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FIXED POINTS OF RETRACTIBLE MAPPINGS WITH RESPECT TO  
 THE METRIC PROJECTION

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In the paper one presents the notions of retract, retractible function and some properties following the papers /2,5/ in order to obtain generalizations of some fixed point theorems. The notions are extended to point-to-set mappings.

Let  $X \neq \emptyset$  a set and  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq X$ . A function  $r : X \rightarrow A$  is a retract of  $X$  onto  $A$  if  $r|_A = \text{id}_A$ . A function  $f : A \rightarrow X$  is retractible onto  $A$  with respect to the retract  $r$  if  $\text{Fix } r \circ f = \text{Fix } f$ , where  $\text{Fix } f$  denotes the set of the fixed points of  $f$ .

Remark 1. It is obvious that  $\text{Fix } f \subseteq \text{Fix } r \circ f$ , because  $x = f(x) \in A$  implies  $x = r(x) = r(f(x))$ ; it follows that in the definition of the retractible function one may demand only  $\text{Fix } r \circ f \subseteq \text{Fix } f$ .

R.F. Brown gives in /2/ the following condition for  $f$  to be retractible onto  $A$  with respect to the retract  $r$  :

$$(1) \quad x \in r(f(A) \setminus A) \text{ implies } f(x) = x \text{ or } f(x) \notin r^{-1}(x).$$

Condition (1) may be reformulated as

$$(1') \quad r(f(A) \setminus A) \subseteq \{x \in A : f(x) = x \text{ or } f(x) \notin r^{-1}(x)\}.$$

The next proposition is obvious.

Proposition 1. The following sets are equal

$$M = \{x \in A : f(x) = x \text{ or } f(x) \notin r^{-1}(x)\}$$

$$N = \{x \in A : f(x) \notin f^{-1}(x) \setminus \{x\}\}$$

$$P = \text{Fix } f \cup C_A \text{Fix } \text{rof.}$$

Proposition 2. Condition (1) is equivalent to each of the following

$$(2) \quad \text{Fix } \text{rof} \subseteq \text{Fix } f$$

$$(3) \quad \text{Fix } \text{rof} \subseteq f^{-1}(A).$$

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $x \in \text{Fix } \text{rof}$ , hence  $x \in A$  and  $x = r(f(x))$ . If  $f(x) \notin A$ , we have  $y = f(x) \in f(A) \setminus A$ , hence  $x = r(y) \in \text{Fix } f \cup C_A \text{Fix } \text{rof}$ . It follows  $x \in \text{Fix } f$ , which contradicts  $f(x) \notin A$ . It remains that  $f(x) \in A$  and  $x = r(f(x)) = f(x)$ , so  $x \in \text{Fix } f$  and (2) is proved.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) is obvious, since  $\text{Fix } f \subseteq f^{-1}(A)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1), in fact (3)  $\Rightarrow (A \subseteq \text{Fix } f \cup C_A \text{Fix } \text{rof})$ . Let  $x \in A$ . Suppose that  $x \notin C_A \text{Fix } \text{rof}$ , hence  $x \in \text{Fix } \text{rof} \subseteq f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f(x) = y \in A$ . Then  $x = r(f(x)) = f(x) \in A$  and  $x \in \text{Fix } f$ , so  $A \subseteq \text{Fix } f \cup C_A \text{Fix } \text{rof}$  and (1) is proved. The last inclusion is in fact an equality, the reverse inclusion being obvious.

It follows that if a function  $f : A \rightarrow X$  admits a retract  $r$  and  $\text{Fix } \text{rof} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\text{Fix } f \neq \emptyset$ .

In the following we give a general form of some fixed point theorems, using as a retract the metric projection. We recall some of the properties of the metric projection in Hilbert spaces which are mentioned and used in /6/ to obtain fixed point theorems.

Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $\emptyset \neq C \subseteq H$  a closed convex set. Then for each  $x$  in  $H$  there exists a unique  $y \in C$  such that

$$\|x-y\| = d(x,C) = \inf \{ \|x-z\| : z \in C \}.$$

In this case  $P = P_C : H \rightarrow C$ ,  $P(x) = y$  is a function named metric projection.

The function  $P : H \rightarrow C$  is a retract of  $H$  on  $C$ , because  $P|_C = \text{id}_C$ ; it satisfies the well-known relations

$$(4) \quad \text{Re}(x - Px, Px - y) \geq 0, \quad \forall x, y \in C$$

$$(5) \quad \|Px - Py\| \leq \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in H \text{ (P is nonexpansive).}$$

Proposition 3. Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,  $\emptyset \neq C \subseteq H$  a closed convex set and  $f : C \rightarrow H$  a given function. If for each  $x \in C \setminus P(f(C) \setminus C)$  which is not a fixed point for  $f$  it follows that there exists  $y \in C$  such that

$$(6) \quad \text{Re}(f(x) - x, x - y) < 0,$$

then  $f$  is retractible on  $C$  with respect to the retraction  $P$ .

Proof. Let  $x \in P(f(C) \setminus C)$  and  $x \neq \text{Fix } f$ . If  $P(f(x)) = x$ , then for each  $y \in C$   $\text{Re}(f(x) - x, x - y) \geq 0$ , contradiction. It follows  $f(x) \notin P^{-1}(x)$ , hence the condition (1) takes place and  $f$  is retractible onto  $C$  with respect to the retract  $P$ .

Now we can prove

THEOREM 1. Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,  $\emptyset \neq C \subseteq H$  a closed bounded convex set. Let  $f : C \rightarrow H$  such that for each  $x \in P(f(C) \setminus C)$ ,  $x \notin \text{Fix } f$  there exists  $y \in C$  such that  $\text{Re}(f(x) - x, x - y) < 0$  and  $P \circ f : C \rightarrow C$  is nonexpansive. Then  $f$  has in  $C$  at least a fixed point.

Proof. Accordingly to Proposition 3,  $f$  is retractible on  $C$  with respect to the retract  $P$  and  $\text{Fix } P \circ f = \text{Fix } f$ . But  $P \circ f$  being nonexpansive, the theorem of Browder /1/ implies  $\text{Fix } P \circ f \neq \emptyset$ .

Corollary 1 /6/. Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,  $\emptyset \neq C \subseteq H$  a closed bounded convex set. Let  $f : C \rightarrow H$  a nonexpansive mapping such that for each  $x \in C \setminus C$  there exists  $y \in C$  such that

$$(7) \quad \|f(x) - y\| \leq \|x - y\|.$$

Then  $f$  has at least a fixed point.

Proof. Let  $x \in P(f(C) \setminus C) \subseteq C$ ,  $x \notin \text{Fix } f$ . There exists  $y \in C$  such that (7) takes place and

$$0 \geq \|f(x) - y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 = (f(x) - x + x - y, f(x) - x + x - y) - \|x - y\|^2 = \|f(x) - x\|^2 + 2 \text{Re}(f(x) - x, x - y),$$

hence  $\operatorname{Re}(f(x) - x, x-y) < 0$ .

The hypotheses of Theorem 1 are satisfied, since  $f$  and  $P$  are nonexpansive.

**Remark 2.** There are functions  $f : C \rightarrow H$  which are not nonexpansive and fulfil the condition in Theorem 1, but not those in Corollary 1.

Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -4x+3, & x \in [0, 1/2) \\ 3/2-x, & x \in [1/2, 1] \end{cases}$$

a function which verifies the hypotheses of Theorem 1.

Let  $x = 0 \in \mathcal{O}C$ ; if  $y$  verifies (7), it follows  $3-y \leq y$ , hence  $y \geq 3/2$ , contradiction to  $y \in \mathcal{O}$ .

Applying Browder's theorem in uniformly convex spaces one obtains

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $X$  be a uniformly convex Banach space,  $\emptyset \neq C \subseteq X$  a closed bounded convex set. If  $f : C \rightarrow X$  is retractible onto  $C$  with respect to the metric projection  $P = P_C$  and  $P \circ f$  is nonexpansive, then  $f$  has in  $C$  at least a fixed point.

**Proof.** Because  $f$  is retractible onto  $C$  with respect to  $P$ , we have  $\operatorname{Fix} f = \operatorname{Fix} P \circ f$ . But  $P \circ f$  is nonexpansive, hence it has a fixed point by the Browder's theorem.

**Remark 3.** In the conditions of Theorem 2,  $f : C \rightarrow X$  is retractible onto  $C$  with respect to the metric projection  $P$  if and only if for each  $x \in P(f(C) \setminus C)$ ,  $f(x) \neq x$  there exists  $y \in C$  such that  $\|f(x) - x\| > \|f(x) - y\|$ .

Indeed, let  $x \in P(f(C) \setminus C) \subseteq C$ ,  $f(x) \neq x$ ; in this case we have  $f(x) \notin P^{-1}(x) \Leftrightarrow P(f(x)) \neq x \Leftrightarrow \exists y \in C, \|f(x) - x\| > \|f(x) - y\|$ .

We obtain

**Corollary 2.** In the conditions of Theorem 2, if  $f : C \rightarrow X$  has the property that for each  $x \in P(f(C) \setminus C) \subseteq \mathcal{O}C$ ,  $x \neq f(x)$  there

exists  $y \in C$  such that

$$(8) \quad \|f(x) - x\| > \|f(x) - y\|$$

and  $P \circ f$  is nonexpansive, then  $f$  has in  $C$  at least a fixed point.

Using the condition (7) one obtains

**Corollary 3.** In the hypotheses of Theorem 2, if  $f : C \rightarrow X$  has the property that for each  $x \in P(f(C) \setminus C) \subseteq \mathcal{O}C$  there exists  $y \in C$  such that (7) takes place and  $P \circ f$  is nonexpansive, then  $f$  has in  $C$  at least a fixed point.

**Proof.** Let  $x \in P(f(C) \setminus C)$ ; if  $x = f(x)$  the theorem is proved. If  $x \neq f(x)$ , it follows that there exists  $y \in C$  such that  $\|f(x) - y\| \leq \|x - y\|$ . If we suppose  $x = P \circ f(x)$ , then  $\|f(x) - x\| = \inf \{ \|f(x) - y\| : y \in C \} \leq \inf \{ \|x - y\| : y \in C \} = 0$ , which is a contradiction. It follows that  $f$  is retractible onto  $C$  with respect to  $P$ , hence  $\operatorname{Fix} f \neq \emptyset$ .

Now we shall generalize the notion of retractible function to point-to-set mappings (shortly, mappings).

Let  $X \neq \emptyset$  a set,  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq X$ . A mapping  $R : X \rightarrow 2^A \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  is a retract of  $X$  onto  $A$  if  $R|_A = \operatorname{id}_A$ . Therefore  $R$  restricted on the set  $A$  is a function which coincides to the identical function. A mapping  $F : A \rightarrow 2^X \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  is retractible onto  $A$  with respect to the retract  $R$  if  $\operatorname{Fix} R \circ F = \operatorname{Fix} F$ , where  $\operatorname{Fix} F = \{x \in A : x \in F(x)\}$ .

The analogous of condition (1) is

(9)  $x \in R(F(A) \setminus A)$  implies  $x \in F(x)$  or  $F(x) \cap R^{-1}(x) = \emptyset$ , where  $R^{-1}(x) = \{z \in X : x \in R(z)\}$ . The condition (9) may be reformulate as

$$(9') \quad R(F(A) \setminus A) \subseteq \{x \in A : x \in F(x) \text{ or } F(x) \cap R^{-1}(x) = \emptyset\}.$$

We obtain some results analogous to those for functions.

**Proposition 4.** The next two sets are equal

$$U = \{x \in A : x \in F(x) \text{ or } F(x) \cap R^{-1}(x) = \emptyset\}$$

Proposition 5. The condition (9) is equivalent to

(10)  $\text{Fix RoF} \subseteq \text{Fix F}$ .

Remark 4. It is obvious that  $\text{Fix F} \subseteq \text{Fix RoF}$ , since  $x \in \text{Fix F}$  implies  $x \in F(x)$  and  $x \in A$ , hence  $x = R(x) \subseteq R(F(x))$  and  $x \in \text{Fix RoF}$ . In fact, (10) means that  $\text{Fix RoF} = \text{Fix F}$ .

Proof of Proposition 5.

(9')  $\Rightarrow$  (10). Let  $x \in \text{Fix RoF}$ , so  $x \in \text{RoF}(x)$ ; there exists  $y \in F(x)$  such that  $x \in R(y)$ . If  $y \in A$ ,  $R(y) = \{y\}$  and  $x = y$ , hence  $x \in \text{Fix F}$ . If  $y \notin A$ ,  $x \in R(y) \subseteq R(F(A) \setminus A) \subseteq \text{Fix F} \cup C_A \text{Fix RoF}$ . But  $x \in \text{RoF}(x)$  and again  $x \in \text{Fix F}$ .

Conversely, we show that (10) implies  $A \subseteq \text{Fix F} \cup C_A \text{Fix RoF}$ , the inclusion meaning in fact equality. Indeed,  $\text{Fix RoF} \subseteq \text{Fix F}$  implies  $C_A \text{Fix RoF} \supseteq C_A \text{Fix F}$ , hence  $A = \text{Fix F} \cup C_A \text{Fix RoF}$ .

In the following we obtain for point-to-set mappings some results which are analogous to those in the first part of this paper. We shall use again as a retract the metric projection on closed convex sets in uniformly convex spaces, which is in fact a function.

In uniformly convex spaces, the metric projection is no more a nonexpansive mapping, but it is a continuous one.

Indeed, let  $X$  be a uniformly convex Banach space,  $\emptyset \neq C \subseteq X$  a closed convex set. We prove that  $P_C = P$  is continuous.

Let  $x_n \xrightarrow{n} x$ . We have

$$d(x, C) \leq \|x - Px_n\| \leq \|x - x_n\| + \|x_n - Px_n\| = \|x - x_n\| + d(x_n, C) \leq 2\|x - x_n\| + d(x, C).$$

It follows that  $\|x - Px_n\| \xrightarrow{n} d(x, C)$ , hence  $(Px_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a minimizing sequence. If  $x \in C$ , this means precisely  $\|Px - Px_n\| \xrightarrow{n} 0$  and the continuity of  $P$  is proved.

If  $x \notin C$ , then  $d(x, C) > 0$ . The set  $C$  being convex it follows that  $(Px_n + Px_n)/2 \in C$  and

$$2d(x, C) \leq 2\|x - (Px_n + Px_n)/2\| \leq \|x - Px_n\| + \|x - Px_n\| \xrightarrow{n} 2d(x, C),$$

hence  $\|(x - Px_n)/d(x, C) + (y - Px_n)/d(x, C)\| \xrightarrow{n, D} 2$ . Denoting  $z_n = (x - Px_n)/d(x, C)$ , we have  $\|z_n\| \xrightarrow{n} 1$ ,  $\|(z_n + z_n)/2\| \xrightarrow{n} 1$  and using the uniform convexity of  $X$  it follows that  $(z_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence /8, Llo.2.2, p. 379/, hence a convergent one. Let  $y = \lim_n Px_n$ .

Using  $d(x, C) \leq \|x - Px_n\| \leq 2\|x - x_n\| + d(x, C)$  we obtain  $\|x - y\| = d(x, C)$ , hence  $y = Px$  and the continuity of  $P$  is proved in this case too.

Now we prove a theorem which extends to mappings whose range is not necessarily in  $C$  a theorem of IJM /4/. We denote by  $\mathcal{P}_C(C)$  the family of the compact nonvoid subsets of  $C$ .

THEOREM 3 /4/. Let  $X$  be a uniformly convex Banach space,  $\emptyset \neq C \subseteq X$  a closed bounded convex set,  $F : C \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_C(C)$  a nonexpansive mapping (in  $\mathcal{P}_C(C)$  one considers the Hausdorff-Pompeiu metric). Then there exists  $x \in C$  such that  $x \in F(x)$ .

THEOREM 4. Let  $X$  be a uniformly convex Banach space,  $\emptyset \neq C \subseteq X$  a closed bounded convex set,  $F : C \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_C(X)$  a mapping which is retractible onto  $C$  with respect to the metric projection  $P = P_C$  such that  $P \circ F$  is nonexpansive. Then the mapping  $F$  has in  $C$  at least a fixed point.

Proof. Because  $F(x)$  is a compact set for each  $x$  in  $C$  and  $P$  is a continuous function, we have  $P \circ F : C \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_C(C)$ . The mapping  $F$  being retractible on  $C$  with respect to  $P$ , it follows  $\text{Fix F} = \text{Fix } P \circ F$  and using Theorem 4 one obtains  $\text{Fix F} \neq \emptyset$ .

One remarks that  $F$  is retractible onto  $C$  with respect to  $P$  if and only if for each  $x \in F(C) \setminus C$  which is not a fixed point for  $F$  and for each  $z \in F(x)$  there exists  $y \in C$  such that  $\|z - x\| > \|z - y\|$ . Equivalently, for each  $z \in F(x)$  we have  $\|z - x\| > d(z, C)$ .

We obtain

**Corollary 4.** Let  $X$  and  $C$  be as in Theorem 4; if  $F : C \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_C(X)$

has the property that for each  $x \in P(F(C) \setminus C)$  which is not a fixed point for  $F$  and for each  $z \in F(x)$  there exists  $y \in C$  such that  $\|z-x\| > \|z-y\|$  and  $PoF$  is nonexpansive, then  $F$  has in  $C$  at least a fixed point.

Theorem 3 is extended in several papers to mappings whose range is not contained in the convex set  $C$ , but  $F(x) \subseteq J_C(x) = \{(1-a)x + ay : y \in C, \operatorname{Re} a > 1/2\}$  for each  $x$  in  $C$ .

**Remark 5.** If  $X$  is a real Banach space, then  $J_C(x) = \{(1-b)x + by : y \in C, b \geq 0\}$  for  $x$  in  $C$ .

We obtain now

**Corollary 5.** Let  $X$  and  $C$  be as in Theorem 4; if  $F : C \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_C(X)$  has the property that  $F(x) \subseteq J_C(x) = \{(1-a)x + ay : y \in C, \operatorname{Re} a > 1/2\}$  for each  $x \in P(F(C) \setminus C)$  which is not a fixed point for  $F$  and  $PoF$  is nonexpansive, then  $\operatorname{Fix} F \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x \in P(F(C) \setminus C)$ ,  $x \notin \operatorname{Fix} F$  and  $z \in F(x) \subseteq J_C(x)$ . It follows that there exists  $y \in C$  and  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} a > 1/2$  such that  $z = (1-a)x + ay$ .

We have  $y \neq x$ , since  $y = x$  implies  $z = x \in F(x)$ , contradiction. Then  $\|z-x\| = |a| \|y-x\|$  and  $\|z-y\| = |1-a| \|y-x\|$ . But  $\operatorname{Re} a > 1/2$  implies  $|a| > |1-a|$ , hence  $\|z-x\| > \|z-y\|$  and Corollary 4 applies.

Theorem 4 has as a Corollary Theorem 2.3 /3/, where one imposes another condition of inwardness than  $F(x) \subseteq J_C(x)$ .

**Corollary 6 /3/.** Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,  $\emptyset \neq C \subseteq H$  a closed bounded convex set,  $F : C \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_C(H)$  nonexpansive and  $A : C \rightarrow [0,1]$  an arbitrary function. In addition one suppose that for each  $x \in C$  and  $y \in F(x)$  one has

$$(11) \quad \liminf_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h^{-1} d((1-h)x + hy, K) \leq A(x) d(x, Fx).$$

Then  $F$  has in  $C$  at least a fixed point.

**Proof.** In the conditions of the corollary,  $PoF$  is nonexpansive. We have also  $\operatorname{Fix} PoF \subseteq \operatorname{Fix} F$ . Indeed, let  $x \in PoF(x)$ , hence there exists  $y \in F(x)$  such that  $x = P(y)$ . We show that for  $h \in (0,1)$  one has

$$(12) \quad d((1-h)x + hy, C) = \|(1-h)x + hy - x\|.$$

We suppose that there exists  $h \in (0,1)$  such that  $z \in C$ ,  $z \neq x$  and

$$\|(1-h)x + hy - z\| < \|(1-h)x + hy - x\|.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } \|y - z\| &\leq \|(1-h)x + hy - z\| + \|(1-h)(x - y)\| < \\ &< \|(1-h)x + hy - x\| + \|(1-h)(x - y)\| = \|x - y\|, \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts  $x \in P(y)$ . It follows that the relation (12) holds, and consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, F(x)) &\leq \|x - y\| = \liminf_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h^{-1} d((1-h)x + hy, C) \leq \\ &\leq A(x) d(x, F(x)). \end{aligned}$$

But  $A(x) < 1$ , hence  $d(x, F(x)) = 0$  and  $x \in F(x)$ .

Applying Theorem 4 one obtains the conclusion.

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