

**STRONG CONVERGENCE THEOREMS  
FOR LOCALLY PSEUDO-CONTRACTIVE  
MAPPINGS IN BANACH SPACES**

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ABSTRACT. Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm,  $C$  a nonempty bounded open subset of  $X$ , and  $T$  a continuous mapping from the closure of  $C$  into  $X$  which is locally pseudo-contractive mapping on  $C$ . We show that if the closed unit ball of  $X$  has the fixed point property for nonexpansive self-mappings and  $T$  satisfies the following condition: there exists  $z \in C$  such that  $\|z - T(z)\| < \|x - T(x)\|$  for all  $x$  on the boundary of  $C$ , then the trajectory  $t \mapsto z_t \in C$ ,  $t \in [0, 1)$  defined by the equation  $z_t = tT(z_t) + (1-t)z$  is continuous and strongly converges to a fixed point of  $T$  as  $t \rightarrow 1^-$ .

### 1. Introduction

Let  $X$  and  $X^*$  be a real Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and the dual space, respectively, and  $C$  a subset of  $X$ . A mapping  $T : C \rightarrow X$  is said to be *pseudo-contractive* ([3], [19]) if for each  $u, v \in X$  and  $\lambda > 1$

$$(1) \quad (\lambda - 1)\|u - v\| \leq \|(\lambda I - T)(u) - (\lambda I - T)(v)\|.$$

Following Kato [14], we can describe an equivalent formulation to this definition. A mapping  $T$  from  $C$  to  $X$  is pseudo-contractive if and only if for every  $u, v \in C$  there exists  $j \in J(u - v)$  such that

$$(2) \quad \langle T(u) - T(v), j \rangle \leq \|u - v\|^2,$$

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where  $J : X \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is the (normalized) *duality mapping* which is defined by

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

Here  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the generalized duality pairing. If (2) holds *locally*, that is, if for each  $x \in C$  has a neighborhood  $U$  such that the restriction of  $T$  to  $U$  is pseudo-contractive.

The pseudo-contractive mappings which are closely more general than the nonexpansive mappings (mappings  $T : C \rightarrow X$  for which  $\|T(x) - T(y)\| \leq \|x - y\|$ ,  $x, y \in C$ ) are characterized by the fact that a mapping  $T : C \rightarrow X$  is pseudo-contractive if and only if the mapping  $A = I - T$  is accretive on  $C$  ([3], [14]). Recent interest in mapping theory for accretive operators, particularly as it relate to existence theorems for nonlinear differential equations, has prompted a corresponding interest in fixed point theory for pseudo-contractive mappings (e.g., [3], [5], [7], [14]  $\sim$  [16], [18]).

The purpose of this paper is to continue the discussion concerning the strong convergence of the path  $\{z_t\}$ ,  $0 \leq t < 1$  defined by the equation  $z_t = tT(z_t) + (1 - t)z$  for  $x \in C$ . Actually, we prove for a locally pseudo-contractive mapping as well as a locally nonexpansive mapping, that the strong  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} z_t$  exists and is a fixed point of  $T$  under a certain boundary conditions in a reflexive Banach space with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm. Our results are extensions of results obtained by Bruck et al. [4] and Morales [21] to more general types of spaces. However, our proofs reply mainly on that of given in [4] and [21]. Further, we obtain the strong convergence results in reflexive Banach spaces with a weakly sequentially continuous duality mapping. The study of this type of problems begun over thirty years ago can be found in [2], [12], [13], [17], [23], [27], [29], [31], and [32] among others.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, we assume  $X$  being a Banach space and denote the set of all nonnegative real numbers by  $\mathbb{R}^+$ . When  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$ , then  $x_n \rightarrow x$  (resp.  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ ,  $x_n \overset{*}{\rightharpoonup} x$ ) will denote strong (resp. weak, weak\*) convergence of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  to  $x$ .

Let  $U = \{x \in X : \|x\| = 1\}$  be the unit sphere of  $X$ . The norm of  $X$  is said to be *Gâteaux differentiable* (and  $X$  is said to be *smooth*) if

$$(3) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t}$$

exists for each  $x, y$  in  $U$ . It is said to be *uniformly Gâteaux differentiable* if each  $y \in U$ , this limit is attained uniformly for  $x \in U$ . The norm is said to be *Fréchet differentiable* if for each  $x \in U$ , the limit is obtained uniformly for  $y \in U$ . Finally, the norm is said to be *uniformly Fréchet differentiable* (and  $E$  is said to be *uniformly smooth*) if the limit in (3) is attained uniformly for  $(x, y) \in U \times U$ . Since the dual  $X^*$  of  $X$  is uniformly convex if and only if the norm of  $X$  is uniformly Fréchet differentiable, every Banach space with a uniformly convex dual is reflexive and has a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm. But there are reflexive Banach spaces with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm that are not even isomorphic to a uniformly smooth Banach space. To see this, consider  $X$  to be the direct sum  $l^2(l^{p_n})$ , the class of all those sequences  $x = \{x_n\}$  with  $x_n \in l^{p_n}$  and  $\|x\| = (\sum_{n < \infty} \|x_n\|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  ([6]). Now if  $1 < p_n < \infty$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where either  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = \infty$  or  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = 1$ , then  $X$  is a reflexive Banach space ([6]) with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm ([33]), but is not uniformly smooth ([6]) (cf. [26]).

The (normalized) duality mapping  $J$  is single valued if and only if  $X$  is smooth. It is also well-known that if  $X$  has a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm, then  $J$  is uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of  $X$  from the strong topology of  $X$  to the weak-star topology of  $X^*$ . This is explicitly proved in Lemma 2.2 of [28] (also [8]). Suppose that  $J$  is single valued. Then  $J$  is said to be *weakly sequentially continuous* if for each  $\{x_n\} \in X$  with  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $J(x_n) \overset{*}{\rightharpoonup} J(x)$  ([10]).

Let  $\mu$  be a mean on positive integers  $\mathbb{N}$ , that is, a continuous linear functional on  $\ell^\infty$  satisfying  $\|\mu\| = 1 = \mu(1)$ . Then we know that  $\mu$  is a mean on  $\mathbb{N}$  if and only if

$$\inf\{a_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \leq \mu(a) \leq \sup\{a_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

for every  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots) \in \ell^\infty$ . We sometimes use  $\mu_n(a_n)$  in place of  $\mu(a)$ . A mean  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  is called a *Banach limit* if

$$\mu_n(a_n) = \mu_n(a_{n+1})$$

for every  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots) \in \ell^\infty$ . Using the Hahn-Banach theorem, we can prove the existence of a Banach limit. We know that if  $\mu$  is a Banach limit, then

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq \mu_n(a_n) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$$

for every  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots) \in \ell^\infty$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a bounded sequence in  $E$ . Then we can define the real valued continuous convex function  $\phi$  on  $E$  by

$$\phi(z) = \mu_n \|x_n - z\|^2$$

for each  $z \in E$ .

The following lemma which was given in [11, 13, 30] is, in fact, a variant of Lemma 1.2 in [26].

LEMMA 1. *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Banach space  $X$  with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a bounded sequence in  $X$ . Let  $\mu$  be a Banach limit and  $u \in C$ . Then*

$$\mu_n \|x_n - u\|^2 = \min_{y \in C} \mu_n \|x_n - y\|^2$$

if and only if

$$\mu_n(x - u, J(x_n - u)) \leq 0$$

for all  $x \in C$ , where  $J$  is the duality mapping.

Recall that a closed convex subset  $C$  of  $X$  is said to have the *fixed point property* for nonexpansive self-mappings if every nonexpansive mapping  $T : C \rightarrow C$  has a fixed point, i.e. there is a point  $p \in C$  such that  $T(p) = p$ . It is well-known that every bounded closed convex subset of a uniformly smooth Banach space has the fixed point property for nonexpansive self-mapping (cf. [9, p. 45]). We also observe that spaces which enjoy the fixed point property for nonexpansive self-mappings are not necessarily spaces with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm. The converse of this fact appears to be unknown as well.

Finally, to fix the notation, we will denote the closure and boundary of  $C$  by  $\overline{C}$  and  $\partial C$  respectively, and for  $u, v \in X$  we use  $\text{seg}[u, v]$  to denote the segment  $\{tu + (1 - t)v : t \in [0, 1]\}$ . We will also use  $B(x; r)$  and  $\overline{B}(x; r)$  to stand for the open ball  $\{z \in X : \|x - z\| < r\}$  and the closed ball  $\{z \in X : \|x - z\| \leq r\}$  respectively. We denote the distance between the sets  $A$  and  $B$  by  $\text{dist}(A, B)$ , i.e.,

$$\text{dist}(A, B) = \inf\{\|a - b\| : a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

### 3. Main results

We begin with the following lemma which was given in [4].

LEMMA 2. *Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $C$  a bounded open subset of  $X$ , and  $T : \overline{C} \rightarrow X$  a continuous mapping which is locally nonexpansive on  $C$ . Suppose that for each  $z \in C$ , there exists a continuous path  $t \mapsto z_t$ ,  $0 \leq t < 1$  satisfying*

$$z_t = tT(z_t) + (1 - t)z \in C$$

and

$$\text{dist}(\{z_t\}, \partial C) > 0.$$

*Let  $z \in C$ ,  $d = \text{dist}(\{z_t\}, \partial C)$ , and  $w \in C$  with  $\|w - z\| < d$ . If  $\{w_t\}$  is the path corresponding to  $w$ , then  $\|w_t - z_t\| \leq \|w - z\|$  for all  $0 \leq t < 1$ .*

As in [4], we prepare the following more general proposition for our main results by using Lemma 1 and 2.

PROPOSITION 1. *Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm for which the closed unit ball has the fixed point property for nonexpansive self-mappings. Let  $C$  be a bounded open subset of  $X$  and let  $T : \overline{C} \rightarrow X$  be a continuous mapping which is locally nonexpansive on  $C$ . Suppose that for each  $z \in C$ , there exists a continuous path  $t \mapsto z_t$ ,  $0 \leq t < 1$  satisfying*

$$z_t = tT(z_t) + (1 - t)z \in C$$

and

$$\text{dist}(\{z_t\}, \partial C) > 0,$$

*and that each component of  $C$  contains a fixed point of  $T$ . Then for each  $z \in C$ , the strong  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} z_t$  exists and is a fixed point of  $T$ .*

PROOF. Since each component of  $C$  contains a fixed point of  $T$ , the set

$$E = \{z \in C : \text{the strong } \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} z_t \text{ exists}\}$$

is nonempty. So it suffices to show that  $E$  is both open and closed in  $C$ .

To see that  $E$  is closed in  $C$ , let  $\{z^n\} \subset E$  and  $z^n \rightarrow z \in C$ . We can choose  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\|z^n - z\| < \text{dist}(\{z_t\}, \partial C)$  for  $n \geq n_0$ , and by Lemma 2,  $\|z_t^n - z_t\| \leq \|z^n - z\|$  for all  $0 \leq t < 1$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_t - z_s\| &\leq \|z_t - z_t^n\| + \|z_t^n - z_s^n\| + \|z_s^n - z_s\| \\ &\leq 2\|z^n - z\| + \|z_t^n - z_s^n\| \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Consequently,  $\{z_t\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and  $z \in E$ .

Now we show that  $E$  is open in  $C$  by using Lemma 1 and a variant patterned after [4] and [27]. Let  $z \in E$  and  $w = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} z_t$ . Then  $w$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . Let  $d = \text{dist}(\{z_t\}, \partial C)$ , and suppose  $y \in B(z, \frac{d}{3}) \cap C$ . Let  $\frac{2d}{3} < d_1 < d$ . Then the closed ball  $\overline{B}(w; d_1) \subset C$  is invariant under  $T$ . Let  $t_n \rightarrow 1^-$  and  $x_n = y_{t_n}$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n - w\| &\leq \|y_{t_n} - z_{t_n}\| + \|z_{t_n} - w\| \\ &\leq \|z - y\| + \|z_{t_n} - w\| \\ &< \frac{d}{3} + \|z_{t_n} - w\|, \end{aligned}$$

$x_n \in \overline{B}(w; d_1)$  for all  $n$  sufficiently large. We also have  $x_n - T(x_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We now define  $\phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  by  $\phi(x) = \mu_n \|x_n - x\|^2$ . Since  $\phi$  is continuous and convex and  $X$  is reflexive,  $\phi$  attains its infimum over  $\overline{B}(w; d_1)$  (cf. [1, p. 79]). Let

$$K = \{u \in \overline{B}(w; d_1) : \phi(u) = \inf\{\phi(x) : x \in \overline{B}(w; d_1)\}\}.$$

Then it is clearly that  $K$  is nonempty closed bounded and convex. If  $u \in K$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(T(u)) &= \mu_n \|x_n - T(u)\|^2 \\ &= \mu_n \|T(x_n) - T(u)\|^2 \\ &\leq \mu_n \|x_n - u\|^2 \\ &= \phi(u), \end{aligned}$$

so that  $K$  is invariant under  $T$ . Therefore, due to the assumption,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $K$ . Denote such a fixed point  $v$ . Since  $T$  is nonexpansive on  $\overline{B}(w; d_1)$  and  $v$  is a fixed point of  $T$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{1}{t_n} x_n - \left(\frac{1}{t_n} - 1\right)y - v, J(v - x_n) \right\rangle &= \langle T(x_n) - T(v), J(v - x_n) \rangle \\ &\geq -\|T(x_n) - T(v)\| \|J(v - x_n)\| \\ &\geq -\|v - x_n\|^2 \\ &= \langle x_n - v, J(v - x_n) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $\langle (\frac{1}{t_n} - 1)(x_n - y), J(v - x_n) \rangle \geq 0$ , where  $J$  is the duality mapping. So, we obtain

$$\langle x_n - y, J(x_n - v) \rangle \leq 0$$

for all sufficiently large  $n$ , and

$$(4) \quad \mu_n \langle x_n - y, J(x_n - v) \rangle \leq 0.$$

On the other hand, without loss of generality, we assume that  $y - v \notin \overline{B}(w; d_1)$ . But, since  $v \in \overline{B}(w; d_1)$ , we can choose  $\tau > 0$  such that  $v + t(y - v) \in \overline{B}(w; d_1)$  for all  $t \in (0, \tau]$ . Then, since it follows from Lemma 1 that

$$\mu_n \langle x - v, J(x_n - v) \rangle \leq 0$$

for all  $x \in \overline{B}(w; d_1)$ , we have

$$(5) \quad \mu_n \langle y - v, J(x_n - v) \rangle \leq 0.$$

Combining (4) and (5), we obtain

$$\mu_n \|x_n - v\|^2 = \mu_n \langle x_n - v, J(x_n - v) \rangle \leq 0.$$

Therefore, there is a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  which converges strongly to  $v$ . To complete the proof, let  $\{x_{m_k}\}$  be another subsequence of  $\{y_t : t \in [0, 1)\}$  such that  $x_{m_k} = x_{t_{m_k}}$ ,  $t_{m_k} \rightarrow 1^-$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $x_{m_k} \rightarrow u$ , where  $T(u) = u$ . Then (4) and (5) implies that

$$\langle v - y, J(v - u) \rangle \leq 0$$

and

$$\langle u - y, J(u - v) \rangle \leq 0.$$

Hence  $v = u$  and the strong  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} y_t$  exists. Therefore  $E$  is open in  $C$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

REMARK 1. Proposition 1 is an improvement of Proposition 1 of [4].

The following lemma is essentially [21, Theorem 1]. For the sake of completion, we include its proof.

LEMMA 3. Let  $X$  be a Banach space for which the closed unit ball has the fixed point property for nonexpansive self-mapping. Let  $C$  be a bounded open subset of  $X$  and  $T : \overline{C} \rightarrow X$  a continuous mapping which is locally pseudo-contractive on  $C$ . Suppose that there exists  $z \in C$  such that

$$(6) \quad \|z - T(z)\| < \|x - T(x)\| \quad \text{for all } x \in \partial C.$$

Then  $T$  has a fixed point in  $C$ .

PROOF. Let  $A = I - T$ . Then  $A$  is continuous on  $\overline{C}$  and locally accretive on  $C$ , which satisfies (6) on  $\partial C$ . Therefore by Theorem 1 in [21],  $A$  has a zero in  $C$ . Thus  $T$  has a fixed point in  $C$ .  $\square$

We also need the following Lemma due to Morales [21] for the proof of main results.

LEMMA 4 (Lemma 1 of [21]). Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $C$  a nonempty bounded open subset of  $X$ , and  $T : \overline{C} \rightarrow X$  a continuous mapping which is locally nonexpansive on  $C$ . Suppose that there exists  $z \in C$  so that

$$\|z - T(z)\| < \|x - T(x)\| \quad \text{for all } x \in \partial C.$$

Then

- (i) there exists a unique continuous path  $t \mapsto z_t \in C$ ,  $0 \leq t < 1$ , such that  $z_t = tT(z_t) + (1-t)z$ ;
- (ii) the function  $h : [0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $h(t) = \|z_t - T(z_t)\|$  is nonincreasing;
- (iii) if  $\|u - T(u)\| < \rho$  for  $u \in C$ , then  $B(u; \rho) \subset C$ , where  $\rho = \frac{\|z - T(z)\|}{3}$ ;
- (iv) the set  $\{T(z_t) : 0 \leq t < 1\}$  is bounded provided that  $\{z_t : 0 \leq t < 1\}$  is a bounded set.

Now, we study the strong convergence of  $\{z_t\}$  in a reflexive Banach space with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm. Our first result will be for locally nonexpansive mappings.



**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm,  $C$  a nonempty bounded open subset of  $X$ , and  $T : \overline{C} \rightarrow X$  a continuous mapping which is locally nonexpansive on  $C$ . Suppose that the closed unit ball of  $X$  has the fixed point property for nonexpansive self-mapping. Suppose that there exists  $z \in C$  such that*

$$\|z - T(z)\| < \|x - T(x)\| \quad \text{for all } x \in \partial C.$$

*Then there exists a unique path  $t \mapsto z_t \in C$ ,  $0 \leq t < 1$ , satisfying*

$$z_t = tT(z_t) + (1 - t)z,$$

*where the strong  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} z_t$  exists and this limit is a fixed point of  $T$ .*

**PROOF.** We make use of the idea in [21]. We first observe that due to Lemma 3 we may derive that the component of  $C$  which contains  $z$  has a fixed point of  $T$ . Since

$$z_t - T(z_t) = (1 - t)(z - T(z_t)),$$

it follows from Lemma 4 (iv) that  $\|z_t - T(z_t)\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 1^-$ . This implies that there exists  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  so that  $\|z_t - T(z_t)\| < \rho$  ( $\rho$  as in Lemma 4 (iii)) for all  $t \in (\alpha, 1)$ . Then by Lemma 4 (iii), we have

$$\text{dist}(\{z_t\}, \partial C) > 0.$$

Hence the result follows from Proposition 1. □

We are ready to establish the main result for a more general class of mappings as a consequence of the above result.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm,  $C$  a nonempty bounded open subset of  $X$ , and  $T : \overline{C} \rightarrow X$  a continuous mapping which is locally pseudo-contractive on  $C$ . Suppose that the closed unit ball of  $X$  has the fixed point property for nonexpansive self-mapping. Suppose that there exists  $z \in C$  such that*

$$\|z - T(z)\| < \|x - T(x)\| \quad \text{for all } x \in \partial C.$$

*Then there exists a unique path  $t \mapsto z_t \in C$ ,  $0 \leq t < 1$ , satisfying*

$$(7) \quad z_t = tT(z_t) + (1 - t)z,$$

*where the strong  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} z_t$  exists and this limit is a fixed point of  $T$ .*

PROOF. We also follow the arguments developed in [21]. Let  $F(x) = 2x - Tx$ . Then by Proposition 2 of [24],  $F^{-1}$  exists on  $F(C)$ , and by the assumption on  $T$ ,  $F^{-1}$  is also locally nonexpansive on  $F(C)$ . Now since it is not known whether  $F$  is one-to-one on  $\partial C$ , we will redefine the domain of  $T$  to assure that  $F$  is also invertible on the boundary of its domain. Due to Theorem 2 of [19], we may choose  $w \in C$  such that

$$\|w - T(w)\| < \|z - T(z)\|.$$

We now define the set

$$C_0 = \{x \in C : \|x - T(x)\| < \|z - T(z)\|\}.$$

Then  $\partial C_0 \subset C$ , and

$$\|w - T(w)\| < \|x - T(x)\| \quad \text{for } x \in \partial C_0.$$

This means that the path  $t \mapsto w_t$  exists and is uniquely defined on  $(0, 1)$  (Lemma 3 of [19]). Also by Assertion 1 of [15], we know that  $\text{seg}[w, F(w)] \subset F(C_0)$ . Therefore  $F^{-1}$  is nonexpansive on  $\text{seg}[w, F(w)]$ , and

$$\|w - F^{-1}(w)\| \leq \|w - F(w)\| < \|x - T(x)\| \quad \text{for } x \in \partial C_0.$$

Since  $\partial F(C_0) = F(\partial C_0)$ , for each  $y \in \partial F(C_0)$  there exists  $x \in \partial C_0$  so that  $y = F(x)$  and

$$\|w - F^{-1}(w)\| < \|y - F^{-1}(y)\|.$$

Consequently, by Theorem 1, there exists a unique path  $t \mapsto u_t \in F(C_0)$ ,  $t \in [0, 1)$ , satisfying the equation

$$u_t = tF^{-1}(u_t) + (1 - t)w,$$

where the strong  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} u_t$  exists and is a fixed point of  $F^{-1}$ . By the uniqueness of the path  $t \mapsto w_t$ ,  $F^{-1}(u_t) = w_s$ , where  $s = \frac{1}{2-t}$ , and hence the strong  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} w_t$  exists. Finally, to prove that the path described by (7) strongly converges to a fixed point of  $T$ , we can follow the arguments of the proof of Theorem 1 of [24].  $\square$

As the immediate consequences of Theorem 1 and 2, we have following:

COROLLARY 1 ([21, Theorem 3]). *Let  $X^*$  be a uniformly convex Banach space,  $C$  a nonempty bounded open subset of  $X$ , and  $T : \overline{C} \rightarrow X$  a continuous mapping which is locally nonexpansive on  $C$ . Suppose that there exists  $z \in C$  such that*

$$\|z - T(z)\| < \|x - T(x)\| \quad \text{for all } x \in \partial C.$$

*Then there exists a unique path  $t \mapsto z_t \in C$ ,  $0 \leq t < 1$ , satisfying*

$$z_t = tT(z_t) + (1 - t)z,$$

*where the strong  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} z_t$  exists and this limit is a fixed point of  $T$ .*

COROLLARY 2 ([21, Theorem 4]). *Let  $X^*$  be a uniformly convex Banach space,  $C$  a nonempty bounded open subset of  $X$ , and  $T : \overline{C} \rightarrow X$  a continuous mapping which is locally pseudo-contractive on  $C$ . Suppose that there exists  $z \in C$  such that*

$$\|z - T(z)\| < \|x - T(x)\| \quad \text{for all } x \in \partial C.$$

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*where the strong  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} z_t$  exists and this limit is a fixed point of  $T$ .*

REMARK 2. Theorem 1 is also an extension of Theorem 1 of [4] and Theorem 2 is an improvement of Theorem 1 of [20].

We next obtain convergences of the path  $\{z_t\}$  for spaces with a weakly sequentially continuous duality mapping.

THEOREM 3. *Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space with a weakly sequentially continuous duality mapping,  $C$  a nonempty bounded open subset of  $X$ , and  $T : \overline{C} \rightarrow X$  a continuous mapping which is locally nonexpansive on  $C$ . Suppose that there exists  $z \in C$  such that*

$$\|z - T(z)\| < \|x - T(x)\| \quad \text{for all } x \in \partial C.$$

*Then there exists a unique path  $t \mapsto z_t \in C$ ,  $0 \leq t < 1$ , satisfying*

$$z_t = tT(z_t) + (1 - t)z,$$

*where the strong  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} z_t$  exists and this limit is a fixed point of  $T$ .*

PROOF. We first observe that due to Lemma 1 of [10], the duality mapping  $J$  is single-valued. Now let  $x_n = z_{t_n}$  for  $t_n \rightarrow 1^-$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and let  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  be a subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow v$ . Since  $z_t - T(z_t) = (1-t)(z - T(z_t))$ , we also have from Lemma 4 (iv) that

$$\|z_t - T(z_t)\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 1^-.$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n_k} - T(v)\| &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \{\|x_{n_k} - T(x_{n_k})\| + \|T(x_{n_k}) - T(v)\|\} \\ &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n_k} - v\|. \end{aligned}$$

If  $T(v) \neq v$ , from Theorem 1 in [10], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n_k} - v\| &< \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n_k} - T(v)\| \\ &\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n_k} - v\|. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. Hence  $v$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . Since  $T$  is nonexpansive, by the same argument in proof of Proposition 1, we have

$$\langle z - x_{n_k}, J(x_{n_k} - v) \rangle \geq 0.$$

Thus it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n_k} - v\|^2 &\leq \langle x_{n_k} - v, J(x_{n_k} - v) \rangle + \langle z - x_{n_k}, J(x_{n_k} - v) \rangle \\ &= \langle z - v, J(x_{n_k} - v) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow v$  and  $J$  is weakly sequentially continuous, we have  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow v$ . We now follow the last argument given in the proof of Proposition 1, to conclude that  $\{z_t\}$  converges strongly to  $v$  in  $C$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

We also have the following result as a consequence of Theorem 3.

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space with a weakly sequentially continuous duality mapping,  $C$  a nonempty bounded open subset of  $X$ , and  $T : \overline{C} \rightarrow X$  a continuous mapping which is locally pseudo-contractive on  $C$ . Suppose that there exists  $z \in C$  such that*

$$\|z - T(z)\| < \|x - T(x)\| \quad \text{for all } x \in \partial C.$$

*Then there exists a unique path  $t \mapsto z_t \in C$ ,  $0 \leq t < 1$ , satisfying*

$$z_t = tT(z_t) + (1 - t)z,$$

*where the strong  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} z_t$  exists and this limit is a fixed point of  $T$ .*

**PROOF.** The result follows from the proof of Theorem 2. □

**REMARK 3.** Theorem 4 is a local version of Theorem 3 in [23].

**REMARK 4.** In the case that  $T : \overline{C} \rightarrow X$  is a closed mapping which is continuous and locally pseudo-contractive as well as locally nonexpansive on  $C$  in the above results, we can also obtain the same results using the methods developed in [22] and [25].

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