$ and $f_1 \neq f_2$, then there is an $x \in S$ such that $f_1(x) \neq f_2(x)$. Since $|f_1(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ and $|f_2(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2}$, we must have $|f_1(x) + f_2(x)| < 1$. Thus for $C = \{x\}$, $C \in \mathcal{C}$ and $d_C(T_{\lambda, g}(f_1), T_{\lambda, g}(f_2)) = |f_1^2(x) - f_2^2(x)| = |f_1(x) - f_2(x)| |f_1(x) + f_2(x)| < |f_1(x) - f_2(x)| = d_C(f_1, f_2)$. Hence $T_{\lambda, g}$ is contractive w.r.t. $\{d_C\}_{C \in \mathcal{C}}$. However for any $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ with $0 \leq \mu < 1$, choose any $a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\mu - \frac{1}{2} < a < \frac{1}{2}$ and define $h_1 \equiv \frac{1}{2}$ and $h_2 \equiv a$, then $h_1, h_2 \in K$, so that for any $C \in \mathcal{C}$, we see that $\mu d_C(h_1, h_2) = \mu(\frac{1}{2} - a) < (\frac{1}{2})^2 - a^2 = d_C(T_{\lambda, g}(h_1), T_{\lambda, g}(h_2))$. Therefore $T_{\lambda, g}$ is not strictly contractive w.r.t. $\{d_C\}_{C \in \mathcal{C}}$. However if $\|g\|_\infty < \frac{1}{4}$ it can be easily shown that for each $C \in \mathcal{C}$, $d_C(T_{\lambda, g}^2(f_1), T_{\lambda, g}^2(f_2)) \leq \mu d_C(f_1, f_2)$ for all $f_1, f_2 \in K$, where $\mu = \frac{1}{2} + 2\|g\|_\infty < 1$, and so $T_{\lambda, g}^2$ is strictly contractive w.r.t. $\{d_C\}_{C \in \mathcal{C}}$. By Corollary 2.5, $T_{\lambda, g}$ has a unique fixed point $\zeta \in K$ and $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{\lambda, g}^n(f)$, for all $f \in K$.

(ii) Suppose $T: K \rightarrow K$ is nonexpansive w.r.t. $\{d_C\}_{C \in \mathcal{C}}$. For each $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\lambda| \leq 1$ and each $g \in C(S)$ with $\|g\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{4}$ and each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \geq 3$, we define $T_{\lambda, n, g}: K \rightarrow K$ by $T_{\lambda, n, g}(f) = \lambda(Tf)^n + g$, for all $f \in K$. Then for any $C \in \mathcal{C}$, $d_C(T_{\lambda, n, g}(f_1), T_{\lambda, n, g}(f_2)) \leq n/2^{n-1}d_C(f_1, f_2)$, for all $f_1, f_2 \in K$. Since $0 < n/2^{n-1} < 1$, $T_{\lambda, n, g}$ is strictly contractive w.r.t. $\{d_C\}_{C \in \mathcal{C}}$. Hence by Theorem 2.3., $T_{\lambda, n, g}$ has a unique fixed point $\zeta \in K$ such that $\zeta = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} T_{\lambda, n, g}^m(f)$, for all $f \in K$.

(iii) Suppose $T: K \rightarrow K$ is nonexpansive w.r.t. $\{d_C\}_{C \in \mathcal{C}}$. For each $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ with $0 < \lambda < 1$, each $g \in C(S)$ with $\|g\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{4}$ and each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \geq 2$, we define $V_{\lambda, n, g}(f) = \lambda(Tf)^n + (1 - \lambda)g$, for all $f \in K$. Then for each $C \in \mathcal{C}$, $d_C(V_{\lambda, n, g}(f_1), V_{\lambda, n, g}(f_2)) \leq n\lambda/2^{n-1}d_C(f_1, f_2)$, for all $f_1, f_2 \in k$. Since $0 < n\lambda/2^{n-1} < 1$, $V_{\lambda, n, g}$ is strictly contractive w.r.t. $\{d_C\}_{C \in \mathcal{C}}$ and so by Theorem 2.3, $V_{\lambda, n, g}$ has a unique fixed point $\zeta \in K$ and $\zeta = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} V_{\lambda, n, g}^m(f)$, for all $f \in K$.

The following result is obtained by Kirk in [10] in Banach spaces. The similar proof is omitted.

THEOREM 3.2. *Let E be a T_2 -1.c.s. whose topology is generated by a family \mathcal{P} of semi-norms on E , and $K \subset E$ be nonempty convex. For each $p \in \mathcal{P}$, define $d_p(x, y) = p(x - y)$ for all $x, y \in E$. Suppose $T: K \rightarrow K$ is nonexpansive w.r.t. $\{d_p\}_{p \in \mathcal{P}}$. For $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \geq 0$, $n \geq 1$, $a_1 > 0$ and $\sum_{i=0}^n a_i = 1$, define $S: K \rightarrow K$ by $S(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i T^i(x)$, for all $x \in K$. Then for any $x \in K$, $S(x) = x$ if and only if $T(x) = x$.*

Corresponding to Theorem 2.3, we have the following implicit function theorem which is analogous to a result of E. Dubinsky in [5].

THEOREM 3.3. *Suppose X is bounded, i.e. $d_1(X) < \infty$ for each*

$\lambda \in \Gamma$ and X is sequentially complete. Let S be any topological space and $f: X \times S \rightarrow X$ be continuous. Suppose for each $\lambda \in \Gamma$, there is a constant C_λ with $0 \leq C_\lambda < 1$ such that $d_\lambda(f(x, s), f(y, s)) \leq C_\lambda d_\lambda(x, y)$, for all $x, y \in X$ and all $s \in S$. Then there is a unique continuous mapping $T: S \rightarrow X$ such that $f(T(s), s) = T(s)$, for all $s \in S$.

Proof. For each $s \in S$, define $g_s: X \rightarrow X$ by $g_s(x) = f(x, s)$, for all $x \in X$. Then g_s is a strictly contractive mapping w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$. By Theorem 2.3., there is a unique $T(s) \in X$ such that $g_s(T(s)) = T(s)$. Hence there is a unique mapping $T: S \rightarrow X$ such that $f(T(s), s) = T(s)$, for all $s \in S$. It remains to show that T is continuous.

Fix any $x_0 \in X$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we define $T_n: S \rightarrow X$ as follows: $T_1(s) = f(x_0, s)$ and $T_{n+1}(s) = f(T_n(s), s)$ for all $s \in S$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. It is clear that T_1 is continuous and it can be shown by induction that each T_n is continuous for $n = 2, 3, \dots$.

Next we want to show that T_n converges uniformly to T , i.e. for any $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\lambda \in \Gamma$, there exists an $N(\lambda, \varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $d_\lambda(T_n(s), T(s)) < \varepsilon/3$, for all $n > N$ and all $s \in S$. Indeed, since X is bounded $d_\lambda(X) < \infty$, we may choose $N(\lambda, \varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $C_\lambda^N d_\lambda(X) < \varepsilon/3$. Thus for $n > N$, and all $s \in S$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} d_\lambda(T_n(s), T(s)) &= d_\lambda(f(T_{n-1}(s), s), f(T(s), s)) \\ &\leq C_\lambda d_\lambda(T_{n-1}(s), T(s)) \\ &\leq \dots \\ &\leq C_\lambda^{n-1} d_\lambda(T_1(s), T(s)) \\ &= C_\lambda^{n-1} d_\lambda(f(x_0, s), f(T(s), s)) \\ &\leq C_\lambda^n d_\lambda(x_0, T(s)) \\ &\leq C_\lambda^n d_\lambda(X) \\ &\leq C_\lambda^N d_\lambda(X) \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $s_\mu \rightarrow s$ in S . For any $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\lambda \in \Gamma$ there is an $N(\lambda, \varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $d_\lambda(T_n(s), T(s)) < \varepsilon/3$, for all $n > N$ and all $s \in S$. Since T_{N+1} is continuous, there is a μ_0 with $d_\lambda(T_{N+1}(s_\mu), T_{N+1}(s)) < \varepsilon/3$, for all $\mu > \mu_0$. Hence for all $\mu > \mu_0$,

$$\begin{aligned} d_\lambda(T(s_\mu), T(s)) &\leq d_\lambda(T(s_\mu), T_{N+1}(s_\mu)) + d_\lambda(T_{N+1}(s_\mu), T_{N+1}(s)) \\ &\quad + d_\lambda(T_{N+1}(s), T(s)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

so that $T(s_\mu) \rightarrow T(s)$. Hence T is continuous.

Theorem 3.4. and Corollary 3.5 below can be obtained as a corol-

lary and considered as an application of Theorem II of D. D. Ang and D. E. Daykin in [1].

THEOREM 3.4. *Let (E, E') be a dual pair, A be a linear operator on E , and A' be the adjoint of A such that $A'(E') \subset E'$. Suppose A' has a family G of eigenvectors e in E' each of which belongs to an eigenvalue λ_e of modulus less than 1 and G is total over E . Suppose for every sequence $(x_n)_{n=0}^\infty$ in E such that for each $e \in G$, $(x_n - x_m, e) \rightarrow 0$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$, there is an $x \in E$ such that for each $e \in G$, $(x_n - x, e) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then for an arbitrariness fixed $y_0 \in E$, the equation $x = A(x) + y_0$ has a unique solution ζ_{y_0} and moreover*

$$(A^n(x) + A^{n-1}(y_0) + \cdots + y_0 - \zeta_{y_0}, e) \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for every $e \in G$ and every $x \in E$.

Proof. For each $e \in G$, define $d_e(x, y) = |(x - y, e)|$, for all $x, y \in E$, then d_e is a pseudometric on E . Let E have the topology generated by $\{d_e\}_{e \in G}$. Since G is total over E , for any $x, y \in E$ with $x \neq y$, then $x - y \neq 0$, so that there is an $e \in G$ with $(x - y, e) \neq 0$, and so $d_e(x, y) > 0$. Hence E is Hausdorff. For an arbitrarily fixed $y_0 \in E$, define $F(x) = A(x) + y_0$, for all $x \in E$. For each $e \in G$,

$$\begin{aligned} d_e(F(x), F(y)) &= |(A(x) - A(y), e)| = |(x - y, A'e)| \\ &= |(x - y, \lambda_e e)| = |\lambda_e| d_e(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Since $|\lambda_e| < 1$ for each $e \in G$, F is strictly contractive w.r.t. $\{d_e\}_{e \in G}$. Next by hypothesis, E is sequentially complete. Hence by Theorem 2.3. F has a unique fixed point $\zeta_{y_0} \in E$ and $\zeta_{y_0} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F^n(x)$, for all $x \in E$. Thus ζ_{y_0} is the unique solution of $x = A(x) + y_0$ and

$$(A^n(x) + A^{n-1}(y_0) + \cdots + y_0 - \zeta_{y_0}, e) = (F^n(x) - \zeta_{y_0}, e) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

for all $e \in G$ and each $x \in E$.

COROLLARY 3.5. *Let (E, E') be a dual pair such that E is $\sigma(E, E')$, the weak topology on E determined by E' , sequentially complete. Let A be a linear operator on E and A' be the adjoint of A on E' with $A'(E') \subset E'$. Suppose A' has a family G of eigenvectors e in E' each of which belongs to an eigenvalue λ_e of modulus less than 1. If G spans E' , the equation $x = A(x) + y_0$ has a unique solution ζ_{y_0} such that for each $x \in E$, $A^n(x) + A^{n-1}(y_0) + \cdots + A(y_0) + y_0 \rightarrow \zeta_{y_0}$ in $\sigma(E, E')$.*

Proof. First we note that G spans E' implies G is total over E . For each $e \in G$ define d_e as in Theorem 3.4. Suppose $(x_n)_{n=0}^\infty$ is a sequence in E such that for each $e \in G$, $d_e(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$.

For any $f \in E'$, since G spans E' , there are $e_1, \dots, e_n \in G$ and there are scalars a_1, \dots, a_n such that $f = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i$. Thus

$$(x_k - x_m, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i (x_k - x_m, e_i) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k, m \rightarrow \infty .$$

Hence $(x_n)_{n=0}^\infty$ is a Cauchy sequence in E and so there is an $x \in E$ with $(x_n - x, f) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for each $f \in E'$. Hence the hypothesis of Theorem 3.4. is satisfied and so there is a unique solution ζ_{y_0} of $x = A(x) + y_0$ and

$$(A^n(x) + A^{n-1}(y_0) + \dots + A(y_0) + y_0 - \zeta_{y_0}, e) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

for each $e \in G$. But then $(A^n(x) + A^{n-1}(y_0) + \dots + A(y_0) + y_0 - \zeta_{y_0}, f) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for each $f \in E'$, so that $A^n(x) + A^{n-1}(y_0) + \dots + A(y_0) + y_0 \rightarrow \zeta_{y_0}$ in $\sigma(E, E')$.

THEOREM 3.6. *Let (E, E') be a dual pair, A be a linear operator on E and A' be the adjoint of A on E' such that $A'(E') \subset E'$. Suppose A' has a family G of eigenvectors e in E' each of which belongs to an eigenvalue $\lambda_e \neq 1$ with $|\lambda_e| \leq 1$. Suppose either (i) E is $\sigma(E, E')$ sequentially complete and G spans E' or (ii) G is total over E , and for every sequence $(x_n)_{n=0}^\infty$ in E such that for each $e \in G$, $(x_n - x_m, e) \rightarrow 0$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$, there is an $x \in E$ such that for each $e \in G$, $(x_n - x, e) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then for any positive integer $n > 1$ and $a_1, \dots, a_n > 0$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \leq 1$, and any arbitrarily fixed $y_0 \in E$, there is a unique solution of the equation $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^i(x) + y_0$.*

Proof. From the proof of Corollary 3.5, condition (i) implies condition (ii). Thus we may assume that (ii) holds. For each $e \in G$, define d_e as in Theorem 3.4. Let E have the topology generated by $\{d_e\}_{e \in G}$, then E is Hausdorff and sequentially complete. Define $F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^i(x) + y_0$ for all $x \in E$. It remains to show that F is strictly contractive w.r.t. $\{d_e\}_{e \in G}$. Indeed, for each $e \in G$,

$$\begin{aligned} d_e(F(x), F(y)) &= \left| \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^i(x) - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^i(y), e \right) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i (x - y, (A')^i e) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i (x - y, \lambda_e^i e) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_e^i \right| |(x - y, e)| \\ &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_e^i \right| d_e(x, y) . \end{aligned}$$

Since $|\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_e^i| < 1$ for all $e \in G$, F is strictly contractive w.r.t. $\{d_e\}_{e \in G}$

and hence by Theorem 2.3, the equation $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^i(x) + y_0$ has a unique solution.

With slight changes in the hypothesis in Theorem 3.6, the above proof works for the following:

THEOREM 3.7. *Let (E, E') be a dual pair, A be a linear operator on E , and A' be a adjoint of A on E' such that $A'(E') \subset E'$. Suppose A' has a family G of eigenvectors e in E' each of which belongs to an eigenvalue λ_e with $|\lambda_e| \leq 1$. Suppose either (i) E is $\sigma(E, E')$ sequentially complete and G spans E' , or (ii) G is total over E and for every sequence $(x_n)_{n=0}^\infty$ in E such that for each $e \in G$, $(x_n - x_m, e) \rightarrow 0$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$, there is an $x \in E$ such that for each $e \in G$, $(x_n - x, e) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then for any positive integer n , $a_1, \dots, a_n \geq 0$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i < 1$, and arbitrarily fixed $y_0 \in E$, there is a unique solution of the equation $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^i(x) + y_0$.*

As an application of the above Theorem 3.6 and Theorem 3.7, we have the following:—

EXAMPLE 3.8. Let A be a diagonalizable $n \times n$ matrix over \mathbb{C} , and A' be its adjoint. Suppose for each eigenvalue λ of A' , $|\lambda| \leq 1$, then for each positive integer n , $a_1, \dots, a_n \geq 0$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i < 1$ and any arbitrarily fixed vector y_0 (an n -triple), the equation

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^i(x) + y_0$$

has a unique solution.

EXAMPLE 3.9. Let A be a diagonalizable $n \times n$ matrix over \mathbb{C} , and A' be its adjoint. Suppose for each eigenvalue λ of A' , $\lambda \neq 1$ and $|\lambda| \leq 1$, then for each positive integer $n > 1$, $a_1, \dots, a_n > 0$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \leq 1$ and any arbitrarily fixed vector y_0 , the equation $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^i(x) + y_0$ has a unique solution.

Although the classical Banach contraction mapping principle can be used to prove the following, it is a special case of the above two examples.

EXAMPLE 3.10. Let E be a finite dimensional complex Hilbert space, A be a normal operator on E . (a) If $\|A\| \leq 1$ and $1 \notin \sigma(A)$, the spectrum of A , then for any positive integer $n > 1$, $a_1, \dots, a_n > 0$, with $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \leq 1$ and any arbitrarily fixed $y_0 \in E$, the equation $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^i(x) + y_0$ has a unique solution. (b) If $\|A\| \leq 1$ then for any positive integer n , $a_1, \dots, a_n \geq 0$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i < 1$ and any arbitrarily fixed $y_0 \in E$, the equation $x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^i(x) + y_0$ has a unique solution.

4. Iteratively contractive mappings :

PROPOSITION 4.1. *Suppose $f: X \rightarrow X$ is nonexpansive w.r.t $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$. If there are $\zeta, x_0 \in X$ such that ζ is a fixed point of f and ζ is a cluster point of the sequence $(f^n(x_0))_{n=0}^\infty$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x_0)$ exists and $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x_0)$.*

Proof. For any $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\lambda \in \Gamma$, there is an $N \in \mathfrak{N}$ with $d_\lambda(f^N(x_0), \zeta) < \varepsilon$; but then for all $n \geq N$, $d_\lambda(f^n(x_0), \zeta) \leq d_\lambda(f^N(x_0), \zeta) < \varepsilon$. Hence $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x_0)$.

The following proposition is a corollary of Proposition 1 of M. Edelstein in [8]:—

PROPOSITION 4.2. *Let $f: X \rightarrow X$ be nonexpansive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ and $x \in X$. Then $x \in X^f$ if and only if x is a cluster point of $(f^n(x))_{n=0}^\infty$.*

The following proposition is a corollary of Theorem 1 of M. Edelstein in [8]:—

PROPOSITION 4.3. *Let $f: X \rightarrow X$ be nonexpansive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$. If $x \in X^f$, then f is an isometry on $(f^n(x))_{n=0}^\infty$ w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$, i.e. for each $\lambda \in \Gamma$ $d_\lambda(f^{m+k}(x), f^{n+k}(x)) = d_\lambda(f^m(x), f^n(x))$, for all $m, n, k \in \mathfrak{S}^+$.*

THEOREM 4.4. *Let $f: X \rightarrow X$ be iteratively contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$. Then $\text{Card}(X^f) \leq 1$. In case $\text{Card}(X^f) = 1$, X^f contains only the unique fixed point of f .*

Proof. Suppose $X^f \neq \emptyset$ and $x \in X^f$. If $f(x) \neq x$, then f is iteratively contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$ implies there is a $\lambda_0 \in \Gamma$ and there is an $n \in \mathfrak{N}$ such that $d_{\lambda_0}(f^n(x), f^{n+1}(x)) < d_{\lambda_0}(x, f(x))$. By Proposition 4.3, f is an isometry on $(f^n(x))_{n=0}^\infty$ w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$, and so in particular, $d_{\lambda_0}(f^{n+1}(x), f^n(x)) = d_{\lambda_0}(f^n(x), f^{n-1}(x)) \cdots = d_{\lambda_0}(f(x), x)$, which is a contradiction. Hence $f(x) = x$. Since any fixed point of f is unique, $X^f = \{x\}$.

COROLLARY 4.5. *Let $f: X \rightarrow X$ be iteratively contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$. Suppose there is an $x_0 \in X$ such that $(f^n(x_0))_{n=0}^\infty$ has a cluster point $\zeta \in X$, then ζ is the unique fixed point of f and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x_0) = \zeta$.*

Proof. Since ζ is a cluster point of $(f^n(x_0))_{n=0}^\infty$, $\zeta \in X^f$. By Theorem 4.4 ζ is the unique fixed point of f . By Proposition 4.1, $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x_0)$.

The above corollary generalizes Theorem 1 of D. D. Ang and D. E. Daykin [1].

COROLLARY 4.6. *Let $f: X \rightarrow X$ be such that for some $N \in \mathfrak{N}$, f^N is iteratively contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$. If for some $x_0 \in X$, the sequence $((f^N)^n(x_0))_{n=0}^\infty$ has a cluster point $\zeta \in X$, then ζ is the unique fixed point of f and $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^{Nn}(x_0)$.*

Proof. By Corollary 4.5, ζ is the unique fixed point of f^N and $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^{Nn}(x_0)$. Since $f(\zeta) = f(f^N(\zeta)) = f^N(f(\zeta))$, we must have $f(\zeta) = \zeta$.

COROLLARY 4.7. *Let $f: X \rightarrow X$ be iteratively contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$. If there are $\zeta, x_0 \in X$ and there is a sequence $(n_i)_{i=0}^\infty$ in \mathfrak{N} with $1 \leq n_1 < n_2 < \dots$ such that $\zeta = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} f^{n_i}(x_0)$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x_0)$ exists and $f(\zeta) = \zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x_0)$.*

Theorem 1 of M. Edelstein in [6] is a special case of the above corollary.

COROLLARY 4.8. *If X is sequentially compact or countably compact and $f: X \rightarrow X$ is such that for some $N \in \mathfrak{N}$, f^N is iteratively contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$, then f has a unique fixed point $\xi \in X$ such that $\xi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x)$, for all $x \in X$.*

COROLLARY 4.9. *Let F be a family of commuting mappings on X . Suppose there exists $f \in F$, there are $R, S: X \rightarrow X$ with $RS = I$ and there is an $N \in \mathfrak{N}$ such that $Sf^N R$ is iteratively contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$. If there is an $x_0 \in X$ such that the iterates of x_0 under $Sf^N R$ has a cluster point in X , then F has a unique common fixed point.*

Proof. By Corollary 4.6, $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Sf^{Nn} R(x_0)$ is the unique fixed point of SfR . Hence $R\zeta$ is the unique fixed point of f . For any $g \in F$, $g(\zeta) = g(f(\zeta)) = f(g(\zeta))$, and so $g(\zeta) = \zeta$. Hence ζ is the unique common fixed point for F .

THEOREM 4.10. *Let $f: X \rightarrow X$ be iteratively contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$. Suppose there is an $x_0 \in X$ such that if*

$$M_{x_0} = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Gamma} \{x \in X: d_\lambda(x, f(x)) < d_\lambda(x_0, f(x_0))\},$$

then every sequence in M_{x_0} has a cluster point in X . Then f has a unique fixed point $\zeta \in X$ and $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x_0)$.

Proof. Since f is nonexpansive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$, we see that $f(M_{x_0}) \subset M_{x_0}$. If $f(x_0) = x_0$, then x_0 is the unique fixed point of f and $x_0 =$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x_0)$. Suppose $f(x_0) \neq x_0$, then there is a $\lambda \in \Gamma$ and there is an $n_0 \in \mathfrak{N}$ such that $d_\lambda(f^{n_0}(x_0), f^{n_0+1}(x_0)) < d_\lambda(x_0, f(x_0))$. Thus $f^{n_0}(x_0) \in M_{x_0}$ so that $f^n(x_0) \in M_{x_0}$, for all $n \geq n_0$. By hypothesis, there is an $\zeta \in X$ such that ζ is a cluster point of $(f^n(x_0))_{n \geq n_0}$. By Corollary 4.5 ζ is the unique fixed point of f and $\zeta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x_0)$.

COROLLARY 4.11. *Let $f: X \rightarrow X$ be iteratively contractive w.r.t. $\{d_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Gamma}$. Suppose there exists an $x_0 \in X$ and there is a subset M of X such that (i) M is countably compact and (ii) for any $\lambda \in \Gamma$ and $x \in X \sim M$, $d_\lambda(x, x_0) - d_\lambda(f(x), f(x_0)) \geq 2d_\lambda(x_0, f(x_0))$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x_0)$ exists and is the unique fixed point of f .*

Proof. Define $M_{x_0} = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Gamma} \{x \in X: d_\lambda(x, f(x)) < d_\lambda(x_0, f(x_0))\}$. If $x \in X \sim M$, then for any $\lambda \in \Gamma$,

$$\begin{aligned} 2d_\lambda(x_0, f(x_0)) &\leq d_\lambda(x, x_0) - d_\lambda(f(x), f(x_0)) \\ &\leq d_\lambda(x, f(x)) + d_\lambda(f(x), f(x_0)) + d_\lambda(f(x_0), x_0) - d_\lambda(f(x), f(x_0)) \\ &= d_\lambda(x, f(x)) + d_\lambda(f(x_0), x_0), \end{aligned}$$

so that $d_\lambda(x_0, f(x_0)) \leq d_\lambda(x, f(x))$ for all $\lambda \in \Gamma$, and hence $x \in X \sim M_{x_0}$. Thus $X \sim M \subset X \sim M_{x_0}$ and so $M_{x_0} \subset M$. Since the hypothesis of Theorem 4.10 is satisfied, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x_0)$ exists and is the unique fixed point of f .

The above Corollary generalizes Theorem 1 of E. Rakotch in [12].

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