Separable Determination of the Fixed Point Property of Convex Sets in Banach Spaces

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Abstract. In this paper, we first show that for every mapping *f* from a metric space Ω to itself which is continuous off a countable subset of Ω , there exists a nonempty closed separable subspace $S \subset \Omega$ so that $f|_S$ is again a self mapping on *S*. Therefore, both the fixed point property and the weak fixed point property of a nonempty closed convex set in a Banach space are separably determined. We then prove that every separable subspace of $c_0(\Gamma)$ (for any set Γ) is again lying in c_0 . Making use of these results, we finally presents a simple proof of the famous result: Every non-expansive self-mapping defined on a nonempty weakly compact convex set of $c_0(\Gamma)$ has a fixed point.

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1 Introduction

A mapping *f* from a nonempty set *D* to itself is said to be a self-mapping of *D*. If D = (D,d) is a metric space, then we call the mapping *f* "Lipschitz" whenever there exists a constant L > 0, so that

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \le Ld(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in D.$$

In this case, we also say precisely that *f* is *L*-Lipschitz on *D*. A mapping $f: D \rightarrow D$ is nonexpansive if it is 1-Lipschitz.

We say that a nonempty closed convex set *C* of a Banach space *X* has the fixed point property, if every nonexpansive mapping *f* defined on each nonempty closed bounded convex subset *D* of *C* has a fixed point, i.e. there is $x_0 \in D$ so that $f(x_0) = x_0$. Mathematicians also often consider the weak fixed point property of a closed convex set *C* of

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a Banach space X: a Banach space X has the weak fixed point property, if every nonexpansive self-mapping defined on a nonempty weakly compact convex set of X has a fixed point. As is well known, the metric fixed point theory is a well-developed branch of fixed point theory, which not only has its own methods and problems, but also relates with other fields such as geometry of Banach spaces, integral and differential equations, multivalued analysis and so on. See, for example, Kirk [1].

Denote
$$c_0 = \{(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} : \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = 0, \|x\|_{\infty} = \sup |x_n|\}$$
. Let Γ be a nonempty set and $c_0(\Gamma)$

denote the Banach space(supremum norm) of all real-valued function x on Γ , such that for any $\varepsilon > 0$, $\{r \in \Gamma, |x(r)| > \varepsilon\}$ is finite, or, equivalently, $c_0(\Gamma)$ consists of all those functions defined on the set Γ with countable support and with its range as a null sequence. The spaces $c_0(\Gamma)$ have received renewed interest, because of a powerful mapping theorem of Lindenstrauss [2]: (1) They are weakly compactly generated Banach spaces; and (2) if *E* is a weakly compactly generated Banach space, then there exists a set Γ and a continuous one-to-one linear map *T* of *E* into $c_0(\Gamma)$.

Maurey ([3], 1980) first showed that c_0 has weak fixed point property by means of ultrapower techniques. Later, Odell and Sternfeld ([4], 1981), Haydon, Odell and Sternfeld ([5], 1981), among many other things, gave Maurey's theorem different proofs. Borwein and Sims ([6], 1984), and Domínguez Benavides ([7], 1996) proved the same conclusion holds for $c_0(\Gamma)$. Fuster and Sims ([8], 1998) showed that c_0 fails to have the fixed point property and conjectured that every closed bounded convex subset of c_0 with the fixed point property is weakly compact. An example of Pineda ([9], 2003) showed that the fixed point property in c_0 can not go beyond the class of all nonempty weakly compact convex subsets, even if to a compact convex subset in some topology slightly weaker than the weak topology. An affirmative answer to this conjecture was given by Dowling, Lennard and Turett ([10], 2004).

In this paper, we first show that for every mapping f from a metric space Ω to itself which is continuous off a countable subset of Ω , there exists a nonempty closed separable subspace $S \subset \Omega$ so that $f|_S$ is again a self mapping on S. Therefore, the fixed point property of a closed convex set in a Banach space is separably determined. We then prove that every separable subspace of $c_0(\Gamma)$ (for any set Γ) is again lying in c_0 . Making use of these results, we finally present a simple proof of the famous result: Every non-expansive selfmapping defined on a nonempty weakly compact convex set of $c_0(\Gamma)$ has a fixed point.

2 Separable determination of the fixed point property

In this section, we shall show that the fixed point properties for continuous (in particular, non-expansive) mappings is separably determined.

For subset A in a topological space, we denote by \overline{A} , the closure of A.

Lemma 2.1. Suppose that D is a nonempty closed subset of a metric space Ω , and $f: D \to D$ is

a continuous mapping apart from a countable set $D_0 \subset D$. Then there exists a closed separable subset *S* of *D* such that *S* is *f*-invariant, i.e, $f(S) \subset S$.

Proof. Given a nonempty separable subset $D_1 \supset D_0$ of D, we first show

$$f(D_1) \equiv \{f(x) : x \in D_1\}$$

is also separable. Note that f is continuous at each point of $S_1 \equiv D_1 \setminus D_0$. Since S_1 is separable, there is a sequence $(x_n) \subset S_1$ which is dense in S_1 . Given $y \in f(S_1)$, let y = f(x) for some $x \in D_1$. Then density of (x_n) in S_1 entails that there is a subsequence (x_{n_k}) of (x_n) so that $x_{n_k} \to x$ as $k \to \infty$. Continuity of f at x implies that $f(x_{n_k}) \to f(x)$. Thus,

$$y=f(x)\in\overline{(f(x_{n_k}))}.$$

Since *y* is arbitrary, we obtain that

$$f(S_1) \subset \overline{(f(x_n))}.$$

Therefore, $f(S_1)$ is separable. Consequently,

$$f(D_1) = f(S_1) \cup f(D_0)$$

is separable.

Since

$$D_2 \equiv \overline{D_1 \cup f(D_1)}$$

is separable, by iterating the procedure above, we know $f(D_2)$ is separable. Assume that n separable subsets

$$D_1, D_2, \cdots, D_n$$
 with $D_j = D_{j-1} \cup f(D_{j-1})$

for $j = 2, \dots, n$ have been constructed. Next, let

$$D_{n+1} = \overline{D_n \cup f(D_n)}.$$

Then D_{n+1} is again separable. Now, we obtain an increasing sequence (D_n) of separable closed subsets od D with

$$D_{n+1} = \overline{D_n \cup f(D_n)}$$
 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Finally, let

$$D_{\infty} = \overline{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n}$$

Then D_{∞} is again separable. We claim $f(D_{\infty}) \subset D_{\infty}$. Since

$$D_0 \cup f(D_0) \subset D_n$$
 for all $n \ge 1$,

We get $\overline{f(D_0)} \subset D_{\infty}$. Since

$$f(D_{\infty}) = f(\overline{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \setminus D_0}) \cup f(\overline{D_0}),$$

and since $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \setminus D_0$ is dense in $D_{\infty} \setminus D_0$, continuity of f on $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \setminus D_0$ allows us to show only that $f(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n) \subset D_{\infty}$. For any fixed $x \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n$, there is $m \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $x \in D_m$. Thus, by definition of D_n we obtain

$$f(x)\in f(D_m)\subset D_{m+1}.$$

Consequently,

$$f(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n) \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \subset D_{\infty}.$$

We finish the proof by taking $S = D_{\infty}$.

The next lemma is a convex set version of Banach spaces of Lemma 2.1.

Lemma 2.2. Suppose that D is a nonempty closed convex subset of a Banach space X, and $f: D \rightarrow D$ is a continuous mapping apart from a countable set $D_0 \subset D$. Then there exists a closed separable convex subset C of D such that C is f-invariant, i.e, $f(C) \subset C$.

Proof. Choose any closed convex separable subset D_1 of D with $D_1 \supset D_0$. Then we see

$$f(D_1) \equiv \{f(x) : x \in D_1\}$$

is also separable. Hence,

$$D_2 \equiv \overline{\operatorname{co}}[D_1 \cup f(D_1)]$$

is closed convex and separable, where $\overline{co}(A)$ stands for the closed convex hull of A, i.e. the closure of the set

$$\operatorname{co}(A) \equiv \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_{j} a_{j} : n \in \mathbb{N}, a_{j} \in A, \lambda_{j} \ge 0 \text{ with } \sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_{j} = 1 \right\}.$$

Generally, let

$$D_{n+1} = \overline{\operatorname{co}}[D_n \cup f(D_n)], n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

By an argument as the same as the one of the proof of Lemma 2.1, we observe that (D_n) is an increasing sequence of closed convex separable subsets of *D*. Let

$$D_{\infty} = \overline{\operatorname{co}} \left[\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \right].$$

Then D_{∞} is again closed convex and separable. Since (D_n) is an increasing sequence of closed convex separable subsets, we see $D_{\infty} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n$. Note

$$D_0 \cup f(D_0) \subset D_n$$
 for all $n \ge 1$.

Since

$$f(D_{\infty})=f(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty}D_n\setminus D_0)\cup f(\overline{D_0}),$$

and since $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \setminus D_0$ is dense in $D_{\infty} \setminus D_0$, continuity of f on $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \setminus D_0$ allows us to show only that $f(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n) \subset D_{\infty}$. For any fixed $x \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n$, there is $m \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $x \in D_m$. Thus, by definition of D_n , we obtain

$$f(x) \in f(D_m) \subset D_{m+1}.$$

Consequently,

$$f(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n) \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \subset D_{\infty}.$$

Therefore, $C \equiv D_{\infty}$ is *f*-invariant.

Recall that a nonempty closed convex set *D* of a Banach space *X* is said to have the (respectively, weak) fixed point property, if for every nonempty closed bounded (respectively, weakly compact) convex subset *C* of *D*, and for every non-expansive mapping *f* defined on *C*, there is a point $x_0 \in C$ so that $f(x_0) = x_0$. The following theorem states that the fixed point property and the weak fixed point property are separably determined.

Theorem 2.1. Both the fixed point property and the weak fixed point property of a closed convex set *D* of a Banach space *X* (in particular, the whole Banach space *X*) are separably determined, i.e. the (respectively, weak) fixed point property is equivalent to that for each nonempty closed bounded (respectively, weakly compact) convex separable subset *C* of *D*, and for every non-expansive mapping *f* defined on *C*, there is a point $x_0 \in C$ so that $f(x_0) = x_0$.

Proof. Suppose that *E* is a nonempty closed convex subset of a Banach space *X*, that $D \subset E$ is a nonempty closed bounded convex set (respectively, nonempty weakly compact convex set), and that *f* is a non-expansive mapping defined on *D*. Since *f* is 1-Lipschitz, it necessarily fulfills that assumption of *f* defined as in Lemma 2.2. Therefore, there is a nonempty closed separable convex (respectively, weakly compact) subset *C* of *D*, so that $f|_C$ (the restriction of *f* from *D* to *C*) is also a self-mapping. If $f|_C$ has a fixed point, then *f* has a fixed point. Thus, we have shown that if every non-expansive mapping defined on a nonempty closed bounded (respectively, weakly compact) convex separable subset has a fixed point, then every such mapping defined on a nonempty closed bounded (respectively, weakly compact) convex separable subset has a fixed point, then every such mapping defined on a nonempty closed bounded (respectively, weakly compact) convex separable subset has a fixed point, then every such mapping defined on a nonempty closed bounded (respectively, weakly compact) convex separable subset has a fixed point, then every such mapping defined on a nonempty closed bounded (respectively, weakly compact) convex separable subset has a fixed point, then every such mapping defined on a nonempty closed bounded (respectively, weakly compact) convex separable subset has a fixed point, then every such mapping defined on a nonempty closed bounded (respectively, weakly compact) convex subset has a fixed point, which complete our proof.

Remark 2.1. Given a Banach space *X*, we use *C* to denote a specific class of nonempty closed bounded convex sets of *X*, and M(C) a specific class of self-mappings defined on some element *C* of *C*. Following are fundamental examples of *C* and M(C).

 $C = \{C \subset X \text{ nonempty, closed bounded and convex}\}, \text{ and}$ $M(C) = \{f: C \to C \text{ nonexpansive for some } C \in C\};$ $W = \{C \subset X \text{ nonempty, weakly compact and convex}\} \text{ and}$ $M(W) = \{f: C \to C \text{ nonexpansive for some } C \in W\};$ $C = \{C \subset X \text{ nonempty, closed bounded and convex}\}, \text{ and}$ $T(C) = \{f: C \to C \text{ continuous affine for some } C \in C\}.$

We say that *X* has the fixed point property for $M(\mathcal{C})$ provided every $f \in M(\mathcal{C})$ has a fixed point. There are many possibilities. For example, if \mathcal{C} consists of all nonempty closed bounded convex set of *X*, and if $M(\mathcal{C})$ denotes class of non-expansive self-mappings, each of which defined on an element *C* of *C*, then *X* has the fixed point property for $M(\mathcal{C})$ is equivalent to that *X* has the fixed point property; if \mathcal{W} consists of all nonempty weakly compact convex set of *X*, and if $M(\mathcal{W})$ denotes class of non-expansive self-mappings, each of which defined on an element *C* of \mathcal{W} , then *X* has the fixed point property for $M(\mathcal{W})$ is equivalent to that *X* has the weak fixed point property. Keeping this in mind, we can observe that the following more general result is true.

Theorem 2.2. Suppose that X is a Banach space. Then the fixed point property for M(C) is separably determined if every element in M(C) is continuous off at most a countable subset of its domain.

The following notions can be found in [11] and [12]. A closed convex set *D* of a Banach space *X* is said to have the super fixed point property provided that every nonempty closed bounded convex set *C* of another Banach space *Y* has the fixed point property whenever *C* is finitely representable in *D*, i.e. for all $\varepsilon > 0$ and for any affinely indenpendent finite set $\{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subset C$ (which is equivalent to $x_1 - x_0, x_1 - x_0, \dots, x_n - x_0$ are linearly independent) there exist an affinely independent finite set $\{y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n\} \subset D$ and an affine mapping *T*:span $\{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\} \rightarrow \text{span}\{y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ so that

$$Tco\{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\} = co\{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\},$$
 and

$$(1-\varepsilon) ||x-y|| \le ||Tx-Ty|| \le (1+\varepsilon) ||x-y||, x, y \in \operatorname{co} \{x_0, x_1, \cdots, x_n\}.$$

Analogously, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 2.3. A nonempty closed convex set of a Banach space X has the super fixed point property if and only if every nonempty closed convex separable subset of it has the super fixed point property.

3 A simple proof of $c_0(\Gamma)$ admitting the weak fixed point property

As an application of Theorem 2.4, and making use of Maurey's classical theorem [3], we give a simple proof $c_0(\Gamma)$ has the weak fixed point property for any set Γ . Before doing this, we need some preparation.

Recall a mapping *U* from a Banach space *X* to another Banach space *Y* is said to be a linear isometry provided

$$||Ux - Uy|| = ||x - y||$$
, for all $x, y \in X$.

In this case, we also say that X is linear isometric to a subspace of Y. If the linear isometry is surjective, then we call the two spaces "isometric". Since U is linear, the equation above is equivalent to

$$||Ux|| = ||x||$$
, for all $x \in X$

The following result states that every separable subset of the space $c_0(\Gamma)$ is again in c_0 .

Lemma 3.1. Every separable subspace of $c_0(\Gamma)$ is linearly isometric to a subspace of c_0 .

Proof. Suppose that *E* is a separable subspace of $c_0(\Gamma)$. We choose any sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset E$, which is a dense sequence in *E*; and put

$$\Gamma_n = \operatorname{supp} x_n \equiv \{\gamma \in \Gamma : x_n(\gamma) \neq 0\} \text{ and } \Gamma_\infty = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Gamma_n.$$

Then by definition of $c_0(\Gamma)$, Γ_n is countable for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore, Γ_{∞} is again a countable subset of Γ . Let χ_A be the mapping sending every set $A \subset \Gamma$ to its characteristic function, i.e. $\chi_A(x) = 1$, if $x \in A$; = 0, otherwise, and let $P_A : c_0(\Gamma) \rightarrow c_0(\Gamma)$ be the natural projection defined by

$$P_A(x) = x \circ \chi_A = (x(\gamma) \cdot \chi_A(\gamma))_{\gamma \in \Gamma}.$$

Then

$$P_{\Gamma_{\infty}}(c_0(\Gamma)) = c_0(\Gamma) \circ \chi_{\Gamma_{\infty}} = \{x \circ \chi_{\Gamma_{\infty}} : x \in c_0(\Gamma)\}$$

is linearly isometric to $c_0(\Gamma_{\infty})$. Since Γ_{∞} is countable, it is linearly isometric to c_0 , if the cardinality $\alpha = \infty$ of Γ_{∞} ; and to ℓ_{∞}^{α} if $\infty > \alpha$. Therefore, $c_0(\Gamma_{\infty})$ is linearly isometric to a subspace of c_0 . Therefore, up to a linear isometry, we have

$$c_0 \supset c_0(\Gamma_\infty) \cong c_0(\Gamma) \cdot \chi_{\Gamma_\infty} \supset \{x_n\},$$

where $c_0(\Gamma_{\infty}) \cong c_0(\Gamma) \circ \chi_{\Gamma_{\infty}}$ means that $c_0(\Gamma) \circ \chi_{\Gamma_{\infty}}$ is linearly isometric to $c_0(\Gamma_{\infty})$. This and density of $\{x_n\}$ in *E* deduce

$$c_0 \supset c_0(\Gamma_\infty) \cong c_0(\Gamma) \cdot \chi_{\Gamma_\infty} \supset (x_n) = E,$$

i.e. *E* is linearly isometric to a subspace of c_0 .

We shall use Maurey's theorem [3] that c_0 has the weak fixed point property to prove the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1. For any nonempty set Γ , $c_0(\Gamma)$ has the weak fixed point property.

Proof. By Maurey's theorem, without loss of generality, we can assume that Γ is uncountable. Suppose that D is a nonempty weakly compact convex subset of $c_0(\Gamma)$, and $f:D \rightarrow D$ is a non-expansive mapping. According to Lemma 2.2, there is a nonempty closed convex separable subset C of D so that $f|_C$ is again a self-mapping on C. Since D is a weakly compact convex subset, C is weakly compact. Since C is separable, $E \equiv \overline{\text{span}}(C)$ is a separable subspace of $c_0(\Gamma)$. According to Lemma 3.1, there is a linear isometry T from E into c_0 . Since T is linear and continuous, it is necessarily weakly continuous. Consequently, TC is again convex, separable and weakly compact in c_0 . Let

$$F = T \circ f \circ T^{-1} : TC \to TC.$$

Then it satisfies that for all $x, y \in TC$

$$||F(x) - F(y)|| = ||T \circ f \circ T^{-1}(x) - T \circ f \circ T^{-1}(y)||$$

= $||f \circ T^{-1}(x) - f \circ T^{-1}(y)||$
 $\leq ||T^{-1}(x) - T^{-1}(y)||$
= $||x - y||.$

Thus, *F* is also a nonexpansive mapping from the nonempty weakly compact convex set *TC* to itself. By Maurey's fixed point theorem there exists $y_0 \in TC$ so that $F(y_0) = y_0$; or, equivalently, $f(x_0) = x_0$, where $x_0 = T^{-1}y_0 \in C$. We have shown that there is a fixed point $x_0 \in C \subset D$ for the mapping $f|_C$, hence, *f*.

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