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ON CONVERGENT SEQUENCES OF SECOND ORDER
WITH RESPECT TO A MAPPING

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Let X be a Banach space and let's consider the equation

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

where $P: X \rightarrow X$ is a continuous mapping and θ is the null element of X . The equation can be written as follows:

$$(1') \quad x - \Phi(x) = \theta.$$

The sequence (x_n) ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$), which consists of points of X , is called convergent of second order with respect to the mapping P , if (x_n) is convergent and a number $\alpha > 0$ exists, which does not depend on n , so that

$$\|P(x_{n+1})\| \leq \alpha \|P(x_n)\|^2$$

for all $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ [4].

In this paper we shall give sufficient conditions so that a sequence (x_n) of the space X is convergent of second order with respect to the mapping P and the limit of the sequence is a solution of equation (1).

In the followings we shall note by $[z_1, z_2; P]$ and $[z_1, z_2, z_3; P]$ respectively the divided differences of first and second order in the points z_1, z_2, z_3 . We shall also use the notation $u_n = \Phi(x_n)$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$.

THEOREM. *Let's presume the sequence (x_n) , the mapping P and the number $\alpha > 0$ are so that in the ball $S(x_0, \delta) = \{x: \|x - x_0\| < \delta\}$ the following conditions are satisfied:*

$$1^\circ \sup \{ \|[z_1, z_2, z_3; P]\| : z_1, z_2, z_3 \in S(x_0, \delta) \} \leq M < \infty;$$

2° There exists a positive integer A which does not depend on n so that

$$\|P(u_n) + [x_n, u_n; P](x_{n+1} - u_n)\| \leq A \|P(x_n)\|^2$$

for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$;

3° A positive number B exists, which does not depend on n so that

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

for any $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$;

$$4^\circ h_0 = \|P(x_0)\|(A + MB^2) = \eta_0 \gamma < 1, \quad \delta = \frac{h_0(1+B)}{\gamma(1-h_0)}.$$

In these conditions the sequence (x_n) has the following qualities:

(i) (x_n) is convergent of second order with respect to the mapping P and the limit x^* of the sequence is a solution of equation (1);

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

$$(iii) \quad \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \leq \frac{B h_0^{2^n}}{\gamma} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots;$$

$$(iv) \quad \|x^* - x_n\| \leq \frac{B h_0^{2^n}}{\gamma(1-h_0^{2^n})} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots;$$

$$(v) \quad \|P(x_n)\| \leq \frac{h_0^{2^n}}{\gamma} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Proof. First we shall prove by mathematical induction the following relations:

$$(2) \quad x_k \in S(x_0, \delta),$$

$$(3) \quad \|x_k - x_{k-1}\| \leq \frac{B}{\gamma} h_0^{2^k-1},$$

$$(4) \quad \|P(x_k)\| \leq \gamma \|P(x_{k-1})\|^2 \text{ for all } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

a) From 3° for $n = 0$ results

$$\|x_1 - x_0\| \leq B \|P(x_0)\| = \frac{B \eta_0 \gamma}{\gamma} \leq \frac{B h_0}{\gamma(1-h_0)} < \delta,$$

therefore $x_1 \in S(x_0, \delta)$ ((2) is true for $k = 1$).

From 3° for $n = 0$ also results

$$\|x_1 - x_0\| \leq B \|P(x_0)\| = \frac{B \eta_0 \gamma}{\gamma} = \frac{B h_0}{\gamma},$$

which means that (3) is true for $k = 1$.

We have

$$\|x_0 - u_0\| = \|x_0 - \Phi(x_0)\| = \|P(x_0)\| = \eta_0 \leq \frac{\eta_0 \gamma}{\gamma(1-h_0)} = \frac{h_0}{\gamma(1-h_0)},$$

therefore $u_0 \in S(x_0, \delta)$.

Using 1°–3° we may write

$$\begin{aligned} \|P(x_1)\| &\leq \|P(x_1) - P(u_0) - [x_0, u_0; P](x_1 - u_0)\| + \|P(u_0) + \\ &+ [x_0, u_0; P](x_1 - u_0)\| \leq \|[x_1, x_0, u_0; P](x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - u_0)\| + \\ &+ \|P(x_0)\|^2 A \leq M \|x_1 - x_0\| \cdot \|x_1 - u_0\| + A \|P(x_0)\|^2 \leq \\ &\leq (MB^2 + A) \|P(x_0)\|^2 = \gamma \|P(x_0)\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

and so for $k = 1$ (4) is also true.

b) We presume that (2)–(4) are true for any $k \leq m$, $m > 1$ and we prove that they are true for $k = m + 1$.

c) From 3° for $n = m$ we have

$$\|x_{m+1} - x_m\| \leq B \|P(x_m)\|,$$

which together with (4) lead us to

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{m+1} - x_m\| &\leq \frac{1}{\gamma} \gamma B \|P(x_m)\| \leq \frac{1}{\gamma} B \gamma^2 \|P(x_{m-1})\|^2 = \frac{B}{\gamma} \|\gamma P(x_{m-1})\|^2 \leq \\ &\leq \frac{B}{\gamma} \|\gamma P(x_{m-2})\|^2 \leq \dots \leq \frac{B}{\gamma} \|\gamma P(x_0)\|^{2^m} = \frac{B}{\gamma} h_0^{2^m}, \end{aligned}$$

and so (3) is proved for $k = m + 1$.

By (3) we may write

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{m+1} - x_0\| &\leq \|x_{m+1} - x_m\| + \dots + \|x_1 - x_0\| \leq \\ &\leq \frac{B}{\gamma} (h_0^{2^m} + h_0^{2^{m-1}} + \dots + h_0) \leq \frac{h_0 B}{\gamma(1-h_0)}, \end{aligned}$$

which means $x_{m+1} \in S(x_0, \delta)$.

Further we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_m - x_0\| &= \|\Phi(x_m) - x_0\| \leq \|x_m - \Phi(x_m)\| + \|x_m - x_{m-1}\| + \\ &+ \|x_{m-1} - x_{m-2}\| + \dots + \|x_1 - x_0\| \leq \frac{h_0^{2^m}}{\gamma(1-h_0)} + \frac{h_0 B}{\gamma(1-h_0)} \leq \frac{h_0(1+B)}{\gamma(1-h_0)}, \end{aligned}$$

therefore u_m is also in the ball $S(x_0, \delta)$.

Using $1^\circ-3^\circ$ for $n = m$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|P(x_{m+1})\| &\leq \|P(x_{m+1}) - P(u_m) - [x_m, u_m; P](x_{m+1} - u_m)\| + \\ &\quad + \|P(u_m) + [x_m, u_m; P](x_{m+1} - u_m)\| \leq \\ &\leq A\|P(x_m)\|^2 + \|[x_{m+1}, x_m, u_m; P](x_{m+1} - x_m)(x_{m+1} - u_m)\| \leq \\ &\leq A\|P(x_m)\|^2 + MB^2\|P(x_m)\|^2 = (A + MB^2)\|P(x_m)\|^2 = \gamma\|P(x_m)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

and so (4) is proved for $k = m + 1$.

We have thus proved that the relations (2)-(4) are true for any positive integer k .

(4) shows that the sequence is second order with respect to the mapping P . Let's prove that the sequence (x_n) is a Cauchy sequence. Using (3) it results:

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \quad \|x_{n+p} - x_n\| &\leq \|x_{n+p} - x_{n+p-1}\| + \dots + \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \leq \\ &\leq \frac{B}{\gamma} (\overline{h_0}^{2n+p-1} + \dots + h_0^{2n}) \leq \frac{B}{\gamma} h_0^{2n} (1 + h_0^{2n} + h_0^{2n+1} + \dots) = \frac{Bh_0^{2n}}{\gamma(1-h_0^{2n})}, \end{aligned}$$

therefore $\|x_{n+p} - x_n\| \rightarrow 0$ when $n \rightarrow \infty$ for any p which means that the sequence (x_n) is a Cauchy sequence. The sequence is convergent because X is a Banach space. So the sequence (x_n) is convergent of second order with respect to the mapping P .

From (2) results that $x^* \in S(x_0, \delta)$ and so (ii) is true.

From (5) for $p = 1$ we obtain (iii).

For $p \rightarrow \infty$ (5) leads us to the inequality (iv).

From (4) we obtain successively

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma\|P(x_n)\| &\leq \gamma^2\|P(x_{n-1})\|^2 = (\gamma\|P(x_{n-1})\|)^2 \leq (\gamma^2\|P(x_{n-2})\|)^2 = \\ &= (\gamma\|P(x_{n-2})\|)^{2^2} \leq \dots \leq (\gamma\|P(x_0)\|)^{2^n} = h_0^{2^n}, \end{aligned}$$

and so (v) is proved.

We only have to prove now that x^* is a solution of equation (1). From (v) for $n \rightarrow \infty$ we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|P(x_n)\| = \|\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(x_n)\| = \|P(x^*)\| = 0 \quad (h_0 < 1)$$

therefore $P(x^*) = 0$.

Thus the theorem has been proved.

Let x_0 be a point of the space X and let's presume that in a neighbourhood of x_0 the mapping $[z_1, z_2; P]^{-1}$ exists. Let's consider the sequence (x_n) given by recurrence with the following formula:

$$(6) \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - [x_n, u_n; P]^{-1}P(x_n), \quad u_n = \Phi(x_n), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

(Steffensen's method, [1] and [5]).

Consequence. If the point $x_0 \in X$, the mapping P and the number $r > 0$ are so that in the ball $S(x_0, r) = \{\|x - x_0\| < r\}$ the following conditions are satisfied

$$I^\circ \sup \{\|[z_1, z_2, z_3; P]\| : z_1, z_2, z_3 \in S(x_0, r)\} \leq M < +\infty;$$

II $^\circ$ there exists a positive number B_0 so that

$$\sup \{\|[z_1, z_2; P]^{-1}\| : z_1, z_2 \in S(x_0, r)\} \leq B_0;$$

$$III^\circ \bar{h}_0 = \|P(x_0)\|M(1 + B_0)^2 = \eta_0\omega < 1,$$

$$r = \frac{\bar{h}_0(2 + B_0)}{\omega(1 - \bar{h}_0)},$$

then

j) the sequence (x_n) is convergent of second order with respect to the mapping P and the limit x^* of the sequence is a solution of equation (1);

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

$$(jjj) \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \leq \frac{(1 + B_0)\bar{h}_0^{2^n}}{\omega} \quad \text{for all } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots;$$

$$jiv) \|x^* - x_n\| \leq \frac{(1 + B_0)\bar{h}_0^{2^n}}{\omega(1 - \bar{h}_0^{2^n})} \quad \text{for all } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots;$$

$$v) \|P(x_n)\| \leq \frac{1}{\omega} \bar{h}_0^{2^n} \quad \text{for all } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Proof. We shall prove that the former theorem can be applied. The conditions 1° and I° are the same. The condition 2° is satisfied for $A = 0$. Really using (6) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} P(u_n) + [x_n, u_n; P](x_{n+1} - u_n) &= P(u_n) + [x_n, u_n; P](x_{n+1} - \\ &- x_n + x_n - u_n) = P(u_n) - [x_n, u_n; P][x_n, u_n; P]^{-1}P(x_n) + \\ &+ [x_n, u_n; P](x_n - u_n) = P(u_n) - P(x_n) + P(x_n) - P(u_n) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From (6) using II $^\circ$ results

$$\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \leq B_0\|P(x_n)\|.$$

Further we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} - u_n &= x_{n+1} - \Phi(x_n) = x_n - [x_n, u_n; P]^{-1}P(x_n) - \Phi(x_n) = \\ &= x_n - \Phi(x_n) - [x_n, u_n; P]^{-1}P(x_n) = P(x_n) - [x_n, u_n; P]^{-1}P(x_n), \end{aligned}$$

from which we obtain

$$\|x_{n+1} - u_n\| \leq (1 + B_0)\|P(x_n)\|.$$

So for $B = 1 + B_0$ the condition 3° is satisfied.

The condition III^o is the same with 4^o if we take $A = 0$. The notation $\omega = M(1 + B_0)^2$ has been used.

The conditions of the theorem being satisfied we may use it and we obtain j)–v).

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