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Approximating common fixed points in hyperbolic spaces

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Abstract

We establish strong convergence and Δ -convergence theorems of an iteration scheme associated to a pair of nonexpansive mappings on a nonlinear domain. In particular we prove that such a scheme converges to a common fixed point of both mappings. Our results are a generalization of well-known similar results in the linear setting. In particular, we avoid assumptions such as smoothness of the norm, necessary in the linear case.

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1 Introduction

Let C be a nonempty subset of a metric space (X,d) and $T:C\to C$ be a mapping. Denote the set of fixed points of T by F(T). Then T is (i) nonexpansive if $d(Tx,Ty)\leq d(x,y)$ for $x,y\in C$ (ii) quasi-nonexpansive if $F(T)\neq\emptyset$ and $d(Tx,y)\leq d(x,y)$ for $x\in C$ and $y\in F(T)$. For an initial value $x_1\in C$, Das and Debata [1] studied the strong convergence of Ishikawa iterates $\{x_n\}$ defined by

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n S(\beta_n T x_n + (1 - \beta_n) x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) x_n$$
(1.1)

for two quasi-nonexpansive mappings S, T on a nonempty closed and convex subset of a strictly convex Banach space. Takahashi and Tamura [2] proved weak convergence of (1.1) to a common fixed point of two nonexpansive mappings in a uniformly convex Banach space which satisfies Opial's condition or whose norm is Fréchet differentiable and strong convergence in a strictly convex Banach space (see also [3, 4]). Mann and Ishikawa iterative procedures are well-defined in a vector space through its built-in convexity. In the literature, several mathematicians have introduced the notion of convexity in metric spaces; for example [5–8]. In this work, we follow the original metric convexity introduced by Menger [9] and used by many authors like Kirk [5, 6] and Takahashi [8]. Note that Mann iterative procedures were also investigated in hyperbolic metric spaces [10, 11].

In this paper we investigate the results published in [2] and generalize them to uniformly convex hyperbolic spaces. A particular example of such metric spaces is the class of CAT(0)-spaces (in the sense of Gromov) and \mathbb{R} -trees (in the sense of Tits). Heavy use of the linear structure of Banach spaces in [2] presents some difficulties when extending



these results to metric spaces. For example, a key assumption in many of their results is the smoothness of the norm which is hard to extend to metric spaces.

2 Menger convexity in metric spaces

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Assume that for any x and y in X, there exists a unique metric segment [x, y], which is an isometric copy of the real line interval [0, d(x, y)]. Note by \mathcal{F} the family of the metric segments in X. For any $\beta \in [0, 1]$, there exists a unique point $z \in [x, y]$ such that

$$d(x,z) = (1-\beta)d(x,y)$$
 and $d(z,y) = \beta d(x,y)$.

Throughout this paper we will denote such point by $\beta x \oplus (1 - \beta)y$. Such metric spaces are usually called *convex metric spaces* [9]. Moreover, if we have

$$d(\alpha p \oplus (1-\alpha)x, \alpha q \oplus (1-\alpha)y) \leq \alpha d(p,q) + (1-\alpha)d(x,y)$$

for all p, q, x, y in X and $\alpha \in [0,1]$, then X is said to be a *hyperbolic metric space* (see [11–13]). For q = y, the hyperbolic inequality reduces to the convex structure inequality [8]. Throughout this paper, we will assume

$$\alpha x \oplus (1 - \alpha)y = (1 - \alpha)y \oplus \alpha x$$

for any $\alpha \in [0,1]$ and any $x, y \in X$.

An example of hyperbolic spaces is the family of Banach vector spaces or any normed vector spaces. Hadamard manifolds [14], the Hilbert open unit ball equipped with the hyperbolic metric [15], and the CAT(0) spaces [6, 16–20] (see Example 2.1) are examples of nonlinear structures which play a major role in recent research in metric fixed point theory. A subset C of a hyperbolic space X is said to be convex if $[x,y] \subset C$, whenever $x,y \in C$ (see also [21]).

Definition 2.1 [22, 23] Let (X,d) be a hyperbolic metric space. For any r > 0 and $\varepsilon > 0$, set

$$\delta(r,\varepsilon) = \inf \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{r} d\left(\frac{1}{2}x \oplus \frac{1}{2}y, a\right); d(x,a) \le r, d(y,a) \le r, d(x,y) \ge r\varepsilon \right\}$$

for any $a \in X$. X is said to be uniformly convex whenever $\delta(r, \varepsilon) > 0$, for any r > 0 and $\varepsilon > 0$.

Throughout this paper we assume that if X is a uniformly convex hyperbolic space, then for every $s \ge 0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\eta(s, \varepsilon) > 0$ such that

$$\delta(r,\varepsilon) > \eta(s,\varepsilon) > 0$$
 for any $r > s$.

Remark 2.1

- (i) We have $\delta(r,0) = 0$. Moreover, $\delta(r,\varepsilon)$ is an increasing function of ε .
- (ii) For $r_1 \le r_2$, we have

$$1 - \frac{r_2}{r_1} \left(1 - \delta \left(r_2, \varepsilon \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right) \right) \le \delta(r_1, \varepsilon).$$

Next we give a very important example of uniformly convex hyperbolic metric space.

Example 2.1 [16] Let (X,d) be a metric space. A *geodesic* from x to y in X is a mapping c from a closed interval $[0,l] \subset \mathbb{R}$ to X such that c(0)=x, c(l)=y, and d(c(t),c(t'))=|t-t'| for all $t,t' \in [0,l]$. In particular, c is an isometry and d(x,y)=l. The image α of c is called a geodesic (or metric) *segment* joining x and y. The space (X,d) is said to be a *geodesic space* if every two points of X are joined by a geodesic and X is said to be *uniquely geodesic* if there is exactly one geodesic joining x and y for each $x,y \in X$, which will be denoted by [x,y], and called the segment joining x to y.

A geodesic triangle $\Delta(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ in a geodesic metric space X consists of three points x_1 , x_2 , x_3 in X (the *vertices* of Δ) and a geodesic segment between each pair of vertices (the *edges* of Δ). A *comparison triangle* for geodesic triangle $\Delta(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ in (X, d) is a triangle $\overline{\Delta}(x_1, x_2, x_3) := \Delta(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_3)$ in \mathbb{R}^2 such that $d_{\mathbb{R}^2}(\bar{x}_i, \bar{x}_j) = d(x_i, x_j)$ for $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$. Such a triangle always exists (see [18]).

A geodesic metric space is said to be a CAT(0) space if all geodesic triangles of appropriate size satisfy the following CAT(0) comparison axiom.

Let Δ be a geodesic triangle in X and let $\overline{\Delta} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a comparison triangle for Δ . Then Δ is said to satisfy the CAT(0) *inequality* if for all $x, y \in \Delta$ and all comparison points $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in \overline{\Delta}$,

$$d(x, y) \leq d(\bar{x}, \bar{y}).$$

Complete CAT(0) spaces are often called *Hadamard spaces* (see [16]). If x, y_1 , y_2 are points of a CAT(0) space, then the CAT(0) inequality implies

$$d^2\left(x,\frac{1}{2}y_1\oplus\frac{1}{2}y_2\right)\leq \frac{1}{2}d^2(x,y_1)+\frac{1}{2}d^2(x,y_2)-\frac{1}{4}d^2(y_1,y_2).$$

The above inequality is known as the (CN) inequality of Bruhat and Tits [24]. The (CN) inequality implies that CAT(0) spaces are uniformly convex with

$$\delta(r,\varepsilon)=1-\sqrt{1-\frac{\varepsilon^2}{4}}.$$

In a hyperbolic space X, (1.1) is written as

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n S(\beta_n T x_n \oplus (1 - \beta_n) x_n) \oplus (1 - \alpha_n) x_n, \tag{2.1}$$

where α_n , $\beta_n \in [0,1]$. If S = T in (2.1), it reduces to the following Ishikawa iteration process of one mapping:

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n T(\beta_n T x_n \oplus (1 - \beta_n) x_n, n > 1,) \oplus (1 - \alpha_n) x_n, \tag{2.2}$$

where $\alpha_n, \beta_n \in [0,1]$. Let $\{x_n\}$ be a bounded sequence in a metric space X and C be a nonempty subset. Define $r(\cdot, \{x_n\}): C \to [0, \infty)$, by

$$r(x, \{x_n\}) = \limsup_{n \to \infty} d(x, x_n).$$

The asymptotic radius ρ_C of $\{x_n\}$ with respect to C is given by

$$\rho_C = \inf\{r(x, \{x_n\}) : x \in C\}.$$

 ρ will denote the asymptotic radius of $\{x_n\}$ with respect to X. A point $\xi \in C$ is said to be an asymptotic center of $\{x_n\}$ with respect to C if $r(\xi, \{x_n\}) = r(C, \{x_n\}) = \min\{r(x, \{x_n\}) : x \in C\}$. We denote with $A(C, \{x_n\})$, the set of asymptotic centers of $\{x_n\}$ with respect to C. When C = X, we call ξ an asymptotic center of $\{x_n\}$ and we use the notation $A(\{x_n\})$ instead of $A(X, \{x_n\})$. In general, the set $A(C, \{x_n\})$ of asymptotic centers of a bounded sequence $\{x_n\}$ may be empty or may even contain infinitely many points. Note that in the study of the geometry of Banach spaces, the function $r(\cdot, \{x_n\})$ is also known as a type. For more on types in metric spaces, we refer to [25].

The Δ -convergence, introduced independently several years ago by Kuczumow [26] and Lim [27], is shown in CAT(0) spaces to behave similarly as the weak convergence in Banach spaces.

Definition 2.2 A bounded sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X is said to Δ -converge to $x \in X$ if x is the unique asymptotic center of every subsequence $\{u_n\}$ of $\{x_n\}$. We write $x_n \stackrel{\Delta}{\to} x$ ($\{x_n\}$ Δ -converges to x).

In this paper, we study the iteration schemes (2.1)-(2.2) for nonexpansive mappings. We study strong convergence of these iterates in strictly convex hyperbolic spaces and prove Δ -convergence results in uniformly convex hyperbolic spaces without requiring any condition similar to norm Fréchet differentiability.

In the sequel, the following results will be needed.

Lemma 2.1 [25, 28] Let X be a hyperbolic metric spaces. Assume that X is uniformly convex. Let C be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of X. Then every bounded sequence $\{x_n\} \in X$ has a unique asymptotic center with respect to C.

Lemma 2.2 [25, 28] Let X be a hyperbolic metric spaces. Assume that X is uniformly convex. Let C be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of X. Let C be a nonempty closed and convex subset of X, and $\{x_n\}$ be a bounded sequence in C such that $A(\{x_n\}) = \{y\}$ and $r(\{x_n\}) = \rho$. If $\{y_m\}$ is a sequence in C such that $\lim_{m\to\infty} r(y_m, \{x_n\}) = \rho$, then $\lim_{m\to\infty} y_m = y$.

The following lemma [29] will be useful in studying the sequence generated by (2.1) in uniformly convex metric spaces. Here we give a proof based on the ideas developed in [25].

Lemma 2.3 Let X be a uniformly convex hyperbolic space. Then for arbitrary positive numbers $\varepsilon > 0$ and r > 0, and $\alpha \in [0,1]$, we have

$$d(a, \alpha x \oplus (1 - \alpha)y) \le r(1 - \delta(r, 2 \min\{\alpha, 1 - \alpha\}\varepsilon))$$

for all $a, x, y \in X$, such that $d(z, x) \le r$, $d(z, y) \le r$, and $d(x, y) \ge r\varepsilon$.

Proof Without loss of generality, we may assume $\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$. In this case, we have $\min\{\alpha, 1 - \alpha\} = \alpha$. Let $\alpha \in X$ be fixed and $x, y \in X$. Set $\bar{x} = 2\alpha x \oplus (1 - 2\alpha)y$. Since

$$d\left(\frac{1}{2}\bar{x} \oplus \frac{1}{2}y, x\right) \le (1 - \alpha)d(x, y)$$
 and $d\left(\frac{1}{2}\bar{x} \oplus \frac{1}{2}y, y\right) = \alpha d(x, y),$

the uniform convexity of X will imply $\frac{1}{2}\bar{x} \oplus \frac{1}{2}y = \alpha x \oplus (1-\alpha)y$. Using the uniform convexity of X, we get

$$d\left(a, \frac{1}{2}\bar{x} \oplus \frac{1}{2}y\right) \leq r\left(1 - \delta(r, 2\alpha\varepsilon)\right).$$

Hence

$$d(a,\alpha x \oplus (1-\alpha)y) \le r(1-\delta(r,2\min\{\alpha,1-\alpha\}\varepsilon)).$$

Remark 2.2 If (X, d) is uniformly convex, then (X, d) is strictly convex, *i.e.*, whenever

$$d(\alpha x \oplus (1-\alpha)y, a) = d(x, a) = d(y, a)$$

for $\alpha \in (0,1)$ and any $x, y, a \in X$, then we must have x = y.

The following result is very useful.

Lemma 2.4 [25] Let (X,d) be a uniformly convex hyperbolic space. Let $R \in [0, +\infty)$ be such that

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty} d(x_n,a) \le R, \qquad \limsup_{n\to\infty} d(y_n,a) \le R \quad and \quad \lim_{n\to\infty} d\left(a,\frac{1}{2}x_n \oplus \frac{1}{2}y_n\right) = R.$$

Then we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}d(x_n,y_n)=0.$$

But since we use convex combinations other than the middle point, we will need the following generalization obtained by using Lemma 2.3.

Lemma 2.5 Let (X,d) be a uniformly convex hyperbolic space. Let $R \in [0,+\infty)$ be such that $\limsup_{n\to\infty} d(x_n,a) \le R$, $\limsup_{n\to\infty} d(y_n,a) \le R$, and

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}d(a,\alpha_nx_n\oplus(1-\alpha_n)y_n)=R,$$

where $\alpha_n \in [a, b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$. Then we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}d(x_n,y_n)=0.$$

A subset C of a metric space X is Chebyshev if for every $x \in X$, there exists $c_0 \in C$ such that $d(c_0, x) < d(c, x)$ for all $c \in C$, $c \ne c_0$. In other words, for each point of the space, there is a well-defined nearest point of C. We can then define the nearest point projection $P: X \to C$ by sending x to c_0 . We have the following result.

Lemma 2.6 [25] Let (X,d) be a complete uniformly convex hyperbolic space. Let C be nonempty, convex and closed subset of X. Let $x \in X$ be such that $d(x,C) < \infty$. Then there exists a unique best approximant of x in C, i.e., there exists a unique $c_0 \in C$ such that

$$d(x, c_0) = d(x, C) = \inf\{d(x, c); c \in C\},\$$

i.e., C is Chebyshev.

3 Convergence in strictly convex hyperbolic space

Let (X, d) be a hyperbolic metric space. Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of X. Let $S, T : C \to C$ be two nonexpansive mappings. Throughout the paper, assume that $F = F(S) \cap F(T)$. Let $x_1 \in C$ and $p \in F$ (assuming F is not empty). Set $r = d(x_1, p)$. Then

$$C(x_1) = C \cap B(p,r) = \{x \in C; d(p,x) \le r\}$$

is nonempty and invariant by both S and T. Therefore one may always assume that C is bounded provided that S and T have a common fixed point. Moreover, if $\{x_n\}$ is the sequence generated by (2.1), then we have

$$d(x_{n+1},p) = d(\alpha_n Sy_n \oplus (1-\alpha_n)x_n, p)$$

$$\leq \alpha_n d(Sy_n, p) + (1-\alpha_n)d(x_n, p)$$

$$\leq \alpha_n d(y_n, p) + (1-\alpha_n)d(x_n, p)$$

$$= \alpha_n d(\beta_n Tx_n \oplus (1-\beta_n)x_n, p) + (1-\alpha_n)d(x_n, p)$$

$$\leq \alpha_n [\beta_n d(Tx_n, p) + (1-\beta_n)d(x_n, p)] + (1-\alpha_n)d(x_n, p)$$

$$\leq d(x_n, p),$$

where $y_n = \beta_n T x_n \oplus (1 - \beta_n) x_n$. This proves that $\{d(x_n, p)\}$ is decreasing, which implies that $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, p)$ exists. Using the above inequalities, we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, p) = \lim_{n \to \infty} d\left(\alpha_n Sy_n \oplus (1 - \alpha_n)x_n, p\right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n d(Sy_n, p) + (1 - \alpha_n)d(x_n, p)$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n d(y_n, p) + (1 - \alpha_n)d(x_n, p)$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n d\left(\beta_n Tx_n \oplus (1 - \beta_n)x_n, p\right) + (1 - \alpha_n)d(x_n, p)$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n \left[\beta_n d(Tx_n, p) + (1 - \beta_n)d(x_n, p)\right] + (1 - \alpha_n)d(x_n, p).$$

The first result of this work discusses the convergence behavior of the sequence generated by (2.1).

Theorem 3.1 Let X be a strictly convex hyperbolic space. Let C be a nonempty bounded, closed and convex subset of X. Let $S, T : C \to C$ be two nonexpansive mappings. Assume that $F \neq \emptyset$. Let $x_1 \in C$ and $\{x_n\}$ be given by (2.1). Then the following hold:

- (i) if $\alpha_n \in [a, b]$ and $\beta_n \in [0, b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$, then $x_{n_i} \to y$ implies $y \in F(S)$;
- (ii) if $\alpha_n \in [a, 1]$ and $\beta_n \in [a, b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$, then $x_{n_i} \to y$ implies $y \in F(T)$;
- (iii) if $\alpha_n, \beta_n \in [a, b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$, then $x_{n_i} \to y$ implies $y \in F$. In this case, we have $x_n \to y$.

Proof Assume that $x_{n_i} \to y$. Let $p \in F$. Without loss of generality, we may assume $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_{n_i} = \alpha$ and $\lim_{n\to\infty} \beta_{n_i} = \beta$. Since $\{d(x_n, p)\}$ is decreasing, we get

$$\lim_{n_i\to\infty}d(x_n,p)=\lim_{n_i\to\infty}d(x_{n_i},p)=d(y,p).$$

The above inequalities imply

$$d(y,p) = d(\alpha S(\beta Ty \oplus (1-\beta)y) \oplus (1-\alpha)y, p)$$

$$= \alpha d(S(\beta Ty \oplus (1-\beta)y), p) + (1-\alpha)d(y, p)$$

$$= \alpha d(\beta Ty \oplus (1-\beta)y, p) + (1-\alpha)d(y, p)$$

$$= \alpha [\beta d(Ty, p) + (1-\beta)d(y, p)] + (1-\alpha)d(y, p).$$

Set r = d(y, p). Without loss of generality we may assume r > 0 otherwise most of the conclusions in the theorem are trivial. Assume that $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n > 0$. Then $\alpha \neq 0$. Hence

$$d(S(\beta Ty \oplus (1-\beta)y), p) = d(\beta Ty \oplus (1-\beta)y, p) = \beta d(Ty, p) + (1-\beta)r = r,$$

which implies $\beta d(Ty, p) = \beta r$. If we assume that $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \beta_n > 0$, then $\beta \neq 0$, which implies d(Ty, p) = r.

(1) If $\alpha \in (0,1)$ and $\beta > 0$, then

$$d(p, S(\beta Ty \oplus (1-\beta)y)) = d(\alpha S(\beta Ty \oplus (1-\beta)y) \oplus (1-\alpha)y, p) = r.$$

The strict convexity of *X* will imply $S(\beta Ty \oplus (1 - \beta)y) = y$.

(2) If $\alpha \in (0,1)$ and $\beta = 0$, then

$$d(p,y) = d(p,S(y)) = d(\alpha S(y) \oplus (1-\alpha)y, p).$$

The strict convexity of *X* will imply S(y) = y.

(3) If $\beta \in (0,1)$ and $\alpha > 0$, then

$$d(p,y) = d(p,T(y)) = d(p,\beta Ty \oplus (1-\beta)y).$$

The strict convexity of *X* will imply T(y) = y.

(4) If $\alpha, \beta \in (0,1)$, then T(y) = y and $S(\beta Ty \oplus (1-\beta)y) = y$. Hence S(y) = y.

Let us finish the proof of Theorem 3.1. Note that (i) implies $\alpha \in [a,b]$ and $\beta \in [0,b]$. If $\beta = 0$, then the conclusion (2) above implies $y \in F(S)$. Otherwise the conclusion (4) will imply $y \in F$. This proves (i).

For (ii), notice that $\alpha \in [a,1]$ and $\beta \in [a,b]$. Hence the conclusion (3) will imply $y \in F(T)$ which proves (ii).

For (iii), notice that $\alpha, \beta \in [a, b]$. Hence the conclusion (4) will imply $y \in F(T)$. Since

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}d(y_n,y)=\lim_{n\to\infty}d(y_{n_i},y)=0,$$

we get $x_n \to y$, which completes the proof of (iii).

If we assume compactness, Theorem 3.1 will imply the following result.

Theorem 3.2 Let X be a strictly convex hyperbolic space. Let C be a nonempty bounded, closed and convex subset of X. Let S, $T: C \to C$ be two nonexpansive mappings. Assume

that $F \neq \emptyset$. Fix $x_1 \in C$. Assume that $\overline{\operatorname{co}}\{\{x_1\} \cup S(C) \cup T(C)\}$ is a compact subset of C. Define $\{x_n\}$ as in (2.1) where $\alpha_n, \beta_n \in [a,b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$, and x_1 is the initial element of the sequence. Then $\{x_n\}$ converges strongly to a common fixed point of S and T.

Proof We have $x_n \in \overline{\operatorname{co}}\{\{x_1\} \cup S(C) \cup T(C)\}$. Since $\overline{\operatorname{co}}\{\{x_1\} \cup S(C) \cup T(C)\}$ is compact, $\{x_n\}$ has a convergent subsequence $\{x_{n_i}\}$, *i.e.*, $x_{n_i} \to z$. By Theorem 3.1, we have $z \in F$ and $x_n \to z$.

The existence of a common fixed point T and S is crucial. If one assumes that T and S commute, *i.e.*, $S \circ T = T \circ S$, then a common fixed point exists under the assumptions of Theorem 3.2. Indeed, fix $x_0 \in C$ and define

$$T_n x = \frac{1}{n} x_0 \oplus \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) T x$$

for $x \in C$ and $n \ge 1$. Then

$$d(T_n x, T_n y) = d\left(\frac{1}{n}x_0 \oplus \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)Tx, \frac{1}{n}x_0 \oplus \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)Ty\right)$$

$$\leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)d(Tx, Ty)$$

$$\leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)d(x, y).$$

That is, T_n is a contraction. By the Banach contraction principle (BCP), T_n has a unique fixed point u_n in C. Since the closure of T(C) is compact, there exists a subsequence $\{Tu_{n_i}\}$ of $\{Tu_n\}$ such that $Tu_{n_i} \to u$. Since T(C) is bounded and

$$d(u_n, Tu_n) = d\left(\frac{1}{n}x_0 \oplus \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)Tu_n, Tu_n\right) \le \frac{1}{n}d(x_0, Tu_n),$$

we have $d(u_n, Tu_n) \to 0$. In particular, we have $u_{n_i} \to u$. Continuity of T implies Tu = u. Since X is strictly convex, then F(T) is a nonempty convex subset of X. Since T and S commute, we have $S(F(T)) \subset F(T)$. Moreover, since the closure of T(C) is compact, we see that F(T) is compact. The above proof shows that S has a fixed point in F(T), *i.e.*, $F = F(S) \cap F(T) \neq \emptyset$.

The case S = T gives the following result.

Theorem 3.3 Let C be a nonempty closed and convex subset of a complete strictly convex hyperbolic space X. Let $T: C \to C$ be a nonexpansive mapping such that $\overline{\operatorname{co}}\{\{c_0\} \cup T(C)\}$ is a compact subset of C, where $c_0 \in C$. Define $\{x_n\}$ by (2.2), where $x_1 = c_0$, $\alpha_n \in [a,b]$ and $\beta_n \in [0,b]$ or $\alpha_n \in [a,1]$ and $\beta_n \in [a,b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$. Then $\{x_n\}$ converges strongly to a fixed point of T.

Proof We saw that in this case, we have $F(T) \neq \emptyset$. Since $x_n \in \overline{\operatorname{co}}\{\{x_1\} \cup T(C)\}$. Then there exists a subsequence $\{x_{n_i}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that $x_{n_i} \to z \in C$. By Theorem 3.1, we have Tz = z and $x_n \to z$.

4 Convergence in uniformly convex hyperbolic spaces

The following result is similar to the well-known demi-closedness principle discovered by Göhde in uniformly convex Banach spaces [30].

Lemma 4.1 Let C be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of a complete uniformly convex hyperbolic space X. Let $T: C \to C$ be a nonexpansive mapping. Let $\{x_n\} \in C$ be an approximate fixed point sequence of T, i.e., $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, Tx_n) = 0$. If $x \in C$ is the asymptotic center of $\{x_n\}$ with respect to C, then x is a fixed point of T, i.e., $x \in F(T)$. In particular, if $\{x_n\} \in C$ is an approximate fixed point sequence of T, such that $x_n \xrightarrow{\Delta} x$, then $x \in F(T)$.

Proof Let $\{x_n\}$ be an approximate fixed point sequence of T. Let $x \in C$ be the unique asymptotic center of $\{x_n\}$ with respect to C. Since

$$d(Tx, x_n) \le d(Tx, Tx_n) + d(Tx_n, x_n) \le d(x, x_n) + d(Tx_n, x_n),$$

we get

$$r(Tx, \{x_n\}) = \limsup_{n \to \infty} d(Tx, x_n)$$

$$\leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} [d(x, x_n) + d(Tx_n, x_n)] = r(x, \{x_n\}).$$

By the uniqueness of the asymptotic center, we get Tx = x.

The following theorem is necessary to discuss the behavior of the iterates in (2.1).

Theorem 4.1 Let C be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of a complete uniformly convex hyperbolic space X. Let $S, T : C \to C$ be nonexpansive mappings such that $F \neq \emptyset$. Fix $x_1 \in C$ and generate $\{x_n\}$ by (2.1). Set

$$y_n = \beta_n T x_n \oplus (1 - \beta_n) x_n$$

for any $n \ge 1$.

(i) *If*
$$\alpha_n \in [a, b]$$
, *where* $0 < a \le b < 1$, *then*

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}d(x_n,Sy_n)=0.$$

(ii) If $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n > 0$ and $\beta_n \in [a,b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$, then

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}d(x_n,Tx_n)=0.$$

(iii) If α_n , $\beta_n \in [a, b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$, then

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}d(x_n,Sx_n)=0\quad and\quad \lim_{n\to\infty}d(x_n,Tx_n)=0.$$

Proof Let $p \in F$. Then the sequence $\{d(x_n, p)\}$ is decreasing. Set $c = \lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, p)$. If c = 0, then all the conclusions are trivial. Therefore we will assume that c > 0. Note that

we have

$$d(x_{n+1}, p) \le \alpha_n d(Sy_n, p) + (1 - \alpha_n) d(x_n, p)$$
(4.1)

and

$$d(Sy_n, p) \le d(y_n, p) \le \beta_n d(Tx_n, p) + (1 - \beta_n) d(x_n, p) \le d(x_n, p)$$
(4.2)

for any $n \ge 1$. In order to prove (i), assume that $\alpha_n \in [a, b]$, where $0 < a \le b < 1$. From the inequalities (4.1) and (4.2), we get

$$d(x_{n+1},p) = d(\alpha_n Sy_n \oplus (1-\alpha_n)x_n, p) \le \alpha_n d(Sy_n, p) + (1-\alpha_n)d(x_n, p) \le d(x_n, p),$$

which implies $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(Sy_n, p) = c$. Indeed, let \mathcal{U} be an ultrafilter over \mathbb{N} . Then we have $\lim_{\mathcal{U}} \alpha_n = \alpha \in [a, b]$ and $\lim_{\mathcal{U}} d(x_n, p) = \lim_{\mathcal{U}} d(x_{n+1}, p) = c$. Hence

$$c \le \alpha \lim_{\mathcal{U}} d(Sy_n, p) + (1 - \alpha)c \le c.$$

Since $\alpha \neq 0$, we get $\lim_{\mathcal{U}} d(Sy_n, p) = c$. Since \mathcal{U} was an arbitrary ultrafilter, we get $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(Sy_n, p) = c$ as claimed. Therefore we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}d(x_n,p)=\lim_{n\to\infty}d(Sy_n,p)=\lim_{n\to\infty}d\Big(\alpha_nSy_n\oplus(1-\alpha_n)x_n,p\Big)=c.$$

Using Lemma 2.5, we get $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(Sy_n, x_n) = 0$.

Next we prove (ii). Assume $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n > 0$ and $\beta_n \in [a,b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$. First note that from (4.1) and (4.2), we get

$$d(x_{n+1}, p) \le \alpha_n d(y_n, p) + (1 - \alpha_n) d(x_n, p) \le d(x_n, p),$$

which implies $\lim_{n\to\infty}\alpha_n d(y_n,p)+(1-\alpha_n)d(x_n,p)=c$. Since $\liminf_{n\to\infty}\alpha_n>0$, we conclude that $\lim_{n\to\infty}d(y_n,p)=c$. Since $\beta_n\geq a>0$, we get in a similar fashion $\lim_{n\to\infty}d(Tx_n,p)=c$. Therefore we have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}d(x_n,p)=\lim_{n\to\infty}d(Tx_n,p)=\lim_{n\to\infty}d\left(\beta_nTx_n\oplus(1-\beta_n)x_n,p\right)=c.$$

Using Lemma 2.5, we get $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(Tx_n, x_n) = 0$.

Finally let us prove (iii). Assume that α_n , $\beta_n \in [a, b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$. Then from (i) and (ii), we know that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, Sy_n) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, Tx_n) = 0.$$

Since

$$d(x_n, Sx_n) \le d(x_n, Sy_n) + d(Sy_n, Sx_n)$$

$$\le d(x_n, Sy_n) + d(y_n, x_n)$$

$$= d(x_n, Sy_n) + \beta_n d(Tx_n, x_n)$$

$$\leq d(x_n, Sy_n) + d(Tx_n, x_n),$$

we conclude that $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, Sx_n) = 0$.

The conclusion of Theorem 4.1(iii) is amazing because the sequence generated by (2.1) gives an approximate fixed point sequence for both S and T without assuming that these mappings commute.

Remark 4.1 If we assume that $0 \le \beta_n \le b < 1$ and $\liminf_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n > 0$, then

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\beta_nd(x_n,Tx_n)=0.$$

Indeed, if we assume this not to be so, then there exists a subsequence $\{\beta_{n'}\}$ and $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\beta_{n'}d(x_{n'},Tx_{n'}) \geq \delta$$

for any $n \ge 1$. In particular, it is clear, since $\{d(x_n, Tx_n)\}$ is bounded, that $\lim_{n\to\infty} \beta_{n'} \ne 0$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $\beta_{n'} \ge a > 0$, for $n \ge 1$. The proof of (ii) will imply

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}d(x_{n'},Tx_{n'})=0,$$

which is a contradiction since $\{\beta_n\}$ is a bounded sequence. Therefore we must have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\beta_n d(x_n, Tx_n)=0.$$

In particular, if we assume $\alpha_n \in [a, b]$, then we get

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}d(x_n,Sx_n)=0.$$

As a direct consequence to Theorem 4.1 and Remark 4.1, we get the following result which discusses the Δ -convergence of the iterative sequence defined by (2.1).

Theorem 4.2 Let C be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of a complete uniformly convex hyperbolic space X. Let $S, T : C \to C$ be two nonexpansive mappings such that $F \neq \emptyset$. Fix $x_1 \in C$ and generate $\{x_n\}$ by (2.1). Then

- (i) if $\alpha_n \in [a,b]$ and $\beta_n \in [0,b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$, then $x_n \xrightarrow{\Delta} y$ and $y \in F(S)$;
- (ii) if $\alpha_n \in [a,1]$ and $\beta_n \in [a,b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$, then $x_n \xrightarrow{\Delta} y$ and $y \in F(T)$;
- (iii) if $\alpha_n, \beta_n \in [a, b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$, then $x_n \xrightarrow{\Delta} y$ and $y \in F$.

Proof Let us prove (i). Assume $\alpha_n \in [a,b]$ and $\beta_n \in [0,b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$. Theorem 4.1 and Remark 4.1 imply that $\{x_n\}$ is an approximate fixed point sequence of *S*, *i.e.*,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}d(x_n,Sx_n)=0.$$

Let y be the unique asymptotic center of $\{x_n\}$. Then Lemma 4.1 implies that $y \in F(S)$. Let us prove that in fact $\{x_n\}$ Δ -converges to y. Let $\{x_{n_i}\}$ be a subsequence of $\{x_n\}$. Let z be the unique asymptotic center of $\{x_{n_i}\}$. Again since $\{x_{n_i}\}$ is an approximate fixed point sequence of S, we get $z \in F(S)$. Hence

$$\limsup_{n_i\to\infty} d(x_{n_i},z) \leq \limsup_{n_i\to\infty} d(x_{n_i},y).$$

Since $y, z \in F(S)$, we get

$$\limsup_{n_i\to\infty}d(x_{n_i},z)=\lim_{n\to\infty}d(x_n,z)\quad\text{and}\quad \limsup_{n_i\to\infty}d(x_{n_i},y)=\lim_{n\to\infty}d(x_n,y).$$

Since *y* is the unique asymptotic center of $\{x_n\}$, we get y = z. This proves that $\{x_n\}$ Δ -converges to γ .

Next we prove (ii). Assume $\alpha_n \in [a,1]$ and $\beta_n \in [a,b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$. Then Theorem 4.1 implies that $\{x_n\}$ is an approximate fixed point sequence of T, *i.e.*,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}d(x_n,Tx_n)=0.$$

Following the same proof as given above for (i), we get $\{x_n\}$ Δ -converges to its unique asymptotic center which is a fixed point of T.

The conclusion (iii) follows easily from (i) and (ii).
$$\Box$$

As a corollary to Theorem 4.2, we get the following result when S = T.

Corollary 4.1 Let C be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of a complete uniformly convex hyperbolic space X. Let $T: C \to C$ be a nonexpansive mapping with a fixed point. Suppose that $\{x_n\}$ is given by (2.2), where $\alpha_n \in [a,b]$ and $\beta_n \in [0,b]$ or $\alpha_n \in [a,1]$ and $\beta_n \in [a,b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$. Then $x_n \xrightarrow{\Delta} p$, with $p \in F(T)$.

Using the concept of near point projection, we establish the following amazing convergence result.

Theorem 4.3 Let C be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of a complete uniformly convex hyperbolic space X. Let $S, T : C \to C$ be nonexpansive mappings such that $F \neq \emptyset$. Let P be the nearest point projection of C onto F. For an initial value $x_1 \in C$, define $\{x_n\}$ as given in (2.1), where $\alpha_n, \beta_n \in [a, b]$, with $0 < a \le b < 1$. Then $\{Px_n\}$ converges strongly to the asymptotic center of $\{x_n\}$.

Proof First, we claim that

$$d(Px_n, x_{n+m}) \le d(Px_n, x_n)$$
 for $m \ge 1, n \ge 1$. (4.3)

We prove (4.3) by induction on $m \ge 1$. For m = 1, we have

$$d(Px_n, x_{n+1}) = d(Px_n, \alpha_n Sy_n \oplus (1 - \alpha_n)x_n)$$

$$\leq \alpha_n d(Px_n, Sy_n) + (1 - \alpha_n)d(Px_n, x_n)$$

$$\leq \alpha_{n}d(Px_{n}, y_{n}) + (1 - \alpha_{n})d(Px_{n}, x_{n})$$

$$= \alpha_{n}d(Px_{n}, \beta_{n}Tx_{n} \oplus (1 - \beta_{n})x_{n}) + (1 - \alpha_{n})d(Px_{n}, x_{n})$$

$$\leq \alpha_{n}[\beta_{n}d(Px_{n}, Tx_{n}) + (1 - \beta_{n})d(Px_{n}, x_{n})] + (1 - \alpha_{n})d(Px_{n}, x_{n})$$

$$\leq \alpha_{n}[\beta_{n}d(Px_{n}, x_{n}) + (1 - \beta_{n})d(Px_{n}, x_{n})] + (1 - \alpha_{n})d(Px_{n}, x_{n})$$

$$= d(Px_{n}, x_{n}).$$

That is,

$$d(Px_n, x_{n+1}) \le d(Px_n, x_n)$$

for $n \ge 1$. Assume that (4.3) is true for m = k. That is,

$$d(Px_n, x_{n+k}) \le d(Px_n, x_n)$$

for $n \ge 1$. Hence

$$d(Px_{n}, x_{n+k+1}) = d(Px_{n}, \alpha_{n+k}Sy_{n+k} \oplus (1 - \alpha_{n+k})x_{n+k})$$

$$\leq \alpha_{n+k}d(Px_{n}, Sy_{n+k}) + (1 - \alpha_{n+k})d(Px_{n}, x_{n+k})$$

$$\leq \alpha_{n+k}d(Px_{n}, y_{n+k}) + (1 - \alpha_{n+k})d(Px_{n}, x_{n+k})$$

$$= \alpha_{n+k}d(Px_{n}, \beta_{n+k}Tx_{n+k} \oplus (1 - \beta_{n+k})x_{n+k})$$

$$+ (1 - \alpha_{n+k})d(Px_{n}, x_{n+k})$$

$$\leq \alpha_{n+k}[\beta_{n+k}d(Px_{n}, Tx_{n+k}) + (1 - \beta_{n+k})d(Px_{n}, x_{n+k})]$$

$$+ (1 - \alpha_{n+k})d(Px_{n}, x_{n+k})$$

$$\leq \alpha_{n+k}[\beta_{n+k}d(Px_{n}, x_{n+k}) + (1 - \beta_{n+k})d(Px_{n}, x_{n+k})]$$

$$+ (1 - \alpha_{n+k})d(Px_{n}, x_{n+k})$$

$$= d(Px_{n}, x_{n+k})$$

$$\leq d(Px_{n}, x_{n}).$$

This completes the proof of (4.3). Let us complete the proof of Theorem 4.3. We know from Theorem 4.2(iii) that $\{x_n\}$ Δ -converges to its unique asymptotic center y, which is in F. Let us prove that $\{Px_n\}$ converges strongly to y. Assume not, *i.e.*, there exist $\varepsilon > 0$ and a subsequence $\{Px_{n_i}\}$ such that $d(Px_{n_i}, y) \ge \varepsilon$, for any $n_i \ge 1$. It is clear that we must have $R = d(x_1, y) > 0$, otherwise $\{x_n\}$ is a constant sequence. Since

$$\begin{cases} d(x_{n_i}, y) \leq d(x_{n_i}, y), \\ d(x_{n_i}, Px_{n_i}) \leq d(x_{n_i}, y), \\ d(Px_{n_i}, y) \geq \varepsilon = d(x_{n_i}, y) \frac{\varepsilon}{d(x_{n_i}, y)} \geq d(x_{n_i}, y) \frac{\varepsilon}{R} \end{cases}$$

we get

$$d\left(x_{n_i}, \frac{1}{2}Px_{n_i} \oplus \frac{1}{2}y\right) \le d(x_{n_i}, y)\left(1 - \delta\left(d(x_{n_i}, y), \frac{\varepsilon}{R}\right)\right)$$

for any $n_i \ge 1$. Using the properties of the modulus of uniform convexity, there exists $\eta > 0$ such that

$$\delta\left(d(x_{n_i},y),\frac{\varepsilon}{R}\right) \geq \eta$$

for any $n_i \ge 1$. Hence

$$d\left(x_{n_i}, \frac{1}{2}Px_{n_i} \oplus \frac{1}{2}y\right) \leq d(x_{n_i}, y)(1 - \eta)$$

for any $n_i \ge 1$. Using the definition of the nearest point projection P, we get

$$d(x_{n_i}, Px_{n_i}) \leq d(x_{n_i}, y)(1 - \eta)$$

for any $n_i \ge 1$. Using the inequality (4.3) above, we get

$$d(x_{n_i+m}, Px_{n_i}) \le d(x_{n_i}, y)(1-\eta)$$

for any $n_i \ge 1$ and $m \ge 1$. Since $Px_{n_i} \in F$, we know that $\{d(x_n, Px_{n_i})\}$ is decreasing (in n and fixed n_i). Hence

$$\limsup_{m\to\infty} d(x_{n_i+m}, Px_{n_i}) = \lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, Px_{n_i}) \le d(x_{n_i}, y)(1-\eta)$$

for any $n_i \ge 1$. Since y is the asymptotic center of $\{x_n\}$, we get

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, y) \le \lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, Px_{n_i}) \le d(x_{n_i}, y)(1-\eta)$$

for any $n_i \ge 1$. Finally since $y \in F$, if we let $n_i \to \infty$, we get

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n,y) \leq \lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n,y)(1-\eta).$$

Since $\varepsilon \le d(x_{n_i}, Px_{n_i}) \le d(x_{n_i}, y)$, we conclude that $\varepsilon \le \lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, y)$, which implies $1 \le 1 - \eta$ which is our desired contradiction. Therefore $\{Px_n\}$ converges strongly to y.

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