

## ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR OF ALMOST-ORBITS OF SEMIGROUPS OF LIPSCHITZIAN MAPPINGS IN BANACH SPACES

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### Abstract

Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$ ,  $G$  a right reversible semitopological semigroup and  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  a continuous representation of  $G$  as Lipschitzian self-mappings on  $C$ . We consider the asymptotic behavior of an almost-orbit  $\{u(t) : t \in G\}$  of  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$ . We show that if  $E$  has a Fréchet differentiable norm and if  $\limsup_t k_t \leq 1$ , then the closed convex set

$$\bigcap_{s \in G} \overline{co} \{u(t) : t \geq s\} \cap F(S)$$

consists of at most one point, where  $k_t$  is the Lipschitzian constant of  $S(t)$ . This result is applied to study the problem of weak convergence of the net  $\{u(t) : t \in G\}$ .

### 1. Introduction.

Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Banach space  $E$  and let  $T$  be a mapping of  $C$  into itself.  $T$  is said to be a Lipschitzian mapping if for each  $n \geq 1$  there exists a positive real number  $k_n$  such that

$$|T^n x - T^n y| \leq k_n |x - y|$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . A Lipschitzian mapping is said to be nonexpansive if  $k_n = 1$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and asymptotically nonexpansive if  $\lim_n k_n = 1$ , respectively. Let

$S = \{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$  be a family of nonexpansive mappings of  $C$  into itself such that  $S(0) = I$ ,  $S(t+s) = S(t)S(s)$  for all  $t, s \in [0, \infty)$  and  $S(t)x$  is continuous in  $t \in [0, \infty)$  for each  $x \in C$ . Then  $S$  is said to be a nonexpansive semigroup on  $C$ . In [1], Bruck introduced the notion of an almost-orbit of a nonexpansive mapping. Miyadera and Kobayashi [11] extended the notion to the case of a nonexpansive semigroup; see also Takahashi and Park [14] for general commutative semigroups. Recently, the authors established the weak convergence of an almost-orbit of a noncommutative Lipschitzian semigroup in a Hilbert space [15]. In this paper, we shall extend the result in [15] to the case of Banach spaces.

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Let  $G$  be a right reversible semitopological semigroup and let  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  be a Lipschitzian representation of  $G$  on  $C$ . We show that if  $C$  is a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  and if  $\limsup_t k_t \leq 1$ , where  $k_t$  is the Lipschitzian constant of  $S(t)$  ( $t \in G$ ), then the set  $F(S)$  of all common fixed points of  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  is closed and convex. Moreover, if  $E$  has a Fréchet differentiable norm and if  $\{u(t) : t \in G\}$  is an almost-orbit of  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$ , then the set

$$\bigcap_{s \in G} \overline{co}\{u(t) : t \geq s\} \cap F(S)$$

consists of at most one point, where  $\overline{co}\{u(t) : t \geq s\}$  is the closed convex hull of  $\{u(t) : t \geq s\}$ . Using this result, we establish the weak convergence of an almost-orbit  $\{u(t) : t \in G\}$  of a right reversible Lipschitzian semigroup in a Banach space. We also show that if  $P$  is the metric projection of  $E$  onto  $F(S)$ , then the strong limit of  $Pu(t)$  exists. These extend results in [10], [12], [14], [15]. Our proofs employ the methods of Hirano-Takahashi [7], Ishihara-Takahashi [9], Miyadera-Kobayashi [11], Takahashi [13] and Takahashi-Park [14].

**2. Preliminaries.**

Let  $E$  be a real Banach space and let  $E^*$  be its dual, that is, the space of all continuous linear functionals on  $E$ . The value of  $f \in E^*$  at  $x \in E$  will be denoted by  $\langle x, f \rangle$ . With each  $x \in E$ , we associate the set

$$J(x) = \{f \in E^* : \langle x, f \rangle = |x|^2 = |f|^2\}.$$

Using the Hahn-Banach theorem, it is readily verified that  $J(x) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x \in E$ . The multi-valued map  $J : E \rightarrow E^*$  is called the duality map of  $E$ . Let  $U = \{x \in E : |x| = 1\}$  be the unit sphere of  $E$ . Then a Banach space  $E$  is said to be smooth provided the limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x+th| - |x|}{t} \tag{1}$$

exists for each  $x, h \in U$ . In this case, the norm of  $E$  is said to be Gâteaux differentiable. It is said to be Fréchet differentiable if for each  $x$  in  $U$ , limit (1) is attained uniformly for  $h$  in  $U$ . The space  $E$  is said to have a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm if for each  $h \in U$ , limit (1) is attained uniformly for  $x \in U$ . The norm of  $E$  is said to be uniformly Fréchet differentiable (and  $E$  is said to be uniformly smooth) if limit (1) is attained uniformly for  $(x, h)$  in  $U \times U$ . It is well known that if  $E$  is smooth, then the duality map  $J$  is single valued. It is also known that if  $E$  has a Fréchet differentiable norm,  $J$  is norm to norm continuous; see [2] and [4] for more details.

Let  $G$  be a semitopological semigroup, i.e.,  $G$  is a semigroup with a Hausdorff topology such that for each  $a \in G$  the mappings  $g \rightarrow a \cdot g$  and  $g \rightarrow g \cdot a$  from  $G$  to  $G$  are continuous.  $G$  is said to be right reversible if any two closed left

ideals of  $G$  have nonvoid intersection. If  $G$  is right reversible,  $(G, \leq)$  is a directed system when the binary relation " $\leq$ " on  $G$  is defined by  $a \leq b$  if and only if  $\{a\} \cup \overline{Ga} \supseteq \{b\} \cup \overline{Gb}$ .

**3. Lemmas.**

In this section, we prove several lemmas which are crucial in studying the asymptotic behavior of almost-orbits.

Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Banach space  $E$  and let  $G$  be a semitopological semigroup.

DEFINITION 1. A family  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  of mappings from  $C$  into itself is said to be a (continuous) representation of  $G$  on  $C$  if  $S$  satisfies the following:

- (1)  $S(ts)x = S(t)S(s)x$  for all  $t, s \in G$  and  $x \in C$ ;
- (2) For every  $x \in C$ , the mapping  $s \rightarrow S(s)x$  from  $G$  into  $C$  is continuous.

DEFINITION 2. Let  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  be a representation of  $G$  on  $C$ .  $S$  is said to be Lipschitzian on  $C$  if for each  $t \in G$ , there exists  $k_t > 0$  such that  $|S(t)x - S(t)y| \leq k_t|x - y|$  for all  $x, y \in C$ .

See [5] and [8] for fixed point theorems of semigroups of Lipschitzian mappings. Denote by  $F(S)$  the set of all common fixed points of mappings  $S(t), t \in G$  in  $C$ . Then we have the following:

THEOREM 1. Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex real Banach space  $E$  and let  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  be a Lipschitzian representation of a right reversible semitopological semigroup  $G$  on  $C$ . If  $\limsup_t k_t \leq 1$ , then  $F(S)$  is a closed and convex subset of  $C$ .

*Proof.* The closedness of  $F(S)$  is obvious. To show convexity it is sufficient to show that  $z = (x + y)/2 \in F(S)$  for all  $x, y \in F(S)$ . Let  $x, y \in F(S), x \neq y$ . If  $\lim_t S(t)z = z$ , then for any  $s \in G$ ,

$$S(s)z = \lim_t S(s)S(t)z = \lim_t S(st)z = \lim_t S(t)z = z,$$

i.e.,  $z \in F(S)$ . Hence, it suffices to prove that  $\lim_t S(t)z = z$ . If not, there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that for any  $t \in G$ , there is  $t' \in G$  with  $t' \geq t$  and

$$4|S(t')z - z| = |2(S(t')z - x) - 2(y - S(t')z)| \geq \epsilon.$$

Choose  $d > 0$  so small that

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

where  $R = |x - y| > 0$  and  $\delta$  is the modulus of convexity of  $E$ . Since  $\limsup_t k_t$

$\leq 1$ , it follows that there is  $t_0 \in G$  such that  $k_t |x - y| \leq |x - y| + d$  for  $t \geq t_0$ .

Put  $u = 2(S(t'_0)z - x)$ ,  $v = 2(y - S(t'_0)z)$ . Then  $|u - v| = 4|S(t'_0)z - z| \geq \varepsilon$ . Further, since  $t'_0 \geq t_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |u| &= 2|S(t'_0)z - x| \leq k_{t'_0} |x - y| \leq |x - y| + d = R + d, \\ |v| &= 2|y - S(t'_0)z| \leq k_{t'_0} |x - y| \leq |x - y| + d = R + d. \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$\left| \frac{u+v}{2} \right| \leq (R+d) \left( 1 - \delta \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{R+d} \right) \right),$$

and hence

$$|x - y| = \left| \frac{u+v}{2} \right| \leq (R+d) \left( 1 - \delta \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{R+d} \right) \right) < R = |x - y|.$$

This is a contradiction. Therefore,  $\lim_t S(t)z = z$ . The proof is completed.

**DEFINITION 3.** Let  $G$  be right reversible and let  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  be a representation of  $G$  on  $C$ . A function  $u : G \rightarrow C$  is called an *almost-orbit* of  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  if

$$\lim_t (\sup_s |u(st) - S(s)u(t)|) = 0.$$

**LEMMA 1.** Let  $G$  be right reversible and let  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  be Lipschitzian on  $C$  with  $\limsup_t k_t \leq 1$ . If  $\{u(t) : t \in G\}$  and  $\{v(t) : t \in G\}$  are almost-orbits of  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$ , then the limit of  $|u(t) - v(t)|$  exists. In particular, for every  $z \in F(S)$ , the limit of  $|u(t) - z|$  exists.

*Proof.* Put

$$\phi(s) = \sup_t |u(ts) - S(t)u(s)|, \quad \psi(s) = \sup_t |v(ts) - S(t)v(s)|$$

for  $s \in G$ . Then  $\lim_s \phi(s) = \lim_s \psi(s) = 0$ . Since, for any  $s, t \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |u(ts) - v(ts)| &\leq |u(ts) - S(t)u(s)| + |S(t)u(s) - S(t)v(s)| + |S(t)v(s) - v(ts)| \\ &\leq \phi(s) + \psi(s) + k_t |u(s) - v(s)|, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_t \sup_{t \leq \tau} |u(\tau) - v(\tau)| &\leq \phi(s) + \psi(s) + (\inf_t \sup_{t \leq \tau} k_\tau) |u(s) - v(s)| \\ &\leq \phi(s) + \psi(s) + |u(s) - v(s)|, \end{aligned}$$

and then

$$\inf_t \sup_{t \leq \tau} |u(\tau) - v(\tau)| \leq \sup_t \inf_{t \leq s} |u(s) - v(s)|.$$

Thus,  $\lim_t |u(t) - v(t)|$  exists. Let  $z \in F(S)$  and put  $v(t) \equiv z$ . Then  $v(t)$  is an

almost-orbit and hence the limit of  $|u(t)-z|$  exists.

LEMMA 2. *Let  $G$  be right reversible and let  $S=\{S(t):t\in G\}$  be Lipschitzian on  $C$  with  $\limsup_t k_t \leq 1$ . Let  $\{u(t):t\in G\}$  be an almost-orbit of  $S=\{S(t):t\in G\}$ . If  $F(S)\neq \emptyset$ , then there exists  $t_0\in G$  such that  $\{u(t):t\geq t_0\}$  is bounded.*

*Proof.* Let  $z\in F(S)$ . Then, since  $\lim_t |u(t)-z|$  exists by Lemma 1, there is  $t_0\in G$  such that  $\{|u(t)-z|:t\geq t_0\}$  is bounded. Hence  $\{u(t):t\geq t_0\}$  is bounded.

LEMMA 3. *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex real Banach space  $E$ . Let  $G$  be right reversible and let  $S=\{S(t):t\in G\}$  be Lipschitzian on  $C$  with  $\limsup_t k_t \leq 1$ . Let  $\{u(t):t\in G\}$  be an almost-orbit of  $S=\{S(t):t\in G\}$ . Suppose  $F(S)\neq \emptyset$ . Let  $y\in F(S)$  and  $0<\alpha\leq\beta<1$ . Then for any  $\epsilon>0$ , there is  $t_0\in G$  such that*

$$|S(t)(\lambda u(s)+(1-\lambda)y)-(\lambda S(t)u(s)+(1-\lambda)y)| < \epsilon$$

for all  $t, s\geq t_0$  and  $\lambda\in[\alpha, \beta]$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 1,  $\lim_t |u(t)-y|$  exists. Let  $r=\lim_t |u(t)-y|$ . If  $r=0$ , then from  $\limsup_t k_t \leq 1$ , there exists  $t_0\in G$  such that

$$|u(t)-y| < \epsilon \quad \text{and} \quad k_t \leq 2$$

for all  $t\geq t_0$ . Hence, for  $s, t\geq t_0$  and  $0\leq\lambda\leq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & |S(t)(\lambda u(s)+(1-\lambda)y)-(\lambda S(t)u(s)+(1-\lambda)y)| \\ & \leq \lambda |S(t)(\lambda u(s)+(1-\lambda)y)-S(t)u(s)| + (1-\lambda) |S(t)(\lambda u(s)+(1-\lambda)y)-y| \\ & \leq \lambda k_t |\lambda u(s)+(1-\lambda)y-u(s)| + (1-\lambda) k_t |\lambda u(s)+(1-\lambda)y-y| \\ & = 2\lambda(1-\lambda)k_t |u(s)-y| < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Now, let  $r>0$ . Then we can choose  $d>0$  so small that

$$(r+d)\left(1-c\delta\left(\frac{\epsilon}{r+d}\right)\right)=r_0 < r,$$

where  $\delta$  is the modulus of convexity of  $E$  and

$$c = \min \{2\lambda(1-\lambda) : \alpha \leq \lambda \leq \beta\}.$$

Let  $a>0$  with  $r_0+2a < r$ . Then there is  $t_0\in G$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & |u(s)-y| > r-a, \quad \text{for } s\geq t_0, \\ & |S(t)u(s)-u(ts)| < a, \quad \text{for } s\geq t_0 \text{ and } t\in G, \end{aligned}$$

$$k_t \leq 2, \quad \text{for } t \geq t_0,$$

$$k_t |u(s) - y| \leq r + d, \quad \text{for } s, t \geq t_0.$$

Suppose that

$$|S(t)(\lambda u(s) + (1-\lambda)y) - (\lambda S(t)u(s) + (1-\lambda)y)| \geq \varepsilon,$$

for some  $s, t \geq t_0$  and  $\lambda \in [\alpha, \beta]$ . Put  $z = \lambda u(s) + (1-\lambda)y$ ,  $u = (1-\lambda)(S(t)z - y)$  and  $v = \lambda(S(t)u(s) - S(t)z)$ . Then, we have

$$|u| \leq (1-\lambda)k_t |z - y| = \lambda(1-\lambda)k_t |u(s) - y| \leq \lambda(1-\lambda)(r+d),$$

$$|v| \leq \lambda k_t |z - u(s)| = \lambda(1-\lambda)k_t |u(s) - y| \leq \lambda(1-\lambda)(r+d).$$

We also have that

$$|u - v| = |S(t)z - (\lambda S(t)u(s) + (1-\lambda)y)| \geq \varepsilon$$

and

$$\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v = \lambda(1-\lambda)(S(t)u(s) - y).$$

By lemma in [6], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(1-\lambda)|S(t)u(s) - y| &= |\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v| \\ &\leq \lambda(1-\lambda)(r+d) \left(1 - 2\lambda(1-\lambda)\delta\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{r+d}\right)\right) \\ &\leq \lambda(1-\lambda)(r+d) \left(1 - c\delta\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{r+d}\right)\right) = \lambda(1-\lambda)r_0, \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $|S(t)u(s) - y| \leq r_0$ . This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} |u(ts) - y| &\leq |u(ts) - S(t)u(s)| + |S(t)u(s) - y| \\ &< a + r_0 < r - a. \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts the fact  $|u(s) - y| > r - a$  for  $s \geq t_0$ . The proof is completed.

For  $x, y \in E$ , we denote by  $[x, y]$  the set  $\{\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y : 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1\}$ .

LEMMA 4 (Lau-Takahashi [10]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  with a Fréchet differentiable norm and let  $\{x_\alpha\}$  be a bounded net in  $C$ . Let  $z \in \bigcap_{\beta} \overline{c\delta}\{x_\alpha : \alpha \geq \beta\}$ ,  $y \in C$  and  $\{y_\alpha\}$  a net of elements in  $C$  with  $y_\alpha \in [y, x_\alpha]$  and*

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

*If  $y_\alpha \rightarrow y$ , then  $y = z$ .*

By using Lemma 3 and Lemma 4, we prove the following:

LEMMA 5. *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  with a Fréchet differentiable norm. Let  $G$  be right reversible*

and let  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  be Lipschitzian on  $C$  with  $\limsup_t k_t \leq 1$ . Suppose  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $\{u(t) : t \in G\}$  be an almost-orbit of  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$ . If  $z \in \bigcap_s \overline{c_0} \{u(t) : t \geq s\} \cap F(S)$  and  $y \in F(S)$ , then for any positive number  $\varepsilon$ , there is  $s_0 \in G$  such that

$$\langle u(t) - y, J(y - z) \rangle \leq \varepsilon |y - z|$$

for all  $t \geq s_0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$ , we may assume that  $\{u(t) : t \in G\}$  is bounded. If  $y = z$ , then Lemma 5 is obvious. So, let  $y \neq z$ . For each  $t \in G$ , let  $y_t$  be a unique element in  $[y, u(t)]$  with

$$|y_t - z| = \min \{|u - z| : u \in [y, u(t)]\}.$$

Since  $y \neq z$ , by Lemma 4,  $y_t$  does not converge to  $y$ . Thus, there is  $c > 0$  such that for any  $t \in G$ , there exists  $t' \geq t$  with  $|y_{t'} - y| \geq c$ . Let

$$y_{t'} = a_{t'} u(t') + (1 - a_{t'}) y, \quad 0 \leq a_{t'} \leq 1.$$

Then there is  $c_0 > 0$  such that  $a_{t'} \geq c_0$  all  $t'$ . In fact, since

$$c \leq |y_{t'} - y| = a_{t'} |u(t') - y| \leq a_{t'} \cdot \sup_t |u(t) - y|,$$

we may put  $c_0 = c / (\sup_t |u(t) - y|)$ . Let  $k = \lim_t |u(t) - y|$ . Then  $k > 0$ . Choose  $r > 0$  with  $\varepsilon > r$  and  $2r < k$ , and take  $a > 0$  such that

$$(R + a) \left( 1 - \delta \left( \frac{c_0 r}{R + a} \right) \right) < R,$$

where  $\delta$  is the modulus of convexity of the norm and  $R = |z - y| > 0$ . Fix  $a' < a$ . By Lemma 3, there exists  $t_1 \in G$  such that

$$|S(s)(c_0 u(t) + (1 - c_0)y) - (c_0 S(s)u(t) + (1 - c_0)y)| < a' \tag{2}$$

for all  $s, t \geq t_1$ . Since  $k = \lim_t |u(t) - y| > 2r$  and  $\{u(t) : t \in G\}$  is an almost-orbit of  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$ . We can choose  $t_2 \in G$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} |u(t) - y| &\geq 2r, & t \geq t_2, \\ |u(st) - S(s)u(t)| &< r, & t \geq t_2, s \in G. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, since  $\limsup_t k_t \leq 1$  and  $R + a' < R + a$ , we can choose  $t_3 \in G$  such that  $k_s R + a' \leq R + a$  for all  $s \geq t_3$ .

Now, let  $t_0 \in G$  with  $t_0 \geq t_3$ ,  $i_0 = 1, 2, 3$ . Fix  $t' \geq t_0$ . Then, since  $a_{t'} \geq c_0$ , we have

$$c_0 u(t') + (1 - c_0)y \in [y, a_{t'} u(t') + (1 - a_{t'})y] = [y, y_{t'}].$$

Hence

$$|c_0 u(t') + (1 - c_0)y - z| \leq \max\{|z - y|, |z - y_{t'}|\} = |z - y| = R.$$

By (2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |c_0 S(s)u(t') + (1 - c_0)y - z| &\leq |S(s)(c_0 u(t') + (1 - c_0)y) - z| + a' \\ &\leq k_s |c_0 u(t') + (1 - c_0)y - z| + a' \leq k_s R + a' \leq R + a \end{aligned}$$

for  $s \geq t_0$ . On the other hand, since  $|y - z| = R < R + a$  and

$$\begin{aligned} |(c_0 S(s)u(t') + (1 - c_0)y - z) - (y - z)| &= |c_0 S(s)u(t') + (1 - c_0)y - y| \\ &= c_0 |S(s)u(t') - y| \geq c_0 (|u(st') - y| - |u(st') - S(s)u(t')|) \geq c_0 r \end{aligned}$$

for any  $s \in G$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{2}(c_0(S(s)u(t') + (1 - c_0)y - z) + \frac{1}{2}(y - z)) \right| &= \left| \frac{c_0}{2}S(s)u(t') + \left(1 - \frac{c_0}{2}\right)y - z \right| \\ &\leq (R + a) \left(1 - \delta\left(\frac{c_0 r}{R + a}\right)\right) < R \end{aligned}$$

for all  $s \geq t_0$ . This implies that if  $u_s = (c_0/2)S(s)u(t') + (1 - (c_0/2))y$ , then  $|u_s + \alpha(y - u_s) - z| \geq |y - z|$  for all  $\alpha \geq 1$ . By Theorem 2.5 in [3], we have

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

and hence  $\langle u_s - y, J(y - z) \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $s \geq t_0$ . Then

$$\langle S(s)u(t') - y, J(y - z) \rangle \leq 0$$

for  $s \geq t_0$ . Therefore, for  $s \geq t_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u(st') - y, J(y - z) \rangle &\leq |u(st') - S(s)u(t')| |y - z| \\ &\quad + \langle S(s)u(t') - y, J(y - z) \rangle < r |y - z| < \varepsilon |y - z|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for  $t \geq t_0 t'$ , there holds

$$\langle u(t) - y, J(y - z) \rangle \leq \varepsilon |y - z|.$$

This completes the proof.

#### 4. Asymptotic Behavior.

In this section, we study the asymptotic behavior of an almost-orbit  $\{u(t) : t \in G\}$  of  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex Banach space with a Fréchet differentiable norm and let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $G$  be a right reversible semitopological semigroup and let  $S = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  be a Lipschitzian*



representation of  $G$  on  $C$  with  $\limsup_t k_t \leq 1$ . Suppose that  $\{u(t): t \in G\}$  is an almost-orbit of  $S = \{S(t): t \in G\}$  and  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$ . Then the set

$$\bigcap_s \overline{co}\{u(t): t \geq s\} \cap F(S)$$

consists of at most one point.

*Proof.* Let  $y, z \in \bigcap_s \overline{co}\{u(t): t \geq s\} \cap F(S)$ . Then, by Theorem 1,  $(y+z/2) \in F(S)$ , it follows from Lemma 5 that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $t_0 \in G$  such that

$$\left\langle u(tt_0) - \frac{y+z}{2}, J\left(\frac{y+z}{2} - z\right) \right\rangle \leq \epsilon \left| \frac{y+z}{2} - z \right| = \frac{\epsilon}{2} |y-z|$$

for every  $t \in G$ . Since  $y \in \overline{co}\{u(tt_0): t \in G\}$ , we have

$$\left\langle y - \frac{y+z}{2}, J\left(\frac{y+z}{2} - z\right) \right\rangle \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} |y-z|$$

and hence  $\langle y-z, J(y-z) \rangle = |y-z|^2 \leq 2\epsilon |y-z|$ . Since  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary, we have  $y=z$ .

For a function  $u: G \rightarrow C$ , let  $\omega(u)$  denote the set of all weak limit points of the net  $\{u(t): t \in G\}$ . If  $\{u(t): t \in G\}$  is an almost-orbit of a Lipschitzian semigroup  $S = \{S(t): t \in G\}$  and  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\{u(t): t \geq t_0\}$  is bounded for some  $t_0 \in G$  and hence  $\omega(u) \neq \emptyset$ . Using Theorem 2, we obtain the following results.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex Banach space with a Fréchet differentiable norm and let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $G$  be a right reversible semitopological semigroup and let  $S = \{S(t): t \in G\}$  be a Lipschitzian representation of  $G$  on  $C$  with  $\limsup_t k_t \leq 1$ . Suppose  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $\{u(t): t \in G\}$  be an almost-orbit of  $S = \{S(t): t \in G\}$ . If  $\omega(u) \subset F(S)$ , then the net  $\{u(t): t \in G\}$  converges weakly to some  $z \in F(S)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $z \in \omega(u)$ . Then  $z \in \bigcap_s \overline{co}\{u(t): t \geq s\}$ . By hypothesis,  $\omega(u) \subset F(S)$  and hence  $z \in \bigcap_s \overline{co}\{u(t): t \geq s\} \cap F(S)$ . It follows then from Theorem 2 that  $\omega(u) = \{z\}$  and therefore  $\{u(t): t \in G\}$  converges weakly to  $z \in F(S)$ .

The following theorem is a generalization of Takahashi and Park [14].

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$ . Let  $G$  be a right reversible semitopological semigroup and let  $S = \{S(t): t \in G\}$  be a Lipschitzian representation of  $G$  on  $C$  with  $\limsup_t k_t \leq 1$ . Suppose  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $\{u(t): t \in G\}$  be an almost-orbit of  $S = \{S(t): t \in G\}$ . Let  $P$  denote the metric projection of  $E$  onto  $F(S)$ . Then the strong limit of the net  $\{Pu(t): t \in G\}$  exists and  $\lim_t Pu(t) = z_0$ , where  $z_0$  is a unique element in  $F(S)$  such that*

$$\lim_t |u(t) - z_0| = \min_t \{ \lim_t |u(t) - z| : z \in F(S) \}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$ , we know that  $\{u(t) : t \in G\}$  is bounded and  $\lim_t |u(t) - z| = g(z)$  exists for each  $z \in F(S)$ . Let  $R = \inf \{g(z) : z \in F(S)\}$  and  $M = \{u \in F(S) : g(u) = R\}$ . Then, since  $g(z)$  is convex and continuous on  $F(S)$  and  $g(z) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $M$  is a nonempty closed convex bounded subset of  $F(S)$ . Fix  $z_0 \in M$  with  $g(z_0) = R$ . Since  $P$  is the metric projection of  $E$  onto  $F(S)$ , we have  $|u(t) - Pu(t)| \leq |u(t) - y|$  for all  $t \in G$  and  $y \in F(S)$ , and hence

$$\inf_t \sup_{t \leq s} |u(s) - Pu(s)| \leq R.$$

Suppose that  $\inf_t \sup_{t \leq s} |u(s) - Pu(s)| < R$ . Then we may choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $t_0 \in G$  so that  $|u(s) - Pu(s)| \leq R - \varepsilon$  for all  $s \geq t_0$ . Since

$$|u(ts) - Pu(s)| \leq \phi(s) + k_t |u(s) - Pu(s)|$$

for all  $s, t \in G$  and  $\lim_s \phi(s) = 0$ , where  $\phi(s) = \sup_t |u(ts) - S(t)u(s)|$ , we can choose  $s \geq t_0$  such that

$$|u(ts) - Pu(s)| \leq k_t |u(s) - Pu(s)| + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq k_t (R - \varepsilon) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

for all  $t \in G$ . Therefore, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_t |u(t) - Pu(s)| &= \inf_t \sup_{t \leq \tau} |u(\tau) - Pu(s)| \leq (\lim_t \sup_t k_t) (R - \varepsilon) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ &\leq R - \varepsilon + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = R - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < R. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. So we conclude that

$$\inf_t \sup_{t \leq s} |u(s) - Pu(s)| = R.$$

Now, we claim that  $\lim_t Pu(t) = z_0$ . If not, then there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for any  $t \in G$ ,  $|Pu(t') - z_0| \geq \varepsilon$  for some  $t' \geq t$ . Choose  $a > 0$  so small that

$$(R + a) \left( 1 - \delta \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{R + a} \right) \right) = R_1 < R,$$

where  $\delta$  is the modulus of convexity of the norm of  $E$ . We have  $|u(t') - Pu(t')| \leq R + a$  and  $|u(t') - z_0| \leq R + a$  for large enough  $t'$ . Therefore we have

$$\left| u(t') - \frac{Pu(t') + z_0}{2} \right| \leq (R + a) \left( 1 - \delta \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{R + a} \right) \right) = R_1.$$

Since  $w_{t'} = (Pu(t') + z_0)/2 \in F(S)$ , as in the above,

$$|u(t't) - w_{t'}| \leq k_t |u(t') - w_{t'}| + \phi(t')$$

for all  $t \in G$ . Since  $\lim_{\substack{s \\ s \rightarrow t}} \phi(s) = 0$ , there is  $t'$  such that

$$|u(tt') - w_{t'}| \leq k_t |u(t') - w_{t'}| + \frac{R - R_1}{2} \leq k_t R_1 + \frac{R - R_1}{2},$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_t |u(t) - w_t| &= \inf_t \sup_{t \leq s} |u(s) - w_{t'}| \leq (\limsup_t k_t) R_1 + \frac{R - R_1}{2} \\ &\leq R_1 + \frac{R - R_1}{2} = \frac{R + R_1}{2} < R. \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts the fact  $R = \inf\{g(z) : z \in F(S)\}$ . Therefore, we have  $\lim_t Pu(t) = z_0$ .

Consequently, it follows that the element  $z_0 \in F(S)$  with  $g(z_0) = \min\{g(z) : z \in F(S)\}$  is unique. The proof is completed.

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