

## NONLINEAR ERGODIC THEOREMS OF SEMIGROUPS OF NONEXPANSIVE MAPPINGS

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a commutative semigroup. Then, since every two ideals in  $G$  have non-void intersection,  $(G, \succeq)$  is a directed system when the binary relation " $\succeq$ " on  $G$  is defined by  $t \succeq s$  if and only if  $t \in \{s\} \cup Gs$ ,  $s, t \in G$ . Let  $m(G)$  be the Banach space of all bounded real valued functions on  $G$  and let  $D$  be a subspace of  $m(G)$  containing constants and invariant under  $r_s$ ,  $s \in G$ , where  $(r_s f)(t) = f(ts)$  for every  $f \in m(G)$ . A net  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  of continuous linear functionals on  $D$  is called *strongly regular* if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (a)  $\sup \|\mu_\alpha\| < +\infty$ ;
- (b)  $\lim_\alpha \mu_\alpha(1) = 1$ ;
- (c)  $\lim_\alpha \|\mu_\alpha - r_s^* \mu_\alpha\| = 0$  for every  $s \in G$ .

Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex Banach space and let  $\mathfrak{S} = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  be a representation of  $G$  as nonexpansive mappings on a closed convex subset  $C$  of  $E$  into  $C$ , i.e.,  $S(ts)x = S(t)S(s)x$  for all  $t, s \in G$  and  $x \in C$ . Let  $F(\mathfrak{S})$  denote the set of common fixed points of  $\mathfrak{S}$  in  $C$ , i.e.,  $\{x \in C : S(t)x = x \text{ for all } t \in G\}$ . Then, as well known,  $F(\mathfrak{S})$  (possibly empty) is a closed convex subset of  $C$ ; see [1; Theorem 8].

As the title suggests, the purpose of this paper is to provide the non-linear ergodic theorems for commutative semigroups of nonexpansive mappings in Banach spaces. First, we prove the existence of a nonexpansive retraction  $P$  of  $C$  onto  $F(\mathfrak{S})$  such that  $PS(t) = S(t)P = P$  for every  $t \in G$  and  $Px \in \overline{co}\{S(t)x : t \in G\}$  for each  $x \in C$ , where  $\overline{co}A$  denotes the closure of the convex hull of  $A$ . Secondly, we show that if

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$E$  has a Fréchet differentiable norm, then, such a retraction  $P$  is unique and further if  $D$  is a subspace of  $m(G)$  containing all the functions  $h_{x^*}$  on  $G$  with  $x \in C$ ,  $x^* \in E^*$  given by  $h_{x^*}(t) = \langle S(t)x, x^* \rangle$  for each  $t \in G$ , then for any strongly regular net  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  of continuous linear functions on  $D$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mu_\alpha} x$  converges weakly to  $Px$  for each  $x \in C$ , where  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mu_\alpha}$  is a mapping of  $C$  into  $F(\mathfrak{S})$  such that  $\langle \mathfrak{S}_{\mu_\alpha} x, x^* \rangle = \mu_\alpha(h_{x^*})$  for every  $x \in C$  and  $x^* \in E^*$ .

## 2. Preliminaries and Some Lemmas

Throughout this paper, we assume that a Banach space  $E$  is real. We denote by  $E^*$  the dual space of  $E$  and the value of  $x^* \in E^*$  at  $x \in E$  will be denoted by  $\langle x, x^* \rangle$ . Let  $D$  be a subset of  $E$ . Then,  $\overline{\text{co}}D$  is the closure of the convex hull of  $D$ .

Let  $G$  be a commutative semigroup and let  $m(G)$  be the Banach space of all bounded real valued functions on  $G$  with the supremum norm. Then, for each  $s \in G$  and  $f \in m(G)$ , we can define  $r_s f$  in  $m(G)$  by  $(r_s f)(t) = f(ts)$  for all  $t \in G$ . Let  $D$  be a subspace of  $m(G)$  containing constants. A linear functional  $\mu$  on  $D$  is called a *mean* on  $D$  if  $\|\mu\| = \mu(1) = 1$ . Further, if  $D$  is invariant under every  $r_s$ ,  $s \in G$ , then a mean  $\mu$  on  $D$  is *invariant* if  $\mu(r_s f) = \mu(f)$  for all  $s \in G$  and  $f \in D$ . For  $s \in G$ , we can define a point evaluation  $\delta_s$  by  $\delta_s(f) = f(s)$  for every  $f \in m(G)$ . A convex combination of point evaluations is called a *finite mean* on  $G$ . A finite mean  $\mu$  on  $G$  is also a mean on any subspace  $D$  of  $m(G)$  containing constants. Then we have the following:

**LEMMA 2.1.** *Let  $f : G \rightarrow E$  be a function such that the weak closure of  $\{f(t) : t \in G\}$  is weakly compact and let  $D$  be a subspace of  $m(G)$  containing all the functions  $h_{x^*}$  on  $G$  with  $x^* \in E^*$  given by  $h_{x^*}(t) = \langle f(t), x^* \rangle$  for each  $t \in G$ . Then, for any  $\mu \in D^*$ , there exists an element  $f_\mu$  in  $E$  such that*

$$\langle f_\mu, x^* \rangle = \int \langle f(t), x^* \rangle d\mu(t)$$

for all  $x^* \in E^*$ , where  $\int \langle f(t), x^* \rangle d\mu(t) = \mu(h_{x^*})$ . (Such an  $f_\mu$  will be written by  $\int f(t)d\mu(t)$ ).

*Proof.* We define a functional  $F$  on  $E^*$  by

$$F(x^*) = \int \langle f(t), x^* \rangle d\mu(t)$$

for every  $x^* \in E^*$ . Then,  $F$  is an element of  $E^{**}$  since

$$\begin{aligned} |F(x^*)| &= \left| \int \langle f(t), x^* \rangle d\mu(t) \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in G} |\langle f(t), x^* \rangle| \cdot \|\mu\| \\ &\leq (\sup_{t \in G} \|f(t)\|) \|x^*\| \cdot \|\mu\| \end{aligned}$$

for every  $x^* \in E^*$ . Now to show  $F \in E$ , let  $K_o = \overline{\text{co}}\{f(t) : t \in G\}$ . Then,  $K_o$  is weakly compact. Further let  $K_1 = \{\|\mu\|x : x \in K_o\}$ ,  $K_2 = \{ry : 0 \leq r \leq 1, y \in K_1\}$ . Finally, let  $K_3 = K_2 - K_2$ . Then,  $K_3$  is a circled weakly compact convex subset of  $E$ . If  $n$  is the natural embedding of  $E$  into  $E^{**}$ , then  $n(K_3)$  is also a circled weak\* compact convex subset of  $E^{**}$ . Thus, it is sufficient to show  $F \in n(K_3)$ . If not, then, by the separation theorem, there is an  $x^* \in E^*$  such that

$$\sup\{|\langle z^{**}, x^* \rangle| : z^{**} \in n(K_3)\} < F(x^*).$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup\{|\langle z^{**}, x^* \rangle| : z^{**} \in n(K_3)\} = \sup\{|\langle z, x^* \rangle| : z \in K_3\} \\ &\geq \sup\{|\langle z, x^* \rangle| : z \in K_2\} = \sup\{r|\langle y, x^* \rangle| : 0 \leq r \leq 1, y \in K_1\} \\ &\geq \sup\{|\langle \|\mu\|f(t), x^* \rangle| : t \in G\} = \|\mu\| \sup_{t \in G} |\langle f(t), x^* \rangle| \\ &\geq \left| \int \langle f(t), x^* \rangle d\mu(t) \right| = |F(x^*)|, \end{aligned}$$

which gives a contradiction. Hence, for each  $\mu \in D^*$ , there exists an  $f_\mu \in K_3$  such that  $\langle f_\mu, x^* \rangle = F(x^*) = \int \langle f(t), x^* \rangle d\mu(t)$  for every  $x^* \in E^*$ . This completes the proof.

We note that  $\mu$  is a mean on  $D$  if and only if

$$(2.1) \quad \inf_{t \in G} f(t) \leq \mu(f) \leq \sup_{t \in G} f(t)$$

for every  $f \in D$ ; see [3],[5].

LEMMA 2.2. *Let  $f, D$  be given as Lemma 2.1. Furthermore, if  $D$  contains constants and if  $\mu$  is a mean on  $D$ , then  $f_\mu = \int f(t)d\mu(t) \in \overline{\text{co}}\{f(t) : t \in G\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $F, K_o, n$  be as in the proof of Lemma 2.1. Suppose  $F \notin n(K_o)$ . Then there is an  $x^* \in E^*$  such that

$$\sup\{\langle z^{**}, x^* \rangle : z^{**} \in n(K_o)\} < F(x^*).$$

But, by (2.1),

$$\begin{aligned} F(x^*) &= \int \langle f(t), x^* \rangle d\mu(t) \leq \sup_{t \in G} \langle f(t), x^* \rangle \\ &\leq \sup\{\langle z, x^* \rangle : z \in K_o\} = \sup\{\langle z^{**}, x^* \rangle : z^{**} \in n(K_o)\}, \end{aligned}$$

which gives a contradiction. Hence,  $f_\mu = \int f(t)d\mu(t) \in K_o$ .

The following two lemmas are crucial to prove nonlinear ergodic theorems for commutative semigroups of nonexpansive mappings in a Banach space.

LEMMA 2.3. *Let  $G$  be a commutative semigroup and let  $D$  be a subspace of  $m(G)$  containing constants and invariant under  $r_s, s \in G$ . Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $f : G \rightarrow E$  be a function such that for each  $x^* \in E^*$ , a function  $h_{x^*} : t \mapsto \langle f(t), x^* \rangle$  is in  $D$  and the weak closure of  $\{f(t) : t \in G\}$  is weakly compact. Then, for a weakly compact convex set  $K \subset E$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (a) *for any weak neighborhood  $W$  of  $K$ , there exists a finite mean  $\lambda$  on  $G$  such that  $\int f(ts)d\lambda(t) \in W$  for every  $s \in G$ ;*
- (b) *there is a net  $\{\lambda_\alpha\}$  of finite means on  $G$  such that for any weak neighborhood  $W$  of  $K$ , there is  $\alpha_o$  with  $\int f(st)d\lambda_\alpha(t) \in W$  for every  $\alpha \succeq \alpha_o$  and  $s \in G$ ;*
- (c) *for any invariant mean  $\mu$  on  $m(G)$ ,  $f_\mu = \int f(t)d\mu(t) \in K$ ;*
- (d) *for any invariant mean  $\mu$  on  $D$ ,  $f_\mu = \int f(t)d\mu(t) \in K$ .*

*Proof.* (b) $\implies$ (a) and (d) $\implies$ (c) are clear. To prove (a) $\implies$ (d), let  $\mu$  be an invariant mean on  $D$  and let  $W$  be a weak neighborhood of  $K$ . Then, it is easy to see that there is a weakly closed convex neighborhood  $W'$  of  $K$  with  $W \supset W'$ . For such a  $W'$ , it follows from (a) that there exists a finite mean  $\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \delta_{t_i}$  on  $G$  with  $a_1, \dots, a_n \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 1$  and  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in G$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(t_i s) \in W'$  for every  $s \in G$ . Since  $\mu$  is invariant, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f_\mu, x^* \rangle &= \int \langle f(t), x^* \rangle d\mu(t) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \int \langle f(t_i t), x^* \rangle d\mu(t) \\ &= \int \langle \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(t_i t), x^* \rangle d\mu(t) \\ &= \langle \int \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(t_i t) d\mu(t), x^* \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for every  $x^* \in E$ . Then, by Lemma 2.2, we have

$$f_\mu = \int f(t) d\mu(t) = \int \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(t_i t) d\mu(t) \in W'.$$

Since  $K$  is weakly closed, we have  $f_\mu = \int f(t) d\mu(t) \in K$ .

Now to show (c) $\implies$ (b), By Theorem 1 of Day [3], there exists a net  $\{\lambda_\alpha\}$  of finite means on  $G$  such that  $\|\lambda_\alpha - r_s^* \lambda_\alpha\| \rightarrow 0$  for each  $s \in G$ , where  $r_s^*$  is the conjugate operator of  $r_s$ . If we deny (b), then there exists a weakly open neighborhood  $W$  of  $K$  such that, for every  $\alpha$ , there is  $\beta_\alpha \succeq \alpha$  and  $s_\alpha \in G$  with

$$(2.2) \quad f_{r_{s_\alpha}^* \lambda_{\beta_\alpha}} = \int f(ts_\alpha) d\lambda_{\beta_\alpha}(t) \notin W.$$

By taking a subnet of  $\{r_{s_\alpha}^* \lambda_{\beta_\alpha}\}$ , if necessary, we may assume that  $r_{s_\alpha}^* \lambda_{\beta_\alpha}$  converges to  $\eta \in m(G)^*$  in the weak\* topology. Then  $\eta$  is an invariant mean on  $m(G)$ . Indeed, for each  $s \in G$ , we have

$$\|r_{s_\alpha}^* \lambda_{\beta_\alpha} - r_s^* r_{s_\alpha}^* \lambda_{\beta_\alpha}\| = \|r_{s_\alpha}^* (\lambda_{\beta_\alpha} - r_s^* \lambda_{\beta_\alpha})\| \leq \|\lambda_{\beta_\alpha} - r_s^* \lambda_{\beta_\alpha}\| \rightarrow 0.$$

So,  $f_{r_{s_\alpha}^* \lambda_{\beta_\alpha}}$  converges weakly to  $f_\eta \in K$  by (c), which gives a contradiction to (2.2).

Let  $G$  be a commutative semigroup and let  $D$  be a subspace of  $m(G)$  containing constants and invariant under every  $r_s$ ,  $s \in G$ . Then, a net  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  of continuous linear functionals on  $D$  is called *strongly regular* if it satisfies the following conditions :

- (a)  $\sup_\alpha \|\mu_\alpha\| < +\infty$ ;
- (b)  $\lim_\alpha \mu_\alpha(1) = 1$ ;
- (c)  $\lim_\alpha \|\mu_\alpha - r_s^* \mu_\alpha\| = 0$  for every  $s \in G$ .

LEMMA 2.4. Let  $G, D, E$  and  $f$  be as in Lemma 2.3. Let  $y \in E$ . Then the following are equivalent :

- (â) for any weak neighborhood  $W$  of  $y$ , there exists a finite mean  $\lambda$  on  $G$  such that  $\int f(ts)d\lambda(t) \in W$  for every  $s \in G$ ;
- (e) for a strongly regular net  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  of continuous linear functionals on  $D$ ,  $\int f(ts)d\mu_\alpha(t)$  converges weakly to  $y$  uniformly in  $s \in G$ .

*Proof.* (e)  $\implies$  (â). By [3], there exists a net  $\{\lambda_\alpha\}$  of finite means on  $G$  such that  $\|\lambda_\alpha - r_s^* \lambda_\alpha\| \rightarrow 0$  for each  $s \in G$ . Then, the net  $\{\lambda_\alpha\}$  of continuous linear functionals on  $D$  is certainly strongly regular. By (e), for any weak neighborhood  $W$  of  $y$ , there exists  $\alpha_o$  such that

$$\int f(st)d\lambda_\alpha(t) \in W \quad \text{for every } \alpha \succeq \alpha_o \text{ and } s \in G.$$

Taking a finite mean  $\lambda_{\alpha_o}$ , we obtain the desired result.

(â) $\implies$ (e). Fix  $x^* \in E^*$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  arbitrarily. Then, by (â) there exists a finite mean  $\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \delta_{t_i}$  on  $G$ , where  $a_1, \dots, a_n \geq 0$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 1$  and  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in G$ , such that

$$| \langle \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(t_i s) - y, x^* \rangle | < \frac{\epsilon}{\sup_{\alpha} \|\mu_{\alpha}\|} \quad \text{for every } s \in G.$$

Note that, for each  $h \in G$ ,

$$\int \int f(tsh) d\lambda(t) d\mu_{\alpha}(s) = \int \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(t_i sh) d\mu_{\alpha}(s)$$

is well-defined. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \int \int f(tsh) d\lambda(t) d\mu_{\alpha}(s) - y, x^* \rangle \\ &= \int \langle \int f(tsh) d\lambda(t), x^* \rangle d\mu_{\alpha}(s) - \langle y, x^* \rangle \\ &= \int \langle y, x^* \rangle d\mu_{\alpha}(s) + \int \langle \int f(tsh) d\lambda(t) - y, x^* \rangle d\mu_{\alpha}(s) - \langle y, x^* \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\{\mu_{\alpha}\}$  is strongly regular, there exists  $\alpha_0$  such that

$$|1 - \mu_{\alpha}(1)| < \epsilon / \max\{1, \|y\| \cdot \|x^*\|\}$$

and

$$(2.3) \quad \|\mu_{\alpha} - r_{t_i}^* \mu_{\alpha}\| < \epsilon / \max\{1, M \cdot \|x^*\|\}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

where  $M = \sup_{s \in G} \|f(s)\|$ . Then we have

$$| \langle y, x^* \rangle - \int \langle y, x^* \rangle d\mu_{\alpha}(s) | \leq | \langle y, x^* \rangle | \cdot |1 - \mu_{\alpha}(1)| < \epsilon$$

for every  $\alpha \succeq \alpha_o$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int \langle \int f(tsh)d\lambda(t) - y, x^* \rangle d\mu_\alpha(s) \right| \\ & \leq \|\mu_\alpha\| \cdot \left| \langle \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(t_i sh) - y, x^* \rangle \right| < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

for every  $h \in G$  and  $\alpha$ . Thus, we obtain

$$\left| \langle \int \int f(tsh)d\lambda(t)d\mu_\alpha(s) - y, x^* \rangle \right| < 2\epsilon$$

for every  $h \in G$  and  $\alpha \succeq \alpha_o$ . On the other hand, it follows from (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \langle \int f(sh)d\mu_\alpha(s), x^* \rangle - \langle \int \int f(tsh)d\lambda(t)d\mu_\alpha(s), x^* \rangle \right| \\ & = \left| \int \langle f(sh) - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(t_i sh), x^* \rangle d\mu_\alpha(s) \right| \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \left| \int \langle f(sh) - f(t_i sh), x^* \rangle d\mu_\alpha(s) \right| \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \left| \int \langle f(sh), x^* \rangle d(\mu_\alpha - r_{t_i}^* \mu_\alpha)(s) \right| \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \|\mu_\alpha - r_{t_i}^* \mu_\alpha\| \cdot M \cdot \|x^*\| < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

for every  $h \in G$  and  $\alpha \succeq \alpha_o$ . Therefore, we have

$$\left| \langle \int f(sh)d\mu_\alpha(s) - y, x^* \rangle \right| < 3\epsilon$$

for every  $h \in G$  and  $\alpha \succeq \alpha_o$ . This completes the proof.

### 3. Nonlinear Ergodic Theorems

Let  $G$  be a commutative semigroup and let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a Banach space  $E$ . Then a family  $\mathfrak{S} = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  is called a *representation* of  $G$  as nonexpansive mappings on  $C$  into itself if  $S(st) = S(s)S(t)$  for all  $s, t \in G$ . Let  $D$  be a subspace of  $m(G)$  containing constants and invariant under every  $r_s, s \in G$ . Assume that, for each  $x \in C$  and  $x^* \in E^*$ , a function  $t \mapsto \langle S(t)x, x^* \rangle$  is in  $D$  and the weak closure of  $\{S(t)x : t \in G\}$  is weakly compact. Then for any  $\mu \in D^*$ , we can consider a mapping  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  of  $C$  into  $E$  such that

$$\langle \mathfrak{S}_\mu x, x^* \rangle = \int \langle S(t)x, x^* \rangle d\mu(t)$$

for every  $x \in C$  and  $x^* \in E^*$ ; see section 2. Particularly, if  $\mu$  is a mean on  $D$ , then  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into itself. Furthermore, if  $\mu$  is finite, say  $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \delta_{s_i}$  ( $s_i \in G, a_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 1$ ), then  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i S(s_i)x$ . Let  $F(\mathfrak{S})$  denote the set of all fixed points of  $\mathfrak{S} = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$ . Then, we have the following;

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be a commutative semigroup and let  $D$  be a subspace of  $m(G)$  containing constants and invariant under every  $r_s, s \in G$ . Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  and let  $\mathfrak{S} = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  be a representation of  $G$  as nonexpansive mappings of  $C$  into itself such that a function  $t \mapsto \langle S(t)x, x^* \rangle$  is in  $D$  for each  $x \in C$  and  $x^* \in E^*$  and  $F(\mathfrak{S}) \neq \emptyset$ . Then, for every invariant mean  $\mu$  on  $D$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$  is a nonexpansive retraction of  $C$  onto  $F(\mathfrak{S})$  such that  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu S(t) = S(t)\mathfrak{S}_\mu = \mathfrak{S}_\mu$  for each  $t \in G$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu x \in \overline{\text{co}}\{S(t)x : t \in G\}$  for each  $x \in C$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in C$ . Then, we know from [4; Lemma 3] that for each finite mean  $\lambda$  on  $G$ .

$$\lim_t \|S(s)\mathfrak{S}_\lambda S(t)x - \mathfrak{S}_\lambda S(st)x\| = 0$$

uniformly in  $s \in G$ . Let  $\{\lambda_\alpha\}$  be a net of finite means on  $G$  such that  $\|\lambda_\alpha - r_s^* \lambda_\alpha\| \rightarrow 0$  for every  $s \in G$ ; see [3]. Then, for  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $s \in G$ ,

consider  $\alpha$  such that  $\|\lambda_\alpha - r_s^* \lambda_\alpha\| < \frac{\epsilon}{M}$ , where  $M = \sup_{t \in G} \|S(t)x\|$ . For such an  $\alpha$ , there exists  $t_o$  such that

$$\|S(s)\mathfrak{F}_{\lambda_\alpha} S(t_o t)x - \mathfrak{F}_{r_s^* \lambda_\alpha} S(t_o t)x\| < \epsilon$$

for every  $t \in G$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \|S(s)\mathfrak{F}_{r_s^* \lambda_\alpha} S(t)x - \mathfrak{F}_{r_s^* \lambda_\alpha} S(t)x\| \\ & \leq \|S(s)\mathfrak{F}_{r_s^* \lambda_\alpha} S(t)x - \mathfrak{F}_{r_s^* \lambda_\alpha} S(t_o t)x\| + \|\mathfrak{F}_{r_s^* \lambda_\alpha} S(t_o t)x - \mathfrak{F}_{r_s^* \lambda_\alpha} S(t)x\| \\ & < \epsilon + M \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{M} = 2\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

for every  $t \in G$ . On the other hand, we know from [2; Lemma 1.4] that for each weak neighborhood  $W$  of  $\overline{\text{co}}\{S(t)x : t \in G\} \cap F(S(s))$ , there is  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\|x - S(s)x\| < \epsilon \implies x \in W$ . Then from the above there is a finite mean  $\lambda_\alpha$  on  $G$  such that  $\mathfrak{F}_{r_s^* \lambda_\alpha} S(t)x \in W$  for every  $t \in G$ . So, for an invariant mean  $\mu$  on  $D$ , by using Lemma 2.3 we have

$$\mathfrak{F}_\mu x \in \overline{\text{co}}\{S(t)x : t \in G\} \cap F(S(s)) \subset F(S(s)).$$

Since  $s$  is arbitrary, we have  $\mathfrak{F}_\mu x \in F(\mathfrak{F}) = \bigcap_{s \in G} F(S(s))$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{F}_\mu$  is a nonexpansive retraction of  $C$  onto  $F(\mathfrak{F})$ . From

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathfrak{F}_\mu S(s)x, x^* \rangle &= \int \langle S(ts)x, x^* \rangle d\mu(t) \\ &= \int \langle S(t)x, x^* \rangle d\mu(t) \\ &= \langle \mathfrak{F}_\mu x, x^* \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for every  $s \in G, x \in C$  and  $x^* \in E^*$ , we have  $\mathfrak{F}_\mu S(s) = \mathfrak{F}_\mu$  for every  $s \in G$ . Since  $\mu$  is a mean on  $D$ , by Lemma 2.2,  $\mathfrak{F}_\mu x$  is contained in  $\overline{\text{co}}\{S(t)x : t \in G\}$  for each  $x \in C$ . This completes the proof.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $G, D, C, E$  and  $\mathfrak{F} = \{S(t) : t \in G\}$  be as in Theorem 3.1. Additionally, assume that  $E$  has a Fréchet differentiable norm. Then there is a unique nonexpansive retraction  $P$  of  $C$  onto  $F(\mathfrak{F})$  such that  $PS(t) = S(t)P = P$  for each  $t \in G$  and  $Px \in \overline{\text{co}}\{S(t)x : t \in G\}$*

for each  $x \in C$ . Further, if  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  is a strongly regular net of continuous linear functionals on  $D$ , then for each  $x \in C$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mu_\alpha} S(t)x$  converges weakly to  $Px$  uniformly in  $t \in G$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.1, there is a nonexpansive retraction  $P$  of  $C$  onto  $F(\mathfrak{S})$  such that  $PS(t) = S(t)P = P$  for each  $t \in G$  and  $Px \in \overline{\text{co}}\{S(t)x : t \in G\}$  for each  $x \in C$ . Fix  $x \in C$  and  $s \in G$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} Px &= PS(s)x \in \overline{\text{co}}\{S(ts)x : t \in G\} \\ &= \overline{\text{co}}\{S(t)x : t \succeq s, t \in G\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $Px \in \bigcap_{s \in G} \overline{\text{co}}\{S(t)x : t \succeq s\}$ . By [6;Theorem 1], we also know

$\bigcap_{s \in G} \overline{\text{co}}\{S(t)x : t \succeq s\} \cap F(\mathfrak{S})$  consists of at most one point. Therefore we know

$$\{Px\} = \bigcap_{s \in G} \overline{\text{co}}\{S(t)x : t \succeq s\} \cap F(\mathfrak{S})$$

for every  $x \in C$ . This implies that such a retraction  $P$  is unique. Let  $x \in C$ . Then, for any invariant mean  $\mu$  on  $D$ , it follows from Theorem 3.1 and the above that

$$\int S(s)x \, d\mu(s) = \mathfrak{S}_\mu x = Px.$$

So, (d) of Lemma 2.3 is satisfied with  $K = \{Px\}$ . Therefore, by (e) of Lemma 2.4, for any strongly regular net  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  of continuous linear functionals on  $D$ ,

$$\int S(s)S(t)x \, d\mu_\alpha(s) = \mathfrak{S}_{\mu_\alpha} S(t)x$$

converges weakly to  $Px$  uniformly in  $t \in G$ , which completes the proof.

#### 4. Some Applications.

In this section, by using Theorem 3.2, we prove some nonlinear ergodic theorems for nonexpansive mappings and nonexpansive semigroups in

Banach spaces. In what follows let  $C, E$  be as in Theorem 3.2. We start with the following ;

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $T$  be a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into itself with  $F(T) \neq \phi$ . Then, for each  $x \in C$ ,  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T^{i+k}x$  converges weakly to some  $y \in F(T)$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , uniformly in  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}, \mathfrak{S} = \{T^i : i \in G\}, D = m(G)$ , and  $\mu_n(f) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(i)$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $f \in D$ . Then, since

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mu_n - r_1^* \mu_n\| &= \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} |(\mu_n - r_1^* \mu_n)(f)| \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} |f(0) - f(n)| \leq \frac{2}{n} \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain Theorem 4.1 by using Theorem 3.2.

Let  $\mathfrak{S} = \{S(t) : 0 \leq t < +\infty\}$  be a family of nonexpansive mappings of  $C$  into itself such that  $S(0) = I, S(t+s) = S(t)S(s)$  for all  $t, s \in [0, \infty)$  and  $S(t)x$  is continuous in  $t \in [0, \infty)$  for each  $x \in C$ . Then,  $\mathfrak{S} = \{S(t) : 0 \leq t < +\infty\}$  is said to be a *nonexpansive semigroup* on  $C$ . Then, as a direct consequence of Theorem 3.2, we have the following ;

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $\mathfrak{S} = \{S(t) : 0 \leq t < +\infty\}$  be a nonexpansive semigroup on  $C$  with  $F(\mathfrak{S}) \neq \emptyset$ . Then for each  $x \in C$ ,  $\frac{1}{s} \int_0^s S(t+k)x dt$  converges weakly to some  $y \in F(\mathfrak{S})$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , uniformly in  $k \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G = [0, \infty), \mathfrak{S} = \{S(t); 0 \leq t < \infty\}$ , and let  $D$  be the Banach space  $C(G)$  of bounded continuous functions on  $G$ . Define  $\mu_s(f) = \frac{1}{s} \int_0^s f(t) dt$  for every  $s > 0$  and  $f \in D$ . Then we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\mu_s - r_k^* \mu_s\| &= \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} \left| \frac{1}{s} \int_0^s f(t) dt - \frac{1}{s} \int_0^s f(t+k) dt \right| \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} \left| \int_0^s f(t) dt - \int_k^{s+k} f(t) dt \right| \\
 &= \frac{1}{s} \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} \left| \int_0^k f(t) dt - \int_s^{s+k} f(t) dt \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{s} \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} \left( \int_0^k |f(t)| dt + \int_s^{s+k} |f(t)| dt \right) \\
 &= \frac{2k}{s} \rightarrow 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

as  $s \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore by using Theorem 3.2, we have Theorem 4.2.

Let  $G = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  and let  $Q = \{q_{n,m}\}_{n,m \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a matrix satisfying the following conditions:

- (a)  $\sup_{n \geq 0} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |q_{n,m}| < +\infty$  ;
- (b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q_{n,m} = 1$  ;
- (c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |q_{n,m+1} - q_{n,m}| = 0$ .

Then,  $Q$  is called a strongly regular matrix ; see [7]. If  $Q$  is a strongly regular matrix, then for each  $m \in G$ , we have  $|q_{n,m}| \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Indeed, assume that there is  $m_o \in G$  such that  $|q_{n,m_o}| \not\rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then there are  $\epsilon > 0$  and a subsequence  $\{|q_{n_i,m_o}|\}$  of  $\{|q_{n,m_o}|\}$  with  $|q_{n_i,m_o}| > \epsilon$ . On the other hand, since  $Q$  is a strongly regular matrix, there exists  $n_o \in G$  such that

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |q_{n,m+1} - q_{n,m}| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

for every  $n \geq n_o$ . So, we have  $|q_{n,l} - q_{n,m}| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  for every  $n \geq n_o$  and  $l, m \in G$ . Fix  $n_i$  with  $n_i \geq n_o$ . Then we have

$$|q_{n_i,m}| \geq |q_{n_i,m_0}| - |q_{n_i,m_0} - q_{n_i,m}| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

for every  $m \in N$ . Therefore we obtain  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |q_{n_i,m}| = \infty$ , which is a contradiction to (a).

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Let  $T$  be a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into itself with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ . If  $Q$  is a strongly regular matrix, then for each  $x \in C$ ,  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q_{n,m}T^{m+k}x$  converges weakly to some  $y \in F(T)$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , uniformly in  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{F} = \{T^n : n \in G\}$ ,  $D = m(G)$ , and  $\mu_n(f) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q_{n,m}f(m)$  for each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $f \in m(G)$ . Then, since  $Q$  is a strongly regular matrix, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{n \geq 0} \|\mu_n\| &= \sup_{n \geq 0} \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} |\mu_n(f)| \\ &\leq \sup_{n \geq 0} \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |q_{n,m}| \cdot |f(m)| \right) \\ &\leq \sup_{n \geq 0} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |q_{n,m}| < +\infty \end{aligned}$$

and by (b),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_n(1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q_{n,m} = 1.$$

We also have  $\|\mu_n - r_k^* \mu_n\| \rightarrow 0$  for every  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Indeed, we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|r_k^* \mu_n - r_{k+1}^* \mu_n\| \rightarrow 0$  for every  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , since

$$\begin{aligned} \|r_k^* \mu_n - r_{k+1}^* \mu_n\| &= \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} |(r_k^* \mu_n - r_{k+1}^* \mu_n)(f)| \\ &= \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} \left| \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q_{n,m} \{f(m+k) - f(m+k+1)\} \right| \\ &= \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} \left| q_{n,0} f(k) + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (q_{n,m+1} - q_{n,m}) f(m+k+1) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |q_{n,m+1} - q_{n,m}| + |q_{n,0}|. \end{aligned}$$

Further for  $k \geq 2$ , we have

$$\|\mu_n - r_k^* \mu_n\| \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \|r_i^* \mu_n - r_{i-1}^* \mu_n\| \rightarrow 0,$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore by applying Theorem 3.2, we have Theorem 4.3.

**THEOREM 4.4.** *Let  $S$  and  $T$  be nonexpansive mappings of  $C$  into itself with  $ST = TS$  and  $F(T) \cap F(S) \neq \emptyset$ . Then, for each  $x \in C$ ,  $\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=0}^{n-1} S^{i+j} T^{j+h} x$  converges weakly to some  $y \in F(T) \cap F(S)$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , uniformly in  $k, h = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \times \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{S} = \{S^i T^j : (i, j) \in G\}$ ,  $D = m(G)$  and  $\mu_n(f) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=0}^{n-1} f(i, j)$  for each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $f \in m(G)$ . Then, for each  $(\ell, m) \in G$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mu_n - r_{(\ell,m)}^* \mu_n\| &= \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} |(\mu_n - r_{(\ell,m)}^* \mu_n)(f)| \\ &= \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} \left| \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=0}^{n-1} f(i, j) - \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=0}^{n-1} f(i+\ell, j+n) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n^2} \{ \ell \times n + m(n-\ell) + \ell \times n + m(n-\ell) \} \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \{ 2n(\ell+m) - 2m\ell \} \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore by using Theorem 3.2, we have Theorem 4.4.

**THEOREM 4.5.** *Let  $\mathfrak{S} = \{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$  be a nonexpansive semigroup on  $C$  with  $F(\mathfrak{S}) \neq \emptyset$ . Then, for each  $x \in C$ ,  $\lambda \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} S(t+k)x dt$  converges weakly to  $y \in F(\mathfrak{S})$ , as  $\lambda \downarrow 0$ , uniformly in  $k \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G = [0, \infty)$ ,  $\mathfrak{S} = \{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$ ,  $D = C(G)$  and  $\mu_\lambda(f) = \lambda \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} f(t) dt$  for each  $\lambda > 0$  and  $f \in C(G)$ .

Then, for each  $s \in [0, \infty)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mu_\lambda - r_s^* \mu_\lambda\| &= \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} \left| \lambda \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} f(t) dt - \lambda \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} f(s+t) dt \right| \\ &= \sup_{\|f\| \leq 1} \left| \lambda \int_0^s e^{-\lambda t} f(t) dt + \lambda(1 - e^{-\lambda s}) \int_s^\infty e^{-\lambda t} f(t) dt \right| \\ &\leq \lambda s + |1 - e^{-\lambda s}| \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

as  $\lambda \downarrow 0$ . Therefore by using Theorem 3.2, we have Theorem 4.5.

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