

## NONLINEAR ERGODIC THEOREMS FOR NONEXPANSIVE SEMIGROUPS IN BANACH SPACES

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### I. Introduction

In this paper, we are going to extend the result of N. Hirano ([10]) for a nonexpansive semigroup in a uniformly convex Banach space which has a Fréchet differentiable norm. That is to say, we will prove the existence of the weak limit of the Cesàro means

$$A_t S(h)x = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t S(s+h)x ds$$

uniformly in  $h \geq 0$ . Analogous problems were studied in [2], [13] and [20].

Some rudiments in the geometry of Banach spaces are necessary for the proof of the main theorem of this paper.

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $X^*$  its dual. The value of  $x^* \in X^*$  at  $x \in X$  will be denoted by  $\langle x, x^* \rangle$ . With each  $x$  in  $X$ , we associate the set

$$J(x) = \{x^* \in X^* : \langle x, x^* \rangle = \|x\|^2 = \|x^*\|^2\}.$$

Using the Hahn-Banach theorem it is immediately clear that  $J(x) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $x$  in  $X$ . Then the multi-valued operator  $J : X \rightarrow X^*$  is called the duality mapping of  $X$ . Let  $B = \{x \in X : \|x\| = 1\}$  stand for the unit sphere of  $X$ . Then, the norm of  $X$  is said to be Gâteaux differentiable (and  $X$  is said to be smooth) if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t}$$

exists for each  $x$  and  $y$  in  $B$ . It is said to be Fréchet differentiable if for each  $x$  in  $B$ , this limit is attained uniformly for  $y$  in  $B$ . It is well

known that if  $X$  is smooth, then the duality mapping  $J$  is single-valued. And we also know that if the norm of  $X$  is Fréchet differentiable, then  $J$  is norm to norm continuous ([1], [6] and [7]). Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $X$ . A family  $\{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$  of mappings from  $C$  into itself is called a nonexpansive semigroup on  $C$  if

$$(I) \quad S(t+s) = S(t)S(s) \text{ for all } t, s \geq 0,$$

$$(II) \quad S(0) = I \text{ (identity),}$$

$$(III) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} S(t)x = x \text{ for every } x \in C,$$

$$(IV) \quad \|S(t)x - S(t)y\| \leq \|x - y\| \text{ for all } x, y \text{ in } C \text{ and } t \geq 0.$$

For a subset  $D$  of  $X$ ,  $\text{conv}D$  denotes the convex hull of  $D$ , and  $\bar{D}$  the closure of  $D$ . Let  $F(S) = \bigcap_{t \geq 0} F(S(t))$  be the set of all common fixed points of  $\{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$ .

For  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ ,  $\text{sgn}[x, y]$  denotes the set

$$\{\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y : 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1\}.$$

In this paper, unless otherwise specified,  $X$  will denote a uniformly convex Banach space with modulus of convexity  $\delta$ . The modulus of convexity of  $X$  is the function  $\delta : [0, 2] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  defined by

$$\delta(\varepsilon) = \inf \left\{ 1 - \frac{\|x+y\|}{2} : \|x\| \leq 1, \|y\| \leq 1, \|x-y\| \geq \varepsilon \right\}$$

for  $0 \leq \varepsilon \leq 2$ .  $X$  is uniformly convex if and only if  $\delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  for  $\varepsilon > 0$  ([3], [6], [17] and [19]). It is shown in [9], [18] and [23] that  $\delta$  is nondecreasing. Hence, if  $X$  is uniformly convex and  $\delta(\varepsilon_n) \rightarrow 0$ , then  $\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0$ . Furthermore

$$\delta(\varepsilon) \leq 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{\varepsilon^2}{4}} \quad ([6]).$$

It is well known that if  $X$  is a uniformly convex Banach space, then the set  $F(S)$  is nonempty ([1]) and a closed convex subset of  $C$  ([6]).

We define the Cesàro mean  $A_t x$  by

$$A_t x = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t S(s)x ds \quad (\text{for the continuous case})$$

for all  $x \in C$ ,  $t > 0$ .

In this paper, we establish a convergence theorem for a nonexpansive

semigroup in the framework of a uniformly convex Banach space. In Banach spaces, Hilbert space techniques as seen in G. Rodé ([21]) can not play a role. Therefore, we shall introduce compact means, which should be compared with measures with compact support, to obtain the result.

We denote by  $B([0, \infty))$  [resp.  $CB([0, \infty))$ ] the Banach space of all bounded [resp. bounded continuous] real valued functions on  $[0, \infty)$  with supremum norm.

For  $s \geq 0$  and  $f \in B([0, \infty))$  [resp.  $CB([0, \infty))$ ], we define an element  $r_s f$  in  $B([0, \infty))$  [resp.  $CB([0, \infty))$ ] given by  $r_s f(t) = f(t+s)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . The mapping  $r_s : f \rightarrow r_s f$  is a continuous linear operator in  $B([0, \infty))$  [resp.  $CB([0, \infty))$ ] for all  $s \geq 0$ . An element  $\mu \in B([0, \infty))^*$  is called a mean on  $[0, \infty)$  if  $\|\mu\| = \mu(1) = 1$  ([12], [14], [15] and [22]). For every  $f \in B([0, \infty))$  and  $\mu \in B([0, \infty))^*$ , we denote the value of  $\mu$  at  $f$  by  $\mu(f)$  or

$$\int_0^\infty f(s) d\mu(s)$$

to specify the variable  $s$  of  $f$ . A mean  $\mu$  on  $[0, \infty)$  is said to be compact if there exists a compact subset  $K$  of  $[0, \infty)$  such that  $\mu(1_k) = 1$ , where  $1_k$  is a real valued function on  $[0, \infty)$  with value 1 on  $K$  and 0 elsewhere. Especially, a compact mean  $\mu$  is said to be finite if the compact subset  $K$  consists of finite points. If  $\mu$  is a finite mean on  $[0, \infty)$ , then it follows

that  $\mu$  is expressed by  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \delta_{s_i}$  for some  $s_i \geq 0$  and  $a_i \geq 0$  ( $i=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ ) such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 1$ , where  $\delta_t$  is a mean on  $[0, \infty)$  defined by  $\delta_t(f) = f(t)$

for all  $f \in B([0, \infty))$ . A mean  $\mu$  on  $[0, \infty)$  is said to be invariant [resp.  $c$ -invariant] if  $\mu(r_s f) = \mu(f)$  for all  $f \in B([0, \infty))$  [resp.  $CB([0, \infty))$ ] and  $s \geq 0$ . Therefore this definition agrees with the M.M. Day's definition of finite means in [4].

Suppose that the set  $\{S(t)x : t \geq 0\}$  is bounded for all  $x \in C$ . Then, for a mean  $\mu$  on  $[0, \infty)$  and  $x \in C$ , we can define a continuous functional  $\phi_x$  on  $X^*$  by

$$\phi_x(x^*) = \int_0^\infty \langle S(t)x, x^* \rangle d\mu(t)$$

for each  $x^* \in X^*$ . Since  $C$  is a closed convex subset and  $X$  is reflexive,

by the Hahn-Banach theorem,  $\phi_x$  is expressed by an element in  $C$ , which is denoted by  $\mathcal{J}_\mu x$  or

$$\int_0^\infty S(t)x d\mu(t)$$

to specify the variable  $t$ . If  $\mu$  is finite, say

$$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \delta_{s_i} \quad (s_i \geq 0, \quad a_i \geq 0, \quad i=1, 2, 3, \dots, n, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 1)$$

then

$$\mathcal{J}_\mu x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i S(s_i)x.$$

If  $\mu$  is a compact mean on  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $X \in C$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then there exists a finite mean  $\lambda$  on  $[0, \infty)$  such that

$$\|\mathcal{J}_\mu S(t)x - \mathcal{J}_\lambda S(t)x\| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $t \geq 0$  ([11]).

## II. Lemmas and Proposition

The following lemmas and proposition are crucial for our results. The next Lemma 2.1 is known ([8]). It is simple consequence of the condition of the modulus of convexity.

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $x$  and  $y$  be in  $X$ . If  $\|x\| \leq r$ ,  $\|y\| \leq r$ ,  $r \leq R$  and  $\|x - y\| \geq \varepsilon > 0$ , then*

$$\|\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y\| \leq r(1 - 2\lambda(1 - \lambda)\delta_R(\varepsilon))$$

for all  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ , where  $\delta_R(\varepsilon) = \delta\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{R}\right)$ .

The proofs of our following lemmas are based on methods used in [16].

LEMMA 2.2. *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $X$  and  $\{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$  a nonexpansive semigroup on  $C$ . Let  $x$  be in  $C$ ,  $f \in F(S)$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta < 1$ . Then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $t_0 \geq 0$  such that for all  $t \geq t_0$ ,*

$$\|S(h)(\lambda S(t)x + (1 - \lambda)f) - (\lambda S(t+h)x + (1 - \lambda)f)\| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all  $h > 0$  and  $\alpha \leq \lambda \leq \beta$ .

*Proof.* Let  $r = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|S(t)x - f\|$ ,  $R = \|x - f\|$ , and  $c = \min\{2\lambda(1-\lambda) : \alpha \leq \lambda \leq \beta\}$ . Since  $\delta$  is nondecreasing, for given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we can choose  $d > 0$  so small that

$$\frac{r}{(r+d)} > 1 - c\delta\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{r+d}\right),$$

where  $\delta$  is the modulus of convexity of the norm. And also, there exists  $t_0 \geq 0$  such that for all  $t \geq t_0$ ,

$$\|S(t)x - f\| \leq r + d.$$

For  $t \geq t_0$ ,  $h > 0$  and  $\alpha \leq \lambda \leq \beta$ , we put  $u = (1-\lambda)(S(h)z - f)$  and  $v = \lambda(S(t+h)x - S(h)z)$  where  $z = \lambda S(t)x + (1-\lambda)f$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|S(h)(\lambda S(t)x + (1-\lambda)f) - (\lambda S(t+h)x + (1-\lambda)f)\| = \|u - v\|, \\ & \|u\| \leq (1-\lambda)\|z - f\| = \lambda(1-\lambda)\|S(t)x - f\| \leq \lambda(1-\lambda)(r+d) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|v\| \leq \lambda\|S(t)x - z\| \leq \lambda(1-\lambda)(r+d).$$

Suppose that  $\|u - v\| \geq \varepsilon$ , for some  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ , then by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(1-\lambda)\|S(t+h)x - f\| &= \|\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v\| \\ &\leq \lambda(1-\lambda)(r+d) \left(1 - 2\lambda(1-\lambda)\delta\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{r+d}\right)\right) \\ &\leq \lambda(1-\lambda)(r+d) \left(1 - c\delta\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{r+d}\right)\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have,

$$(r+d) \left(1 - c\delta\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{r+d}\right)\right) < r \leq (r+d) \left(1 - c\delta\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{r+d}\right)\right)$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, for all  $t \geq t_0$

$$\|S(h)(\lambda S(t)x + (1-\lambda)f) - (\lambda S(t+h)x + (1-\lambda)f)\| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $h > 0$  and  $\alpha \leq \lambda \leq \beta$ .

LEMMA 2.3. Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $X$  and  $\{S(t)x : t \geq 0\}$  a bounded set in  $C$ . Let  $z \in W(x) = \bigcap_{t_0 \geq 0} \overline{\text{conv}}\{S(t)x : t \geq t_0\}$ ,  $y \in C$  and  $\{p_t\}$  a net of elements in  $C$  with  $p_t \in \text{sgn}[y, S(t)x]$  and  $\|p_t - z\| = \min\{\|u - z\| : u \in \text{sgn}[y, S(t)x]\}$ . If  $\{p_t\}$  converges strongly to  $y$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $y = z$ .

*Proof.* Since the duality mapping  $J$  is single valued, it follows from Theorem 2.5 in [5]

$$\langle u - p_t, J(p_t - z) \rangle \geq 0$$

for all  $u \in \text{sgn}[y, S(t)x]$ . Putting  $u = S(t)x$ , we have

$$\langle S(t)x - p_t, J(p_t - z) \rangle \geq 0.$$

Since,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p_t = y$  and  $\{S(t)x : t \geq 0\}$  is bounded, there exists a  $K > 0$  and  $t_0 \geq 0$  such that

$$\|S(t)x - y\| \leq K \text{ and } \|p_t - z\| \leq K$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and choose  $\delta > 0$  and choose  $\delta > 0$  so small that  $2\delta K < \varepsilon$ . Since the norm of  $X$  is Fréchet differentiable,  $J$  is norm to norm continuous, and so we can choose  $t' \geq t_0$  such that for all  $t \geq t'$ ,  $\|p_t - y\| \leq \delta$  and  $\|J(p_t - z) - J(y - z)\| \leq \delta$ . Since for  $t \geq t'$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle S(t)x - p_t, J(p_t - z) \rangle - \langle S(t)x - y, J(y - z) \rangle| \\ &= |\langle S(t)x - p_t, J(p_t - z) \rangle - \langle S(t)x - y, J(p_t - z) \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle S(t)x - y, J(p_t - z) \rangle - \langle S(t)x - y, J(y - z) \rangle| \\ &\leq \|p_t - y\| \|p_t - z\| + \|S(t)x - y\| \|J(p_t - z) - J(y - z)\| \\ &\leq \delta K + \delta K = 2\delta K < \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle S(t)x - y, J(y - z) \rangle &\geq \langle S(t)x - p_t, J(p_t - z) \rangle - \varepsilon \\ &\geq 0 - \varepsilon = -\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $z \in W(x)$ , we have  $\langle z - y, J(y - z) \rangle \geq -\varepsilon$ . This implies  $\|z - y\| = 0$  and hence  $z = y$ .

By using Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3, we can prove the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.4. Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $X$  and  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$ . Then for any  $z \in \bigcap_{s \geq 0} \overline{\text{conv}} \{S(t)x : t \geq s\} \cap F(S)$  and  $y \in F(S)$ , there exists  $t_0 \geq 0$  such that for all  $t \geq t_0$

$$\langle S(t)x - y, J(y - z) \rangle \leq 0.$$

*Proof.* If  $y = z$  or  $x = y$ , then the result is obvious. So, let  $y \neq z$  and  $x \neq y$ . For any  $t \geq 0$ , taking a unique element  $p_t$  such that  $p_t \in \text{sgn} [y, S(t)x]$  and  $\|p_t - z\| = \min \{\|u - z\| : u \in \text{sgn} [y, S(t)x]\}$ . Then since  $y \neq z$ , by Lemma 2.3,  $\{p_t\}$  doesn't converge to  $y$ . Hence, we obtain  $c > 0$  such that for any  $t \geq 0$ , there is  $t_0 \geq 0$  with  $t_0 \geq t$  and  $\|p_{t_0} - y\| \geq c$ . Setting  $p_{t_0} = \alpha_{t_0} S(t_0)x + (1 - \alpha_{t_0})y$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha_{t_0} \leq 1$ , then there exists  $c_0 > 0$  so small that  $\alpha_{t_0} \geq c_0$ . (in fact, since  $x \neq y$ ,  $y \in F(S)$  and  $S(t_0)$  is nonexpansive,

$$\begin{aligned} c \leq \|p_{t_0} - y\| &= \|\alpha_{t_0} S(t_0)x + (1 - \alpha_{t_0})y - y\| \\ &= \alpha_{t_0} \|S(t_0)x - y\| \leq \alpha_{t_0} \|x - y\|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, put  $c_0 = \frac{c}{\|x - y\|}$ ).

Putting  $K = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|S(t)x - y\|$ , we have  $K > 0$ . If not, then we have  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} S(t)x = y$ , and so  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p_t = y$  which contradicts.

Now, we can choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  so small that

$$\frac{R}{R + \varepsilon} > 1 - \delta \left( \frac{c_0 K}{R + \varepsilon} \right),$$

where  $\delta$  is the modulus of convexity of  $X$  and  $R = \|z - y\|$ . Then by Lemma 2.2, there exists  $t' \geq 0$  such that

$$\|S(s)(c_0 S(t)x + (1 - c_0)y) - (c_0 S(s+t)x + (1 - c_0)y)\| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $s \geq 0$ . Fix  $t_0 \geq 0$  with  $t_0 \geq t'$  and  $\|p_{t_0} - y\| \geq c$ . Then since  $\alpha_{t_0} \geq c_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 S(t_0)x + (1 - c_0)y &\in \text{sgn}[y, \alpha_{t_0} S(t_0)x + (1 - \alpha_{t_0})y] \\ &= \text{sgn}[y, p_{t_0}]. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $c_0 S(t_0)x + (1 - c_0)y = \lambda y + (1 - \lambda)p_{t_0}$  for  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\lambda y + (1-\lambda)p_{t_0} - z\| &= \|\lambda y + (1-\lambda)p_{t_0} - \lambda z - (1-\lambda)z\| \\
&\leq \lambda\|y-z\| + (1-\lambda)\|p_{t_0} - z\| \\
&\leq \lambda\|y-z\| + (1-\lambda)\|y-z\| \\
&= \|y-z\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\|c_0 S(t_0)x + (1-c_0)y - z\| \leq \|y-z\| = R.$$

Hence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|c_0 S(s+t_0)x + (1-c_0)y - z\| \\
&\leq \|S(s)(c_0 S(t_0)x + (1-c_0)y) - z\| + \varepsilon \\
&\leq \|c_0 S(t_0)x + (1-c_0)y - z\| + \varepsilon \\
&\leq R + \varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $s \geq 0$ .

On the other hand, since  $\|y-z\| = R < R + \varepsilon$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|c_0 S(s+t_0)x + (1-c_0)y - z\| - \|y-z\| \\
&= \|c_0 S(s+t_0)x + (1-c_0)y - y\| = c_0 \|S(s+t_0)x - y\| \geq c_0 K
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $s \geq 0$ , by uniform convexity, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left\| \frac{1}{2} ((c_0 S(s+t_0)x + (1-c_0)y - z) + (y-z)) \right\| \\
&\leq (R + \varepsilon) \left( 1 - \delta \left( \frac{c_0 K}{R + \varepsilon} \right) \right) < R
\end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\left\| \frac{c_0}{2} S(s+t_0)x + \left(1 - \frac{c_0}{2}\right)y - z \right\| < R$$

for all  $s \geq 0$ . Letting  $u_s = \frac{c_0}{2} S(s+t_0)x + \left(1 - \frac{c_0}{2}\right)y$ , since

$$-\|u_s - z\| > -\|y - z\|,$$

we have for all  $\alpha \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_s + \alpha(y - u_s) - z\| &= \|(1-\alpha)u_s + \alpha y - z\| \\
&= \|(1-\alpha)(u_s - z) + \alpha(y - z)\|
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \|(\alpha - 1)(z - u_s) + \alpha(y - z)\| \\ &\geq \alpha\|y - z\| - (\alpha - 1)\|z - u_s\| \\ &\geq \alpha\|y - z\| - (\alpha - 1)\|y - z\| \\ &= \|y - z\|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Theorem 2.5 in [5], we have

$$\langle u_s + \alpha(y - u_s) - y, J(y - z) \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } \alpha \geq 1$$

and hence

$$\langle u_s - y, J(y - z) \rangle \leq 0.$$

Therefore

$$\langle S(s + t_0)x - y, J(y - z) \rangle \leq 0$$

for all  $s \geq 0$ . Letting  $t \geq t_0$ , then we have

$$\langle S(t)x - y, J(y - z) \rangle \leq 0.$$

**PROPOSITION 2.5.** *Let  $X$  be a uniformly convex Banach space with a Fréchet differentiable norm and  $C$  a closed convex subset of  $X$ . Let  $x \in C$  and  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$ . Then the set  $W(x) \cap F(S)$  consists of at most one point.*

*Proof.* Let  $y, z \in W(x) \cap F(S)$ . Then, since  $(y + z)/2 \in F(S)$ , it follows from Lemma 2.4 that there exists  $t_0 \geq 0$  such that

$$\langle S(t)x - (y + z)/2, J((y + z)/2 - z) \rangle \leq 0$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$ . Since  $y \in \overline{\text{conv}}\{S(t)x : t \geq t_0\}$ , we have

$$\langle y - (y + z)/2, J((y + z)/2 - z) \rangle \leq 0$$

and hence

$$\langle (y - z)/2, J((y - z)/2) \rangle \leq 0.$$

This implies that  $y = z$ .

Now, we prove lemmas which play a crucial role in the proof of our main theorem in the next section. The following Lemma 2.6 ([11]) is well known, and is an analogue of Lemma 4 in [10].

**LEMMA 2.6.** *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$  with a Fréchet differentiable norm. Let  $\{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$  be*

a nonexpansive semigroup on  $C$ . If  $\mu$  is a finite mean on  $[0, \infty)$ , then for all  $x \in C$ ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{s \geq 0} \|S(s) \mathcal{J}_\mu S(t)x - \mathcal{J}_\mu S(s+t)x\| = 0.$$

LEMMA 2.7. Let  $X, C$  and  $\{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$  be as in Lemma 2.6. If  $\mu$  is a compact mean on  $[0, \infty)$ , then for all  $x \in C$ ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{s \geq 0} \|S(s) \mathcal{J}_\mu S(t)x - \mathcal{J}_\mu S(s+t)x\| = 0.$$

*Proof.* Since  $\mu$  is a compact mean on  $[0, \infty)$ , there exists a finite mean  $\lambda$  on  $[0, \infty)$  such that

$$\|\mathcal{J}_\mu S(t)x - \mathcal{J}_\lambda S(t)x\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$$

for all  $t \geq 0$  ([11]). From Lemma 2.6, there exists  $t_0 \geq 0$  such that for all  $t \geq t_0$ ,

$$\sup_{s \geq 0} \|S(s) \mathcal{J}_\lambda S(t)x - \mathcal{J}_\lambda S(s+t)x\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}.$$

Therefore, we obtain for all  $t \geq t_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{s \geq 0} \|S(s) \mathcal{J}_\mu S(t)x - \mathcal{J}_\mu S(s+t)x\| \\ & \leq \sup_{s \geq 0} \{ \|S(s) \mathcal{J}_\mu S(t)x - S(s) \mathcal{J}_\lambda S(t)x\| \\ & \quad + \|S(s) \mathcal{J}_\lambda S(t)x - \mathcal{J}_\lambda S(s+t)x\| \\ & \quad + \|\mathcal{J}_\lambda S(s+t)x - \mathcal{J}_\mu S(s+t)x\| \} \\ & \leq \|\mathcal{J}_\mu S(t)x - \mathcal{J}_\lambda S(t)x\| \\ & \quad + \sup_{s \geq 0} \|S(s) \mathcal{J}_\lambda S(t)x - \mathcal{J}_\lambda S(s+t)x\| \\ & \quad + \sup_{s \geq 0} \|\mathcal{J}_\lambda S(s+t)x - \mathcal{J}_\mu S(s+t)x\| \\ & < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence for all  $x \in C$ ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{s \geq 0} \|S(s) \mathcal{J}_\mu S(t)x - \mathcal{J}_\mu S(s+t)x\| = 0.$$

LEMMA 2.8. Let  $X, C$  and  $\{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$  be as in Lemma 2.6 and  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$

a net of compact means on  $[0, \infty)$ . Suppose that  $\{\mathcal{J}_{\mu_\alpha} S(s_\alpha + h)x\}$  converges weakly to  $p \in C$  uniformly in  $h \geq 0$  for all  $x \in C$  and  $s_\alpha \geq 0$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ . Then for every  $c$ -invariant mean  $\eta$  on  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $\mathcal{J}_\eta x = p$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  is a net of compact means on  $[0, \infty)$ , for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a finite mean  $\lambda_\alpha$  for each  $\mu_\alpha$  such that

$$\|\mathcal{J}_{\lambda_\alpha} S(s)x - \mathcal{J}_{\mu_\alpha} S(s)x\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

for all  $s \geq 0$  ([11]). For  $x^* \in X^*$  with  $\|x^*\| \leq 1$ , define  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow R$  by  $f(h) = \langle S(h)x, x^* \rangle$ , which is continuous. From the hypothesis there exists  $\alpha_0$  such that

$$|\langle \mathcal{J}_{\mu_\alpha} S(s_\alpha + h)x, x^* \rangle - \langle p, x^* \rangle| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

for every  $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$  and  $h \geq 0$ . Thus for all  $h \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle \mathcal{J}_{\lambda_\alpha} S(s_\alpha + h)x, x^* \rangle - \langle p, x^* \rangle| \\ & \leq |\langle \mathcal{J}_{\lambda_\alpha} S(s_\alpha + h)x - \mathcal{J}_{\mu_\alpha} S(s_\alpha + h)x, x^* \rangle| \\ & \quad + |\langle \mathcal{J}_{\mu_\alpha} S(s_\alpha + h)x, x^* \rangle - \langle p, x^* \rangle| < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\lambda_\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \delta_{s_i}$  ( $s_i \geq 0$ ,  $a_i \geq 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 1$ ) for some  $\alpha (\geq \alpha_0)$ ,

then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{J}_{\lambda_\alpha} S(s_\alpha + h)x, x^* \rangle &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \langle S(s_i + s_\alpha + h)x, x^* \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(s_i + s_\alpha + h) \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i r_{s_i + s_\alpha} f \right) (h). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have,

$$\sup_{h \geq 0} \left| \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i r_{s_i + s_\alpha} f \right) (h) - \langle p, x^* \rangle \right| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Therefore we have, for a  $c$ -invariant mean  $\eta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
|\eta(f) - \langle p, x^* \rangle| &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \eta(r_{s_i+s_n} f) - \langle p, x^* \rangle \right| \\
&= \left| \eta \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i r_{s_i+s_n} f \right) - \langle p, x^* \rangle \right| \\
&= \left| \eta \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i r_{s_i+s_n} f - \langle p, x^* \rangle \cdot 1 \right) \right| \\
&\leq \|\eta\| \sup_{h \geq 0} \left| \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i r_{s_i+s_n} f \right) (h) - \langle p, x^* \rangle \right| \\
&\leq \varepsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

Letting  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle p, x^* \rangle &= \eta(f) = \int_0^\infty f(h) d\eta(h) \\
&= \int_0^\infty \langle S(h)x, x^* \rangle d\eta(h) = \langle \mathcal{F}_\eta x, x^* \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $x^* (\|x^*\| \leq 1)$  is arbitrary, we have  $\mathcal{F}_\eta x = p$ .

### III. Main Result

Now, we can prove a nonlinear ergodic theorem for a nonexpansive semigroup in uniformly convex Banach spaces with a Fréchet differentiable norm.

In [2], R.E. Bruck proved the mean ergodic theorem for nonexpansive mappings.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $C$  be a bounded closed convex nonempty subset of a uniformly rotund Banach space  $X$  which has a Fréchet differentiable norm and  $T : C \rightarrow C$  a nonexpansive mapping. Then the Cesàro mean of  $\{T^n x\}$  converges weakly to a fixed point of  $T$ .*

In [10], N. Hirano also proved the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $X$  be a uniformly convex Banach space which has a Fréchet differentiable norm. Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $X$  and  $T : C \rightarrow C$  a nonexpansive mapping. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a)  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ ,
- (b)  $\{T^n x\}$  is bounded for each  $x$  in  $C$ ,

(c) For each  $x$  in  $C$ ,  $S_n T^k x = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T^{k+i} x$

converges weakly to  $y$  in  $F(T)$  uniformly in  $k=1, 2, \dots$ .

**THEOREM 3.3.** Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$  with a Fréchet differentiable norm and  $\{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$  a nonexpansive semigroup on  $C$ . If  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$ , then for all  $x \in C$ ,

$$A_t S(h)x = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t S(s+h)x ds$$

converges weakly to a point  $p \in F(S)$  uniformly in  $h \geq 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* Let for all  $x^* \in X^*$ ,

$$\langle A_t x, x^* \rangle = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \langle S(s)x, x^* \rangle ds$$

and let

$$\gamma_t = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \delta_s ds$$

for every  $t > 0$  where  $\delta_s$  is a mean on  $[0, \infty)$  defined by  $\delta_s(f) = f(s)$  for all  $f \in L^1_{loc}([0, \infty))$ . Then each  $\gamma_t$  is a continuous linear functional on  $B([0, \infty)) \cap L^1_{loc}([0, \infty))$  and

$$\gamma_t(1) = 1 = \|\gamma_t\|.$$

Therefore, by the Hahn-Banach theorem, there exists a mean  $\mu_t$  on  $[0, \infty)$ , which is an extension of  $\gamma_t$  and  $\int \mu_t x = A_t x$ .

Let  $K_t = [0, t]$  which is compact. Then we have

$$\mu_t(1_{K_t}) = \gamma_t(1_{K_t}) = 1.$$

Hence  $\mu_t$  is a compact mean on  $[0, \infty)$ . Therefore, from the Lemma 2.7, there exists  $s_t \geq 0$  for each  $\mu_t$  such that

$$\sup_{s \geq 0} \|S(s) A_t S(v_t)x - A_t S(s+v_t)x\| < \frac{1}{t}$$

for all  $v_t \geq 0$  with  $v_t \geq s_t$ . Furthermore, it is clear that

$$\|\mu_t - r_{s_t}^* \mu_t\|_c \rightarrow 0$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  for each  $s \geq 0$ , where  $r_s^*$  is the conjugate operator of  $r_s$ , which is a continuous linear operator in  $B([0, \infty))$  for all  $s \geq 0$  and  $\|\cdot\|_c$  is the norm of  $CB([0, \infty))$ .

Let  $p$  be a limit point of  $\{A_t S(s_t)x\}$  with respect to the weak topology. Next, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $s \geq 0$ , taking  $t$  so large that  $\frac{1}{t} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  and

$$\|\mu_t - r_s^* \mu_t\|_c < \frac{\varepsilon}{2D},$$

where  $D = \sup_{h \geq 0} \|S(h)x\|$  (since  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A_t S(s_t)x - A_t S(s_t+s)x\| \\ &= \sup_{\|x^*\| \leq 1} |\langle A_t S(s_t)x - A_t S(s_t+s)x, x^* \rangle| \\ &= \sup_{\|x^*\| \leq 1} \left| \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \langle S(s_t+h)x, x^* \rangle d\mu_t(h) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \langle S(s_t+h+s)x, x^* \rangle d\mu_t(h) \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{\|x^*\| \leq 1} (\|\mu_t - r_s^* \mu_t\|_c \cdot \sup_{h \geq 0} |\langle S(s_t+h)x, x^* \rangle|) \\ &\leq \|\mu_t - r_s^* \mu_t\|_c \cdot D \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A_t S(s_t)x - S(s)A_t S(s_t)x\| \\ &\leq \|A_t S(s_t)x - A_t S(s_t+s)x\| \\ & \quad + \|A_t S(s_t+s)x - S(s)A_t S(s_t)x\| \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{1}{t} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

This means that  $\|A_t S(s_t)x - S(s)A_t S(s_t)x\|$  converges to 0 for all  $s \geq 0$ . Since  $I - S(s)$  is demiclosed, we have  $S(s)p = p$  and  $p \in F(S)$ . It also follows from the assumption of  $\mu_t$  that  $p \in \bigcap_{h \geq 0} \overline{\text{conv}} \{S(w)x : w \geq h\}$ . If

not, then there exists  $h_0 \geq 0$ ,  $x^* \in X^*$  and  $c > 0$  such that

$$\langle p, x^* \rangle + c < \inf \{ \langle z, x^* \rangle : z \in \overline{\text{conv}} \{S(w)x : w \geq h_0\} \}.$$

Since  $p$  is a weak limit point of  $\{A_t S(s_t)x\}$  and

$$\|\mu_t - r_{h_0}^* \mu_t\|_c \rightarrow 0,$$

there exists  $t_0$  such that

$$|\langle p, x^* \rangle - \langle A_{t_0} S(s_{t_0}) x, x^* \rangle| < \frac{c}{2}$$

and

$$\|\mu_{t_0} - r_{h_0}^* \mu_{t_0}\|_c < \frac{c}{2D\|x^*\|}.$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle p, x^* \rangle + c &< \inf \{ \langle z, x^* \rangle : z \in \overline{\text{conv}} \{ S(w)x : w \geq h_0 \} \} \\ &\leq \inf \{ \langle S(w)x, x^* \rangle : w \geq h_0 \} \\ &\leq \inf \{ \langle S(w)x, x^* \rangle : w \geq h_0 + s_{t_0} \} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{t_0} \int_0^{t_0} \langle S(h_0 + s_{t_0} + w)x, x^* \rangle d\mu_{t_0}(w) \\ &= \langle A_{t_0} S(h_0 + s_{t_0})x, x^* \rangle \\ &= \langle A_{t_0} S(h_0 + s_{t_0})x - A_{t_0} S(s_{t_0})x, x^* \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle A_{t_0} S(s_{t_0})x, x^* \rangle \\ &\leq \|x^*\| \|\mu_{t_0} - r_{h_0}^* \mu_{t_0}\|_c \cdot D + \langle p, x^* \rangle + \frac{c}{2} \\ &< \frac{c}{2} + \langle p, x^* \rangle + \frac{c}{2} = \langle p, x^* \rangle + c. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. Hence,

$$p \in \bigcap_{h \geq 0} \overline{\text{conv}} \{ S(w)x : w \geq h \} \cap F(S).$$

Since  $\bigcap_{h \geq 0} \overline{\text{conv}} \{ S(w)x : w \geq h \} \cap F(S)$  is a singleton set from Proposition

2.5,  $\{A_t S(s_t)x\}$  converges weakly to  $p \in F(S)$ . Furthermore, by a quite similar argument,  $\{A_t S(s_t + h)x\}$  converges weakly to  $p \in F(S)$  uniformly in  $h \geq 0$  for all  $x \in C$ . And so, we obtain  $\mathcal{F}_\eta x = p$  for all  $c$ -invariant mean  $\eta$  on  $[0, \infty)$  from the Lemma 2.8.

Now, we shall show that  $\{A_t S(h)x\}$  converges weakly to  $p$  uniformly in  $h \geq 0$ . If we deny the assertion, then there exists  $x^* \in X^*$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $t_\beta \geq \beta$  and  $h_\beta \geq 0$  for all  $\beta$  such that

$$|\langle A_{t_\beta} S(h_\beta)x - p, x^* \rangle| \geq \varepsilon.$$

We may assume, taking subnet, that  $\eta_\beta = r_{h_\beta}^* \mu_{t_\beta}$  converges to  $\eta \in B([0, \infty))^*$  with respect to the weak star topology. Then  $\eta$  is a  $c$ -invariant mean on  $[0, \infty)$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A_{t_\beta} S(h_\beta) x, x^* \rangle &= \frac{1}{t_\beta} \int_0^{t_\beta} \langle S(h_\beta + h) x, x^* \rangle d\mu_{t_\beta}(h) \\ &= \frac{1}{t_\beta} \int_0^{t_\beta} \langle S(h) x, x^* \rangle dr_{h_\beta}^* \mu_{t_\beta}(h) \\ &= \frac{1}{t_\beta} \int_0^{t_\beta} \langle S(h) x, x^* \rangle d\eta_\beta(h) \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1}{t_\beta} \int_0^{t_\beta} \langle S(h) x, x^* \rangle d\eta(h) \\ &= \langle \mathcal{I}_\eta x, x^* \rangle = \langle p, x^* \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. Hence

$$A_t S(h) x = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t S(s+h) x ds$$

converges weakly to  $p \in F(S)$  uniformly in  $h \geq 0$ .

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