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ON APPROXIMATE SOLVING BY SEQUENCES  
THE EQUATIONS IN BANACH SPACES

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Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $Y$  a linear normed space, and the equation

$$(1) \quad P(x) = \theta,$$

where  $P: X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous mapping, and  $\theta$  is the null element of  $Y$ . We consider a sequence  $(x_n)$  of elements of  $X$  and a positive integer  $s$ .

**DEFINITION 1.** [4]. *The sequence  $(x_n)$  has the order  $s$  with respect to the mapping  $P$ , iff there exists a positive number  $\alpha$  which does not depend on  $n$  so that*

$$\|P(x_{n+1})\| \leq \alpha \|P(x_n)\|^s \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

**DEFINITION 2.** [4] *The sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent of the order  $s$  with respect to the mapping  $P$  iff  $(x_n)$  has the order  $s$  with respect to the mapping  $P$  and it is convergent.*

In the present paper we study sufficient conditions on the mapping  $P$  and the sequence  $(x_n)$ , for the convergence of the order  $s$  with respect to the mapping  $P$  of the sequence  $(x_n)$ , so that the limit  $x^*$  of the sequence  $(x_n)$  is a solution of the equation (1).

Further on we shall suppose that  $s \geq 2$ .

**THEOREM.** *If the mapping  $P$ , the sequence  $(x_n)$  and the number  $\delta > 0$  satisfy, in the sphere  $S(x_0, \delta) = \{x : \|x - x_0\| \leq \delta\}$ , the following conditions:*

$$(i) \quad \sup \{ \| [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{s+1}; P] \| : u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{s+1} \in S(x_0, \delta) \} \leq \\ \leq M < +\infty,$$

where  $[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{s+1}; P]$  is the divided difference of the  $s$ -th order of the mapping  $P$  in the different points  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{s+1}$  [1], [2], [5];

(ii) there exist the points  $x_{-s+1}, x_{-s+2}, \dots, x_{-1} \in S(x_0, \delta)$  and a positive number  $A$  which does not depend on  $n$  so that

$$\|P(x_{n-s+1}) + \sum_{j=2}^s [x_{n-s+1}, x_{n-s+2}, \dots, x_{n-s+j}; P] \times (x_{n+1} - x_{n-s+j-1}) \\ (x_{n+1} - x_{n-s+j-2}) \dots (x_{n+1} - x_{n-s+1})\| \leq \|P(x_n)\|^s$$

for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots (x_n \in S(x_0, \delta))$ ;

(iii) there is a positive  $B$  which does not depend on  $n$  and  $k$ , so that

$$\|x_{n+1} - x_k\| \leq B\|P(x_n)\|$$

for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $k = -s + 1, -s + 2, \dots, 0, 1, \dots$  with  $n \geq k$ ;

(iv)  $h_0 = \|P(x_0)\|(A + MB^s)^{\frac{1}{s-1}} = \eta_0 \cdot v < 1$ ,

$$\frac{B \cdot h_0}{v(1 - h_0)} \leq \delta;$$

then

(j) the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent of the order  $s$  with respect to the mapping  $P$ , and  $x^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  is a solution of the equation (1), i.e.  $P(x^*) = \theta$ ;

(jj)  $x^* \in S(x_0, \delta)$ ;

(jjj)  $\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \leq \frac{Bh_0^{s^n}}{v}$  for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ ;

(jv)  $\|x^* - x_n\| \leq \frac{Bh_0^{s^n}}{v(1 - h_0^{s^n})}$  for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ ;

(v)  $\|P(x_n)\| \leq \frac{h_0^{s^n}}{v}$  for  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ ;

*Proof.* First we prove by induction the following relations

(2)  $x_i \in S, i = 1, 2, \dots$ ;

(3)  $\|x_i - x_{i-1}\| \leq \frac{B}{v} h_0^{s^{i-1}}, i = 1, 2, \dots$ ;

(4)  $\|P(x_i)\| \leq v^{s-1} \|P(x_{i-1})\|, i = 1, 2, \dots$

a) For  $n = k = 0$ , (iii) gives

$$\|x_1 - x_0\| \leq B\|P(x_0)\| = \frac{Bv\|P(x_0)\|}{v} = \frac{Bh_0}{v} \leq \frac{Bh_0}{1 - h_0} \leq \delta,$$

which means that (2) and (3) hold for  $i = 1$ .

By (ii) we have for  $n = 0$ .

$$\|P(x_1)\| \leq \|P(x_1) - [P(x_{-s+1}) + \\ + \sum_{j=2}^s [x_{-s+1}, x_{-s+2}, \dots, x_{-s+j}; P](x_1 - x_{-s+j-1})(x_1 - x_{-s+j+2}) \dots (x_1 - x_{-s+1})]\| + \\ + \|P(x_{-s+1}) + \sum_{j=2}^s [x_{-s+1}, x_{-s+2}, \dots, x_{-s+j}; P](x_1 - x_{-s+j+1}) \dots (x_1 - x_{-s+1})\| \leq \\ \leq \| [x_{-s+1}, x_{-s+2}, \dots, x_{-1}, x_0, x_1; P] \| + A\|P(x_0)\|^s \leq \\ \leq M \cdot B^s \|P(x_0)\|^s + A\|P(x_0)\|^s = \|P(x_0)\|^s (A + M \cdot B^s) = \\ = \|P(x_0)\|^s \left[ (A + MB^s)^{\frac{1}{s-1}} \right]^{s-1} = \|P(x_0)\|^s v^{s-1},$$

i.e. for  $i = 1$  (jv) is also true. Hence the relations (2) - (4) are verified for  $i = 1$ .

b) We suppose that the relations (2) - (4) are satisfied for a fixed  $i > 1$ .

c) We prove that the relations (2) - (4) are verified for  $i + 1$ .  
Multiplying both members of the inequality (4) by  $v$ , it results

$$(5) \quad h_i = v\|P(x_i)\| \leq v^s \|P(x_{i-1})\|^s = (v\|P(x_{i-1})\|)^s \leq (v^s \|P(x_{i-2})\|)^s = \\ = (v\|P(x_{i-2})\|)^{s^2} \leq \dots (v\|P(x_0)\|)^{s^i} = h_0^{s^i}.$$

From (iii) we obtain for  $n = k = i$

$$\|x_{i+1} - x_i\| \leq B\|P(x_i)\| = \frac{Bv\|P(x_i)\|}{v} = \frac{Bh_0^{s^i}}{v},$$

i.e. (3) is true for  $i + 1$ .

We have

$$\|x_{i+1} - x_0\| \leq \|x_{i+1} - x_i\| + \|x_i - x_{i+1}\| + \dots + \|x_1 - x_0\| \leq \\ \leq \frac{B}{v} (h_0^{s^i} + h_0^{s^{i-1}} + \dots + h_0^s + h_0) \leq \\ \leq \frac{B}{v} (h_0 + h_0^2 + \dots + h^i + \dots) = \frac{Bh_0}{v(1 - h_0)} = \delta$$

which shows that  $x_{i+1} \in S(x_0, \delta)$ .

Using (ii) for  $n = i$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \|P(x_{i+1})\| &\leq \left\| P(x_{i+1}) - \left[ P(x_{i-s+1}) + \right. \right. \\ &+ \sum_{j=2}^s [x_{i-s+1}, x_{i-s+2}, \dots, x_{i-s+j}; P](x_{i+1} - x_{i-s+j-1})(x_{i+1} - x_{i-s+j+2}) \dots \\ &\quad \left. \dots (x_{i+1} - x_{i-s+1}) \right\| + \left\| P(x_{i-s+1}) + \right. \\ &+ \sum_{j=2}^s [x_{i-s+1}, x_{i-s+2}, \dots, x_{i-s+j}; P](x_{i+1} - x_{i-s+j-1})(x_{i+1} - x_{i-s+j-2}) \dots \\ &\quad \left. \dots (x_{i+1} - x_{i-s+1}) \right\| \leq A \|P(x_i)\|^s + MB^s \|P(x_i)\|^s = \\ &= \|P(x_i)\|^s (A + MB^s) = v^{s-1} \|P(x_i)\|, \end{aligned}$$

hence (4) is true for  $i + 1$ .

In conclusion the relations (2) - (4) hold for all the positive integers.

The property (4) shows that the sequence  $(x_n)$  has the order  $s$  with respect to the mapping  $P$ .

Now we prove that the sequence  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy-sequence, hence it is convergent.

Using (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (6) \quad \|x_{n+p} - x_n\| &\leq \|x_{n+p} - x_{n+p-1}\| + \dots + \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \leq \\ &\leq \frac{B}{v} (h_0^{s^n} + h_0^{s^{n+1}} + \dots + h_0^{s^{n+p}}) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{B}{v} h_0^{s^n} (1 + h_0^s + h_0^{2s} + \dots) = \frac{B h_0^{s^n}}{v(1 - h_0^s)}, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+p} - x_n\| = 0$$

for every  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ , i.e.  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy - sequence, and  $x$  being a Banach space the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent.

For  $p \rightarrow \infty$  in the inequality (6) we obtain (iv). Also from (6) we obtain

(jjj) putting  $p = 1$ .

From (2) it results that  $x^* \in S(s_0, \delta)$ .

For  $i = n$  (5) implies

$$\|P(x_n)\| \leq \frac{h_0^{s^n}}{v},$$

i.e. the relation (v) holds.

For proving the fact that  $x^*$  is a solution of the equation (1), in (v) we make  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and so we obtain ( $0 < h_0 < 1$ )

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|P(x_n)\| = 0,$$

hence  $\lim P(x_n) = P(x^*) = 0$ .

*Remark.* If  $P$  is Fréchet-differentiable, choosing the divided difference for which  $[x, x; P] = P'(x)$ , [3] we can reobtain the results of the paper [4].

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