

## AN ERGODIC THEOREM FOR ASYMPTOTICALLY NONEXPANSIVE MAPPINGS IN THE INTERMEDIATE SENSE

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ABSTRACT. This paper is concerned with an ergodic theorem for asymptotically nonexpansive mappings in the intermediate sense in Banach spaces.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND THE MAIN RESULT

Throughout this paper  $X$  denotes a uniformly convex real Banach space,  $C$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $X$ , and  $T$  a mapping from  $C$  into itself.

Recently the asymptotic behavior of asymptotically nonexpansive mappings has been studied by many authors (see [4], [14], [15] and [16]). There appear in the literature two definitions of an asymptotically nonexpansive mapping. One is due to Kirk [6] :

$$(1.1) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{y \in K} (\|T^n x - T^n y\| - \|x - y\|) \leq 0$$

for each  $x \in C$  and each bounded set  $K \subset C$ , and  $T^N$  is continuous for some  $N \geq 1$ . The other is due to Goebel and Kirk [5] : There exists a sequence  $\{k_n\}$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n = 1$  such that

$$\|T^n x - T^n y\| \leq k_n \|x - y\| \text{ for } x, y \in C \text{ and } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Bruck, Kuczumow and Reich [4] have introduced a definition between these two:  $T$  is called *asymptotically nonexpansive in the intermediate sense* if  $T$  is continuous and

$$(1.2) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x, y \in K} (\|T^n x - T^n y\| - \|x - y\|) \leq 0$$

for any bounded subset  $K \subset C$ . The purpose of the present paper is to prove the ergodic theorem for such a mapping in the class of Banach spaces in which the nonlinear mean ergodic theorem is usually set.

Here we summarize the notations used in the sequel. Denote by  $F(T)$  the set of fixed points of a mapping  $T$ . The convex hull of a subset  $M$  of  $X$  is denoted by

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$coM$ , and the closed convex hull by  $clcoM$ . We put

$$\Delta^{n-1} = \{\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) : \lambda_i \geq 0 \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, n) \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1\}$$

and

$$B_r = \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq r\} \text{ for } r > 0.$$

Also,  $\omega_w(\{z_n\})$  denotes the set of weak subsequential limits of a sequence  $\{z_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 1.1.** A sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  in  $C$  is called an *almost-orbit* of  $T$  if

$$(1.3) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sup_{m \geq 0} \|x_{n+m} - T^m x_n\| \right] = 0.$$

**Definition 1.2.** A sequence  $\{z_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  in  $X$  is said to be *weakly almost convergent* to  $z \in X$  if  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} z_{i+k}$  converges weakly as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  to  $z$  uniformly in  $k \geq 0$ .

The main result in this paper is stated as follows:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Suppose that  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is asymptotically nonexpansive in the intermediate sense with  $F(T) \neq \phi$ , and that  $\{x_n\}$  is an almost-orbit of  $T$ . If the norm of  $X$  is Fréchet differentiable, then  $\{x_n\}$  is weakly almost convergent to the unique point of  $F(T) \cap clco\omega_w(\{x_n\})$ .*

## 2. PROOF OF THEOREM

In what follows, a mapping  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is assumed to be asymptotically nonexpansive in the intermediate sense with  $F(T) \neq \phi$ . Take  $f \in F(T)$  and let  $K$  be a bounded closed convex subset of  $C$  including the set  $\{f\}$ . Put  $D_K = \text{diameter } K$ .

The key point in proving mean ergodic theorems is to estimate the difference between  $T^k(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i z_i)$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i T^k z_i$  for  $\lambda \in \Delta^{n-1}$ ,  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in K$  and  $k \geq 1$ , as done previously in [15, Proposition 3.1] and [8, Lemma 3]. However, we cannot make use of Bruck's inequality [3, Theorem 2.1] as used in [15] and [8], because our operator  $T$  is not Lipschitz continuous. Therefore our argument is different from theirs.

**Lemma 2.1.** *For  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist an integer  $N_\varepsilon \geq 1$  and  $\delta_{2,\varepsilon} > 0$  such that if  $k \geq N_\varepsilon$ ,  $z_1, z_2 \in K$  and if  $\|z_1 - z_2\| - \|T^k z_1 - T^k z_2\| \leq \delta_{2,\varepsilon}$ , then*

$$\|T^k(\lambda_1 z_1 + \lambda_2 z_2) - \lambda_1 T^k z_1 - \lambda_2 T^k z_2\| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in \Delta^1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\delta$  be the modulus of uniform convexity of  $X$  and define a function  $d : \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^+$  by

$$d(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \delta(s) ds & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 2, \\ d(2) + \frac{1}{2} \delta(2)(t-2) & \text{if } t > 2. \end{cases}$$

It is then well known that  $d$  is a strictly increasing, continuous convex function, and that it satisfies

$$(2.1) \quad 2\lambda_1 \lambda_2 d(\|u - v\|) \leq 1 - \|\lambda_1 u + \lambda_2 v\|$$

for  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in \Delta^1$ ,  $\|u\| \leq 1$  and  $\|v\| \leq 1$ .

For  $\varepsilon > 0$  choose  $\eta_\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\frac{D_K}{2}d^{-1}\left(\frac{2\eta_\varepsilon}{D_K}\right) < \varepsilon$  and put  $\delta_{2,\varepsilon} = \min\{\eta_\varepsilon, \frac{D_K}{4}\}$ . By (1.2) there exists an integer  $N_\varepsilon \geq 1$  (depending on the set  $K$ ) such that if  $k \geq N_\varepsilon$ ,

$$\|T^k x - T^k y\| - \|x - y\| < \delta_{2,\varepsilon} \text{ for all } x, y \in K.$$

Let  $k \geq N_\varepsilon$  and let  $z_1, z_2 \in K$  with  $\|z_1 - z_2\| - \|T^k z_1 - T^k z_2\| \leq \delta_{2,\varepsilon}$ . It suffices to show Lemma 2.1 in the case of  $0 < \lambda_i < 1$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).

Put

$$u = \frac{T^k z_2 - T^k(\lambda_1 z_1 + \lambda_2 z_2)}{\lambda_1(\|z_1 - z_2\| + \delta_{2,\varepsilon})} \text{ and } v = \frac{T^k(\lambda_1 z_1 + \lambda_2 z_2) - T^k z_1}{\lambda_2(\|z_1 - z_2\| + \delta_{2,\varepsilon})}.$$

Then we have  $\|u\| \leq 1, \|v\| \leq 1$  and

$$(2.2) \quad \lambda_1 u + \lambda_2 v = \frac{T^k z_2 - T^k z_1}{\|z_1 - z_2\| + \delta_{2,\varepsilon}}.$$

Since

$$u - v = \frac{\lambda_1 T^k z_1 + \lambda_2 T^k z_2 - T^k(\lambda_1 z_1 + \lambda_2 z_2)}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 (\|z_1 - z_2\| + \delta_{2,\varepsilon})}$$

and  $\frac{2}{D_K} \lambda_1 \lambda_2 (\|z_1 - z_2\| + \delta_{2,\varepsilon}) \leq \frac{2}{D_K} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot (D_K + \frac{D_K}{4}) < 1$ , we have by (2.1) and (2.2)

$$\begin{aligned} & d\left(\frac{2}{D_K} \|\lambda_1 T^k z_1 + \lambda_2 T^k z_2 - T^k(\lambda_1 z_1 + \lambda_2 z_2)\|\right) \\ & \leq \frac{2}{D_K} \lambda_1 \lambda_2 (\|z_1 - z_2\| + \delta_{2,\varepsilon}) d(\|u - v\|) \\ & \leq \frac{2}{D_K} \lambda_1 \lambda_2 (\|z_1 - z_2\| + \delta_{2,\varepsilon}) \frac{1}{2\lambda_1 \lambda_2} \left\{1 - \frac{\|T^k z_1 - T^k z_2\|}{\|z_1 - z_2\| + \delta_{2,\varepsilon}}\right\} \\ & = \frac{1}{D_K} (\|z_1 - z_2\| - \|T^k z_1 - T^k z_2\| + \delta_{2,\varepsilon}) \leq \frac{2\delta_{2,\varepsilon}}{D_K} \leq \frac{2\eta_\varepsilon}{D_K}. \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used the convexity of a function  $d$  and the fact that  $d(0) = 0$ . Consequently, we obtain from the choice of  $\eta_\varepsilon$

$$\|T^k(\lambda_1 z_1 + \lambda_2 z_2) - \lambda_1 T^k z_1 - \lambda_2 T^k z_2\| \leq \frac{D_K}{2} d^{-1}\left(\frac{2\eta_\varepsilon}{D_K}\right) < \varepsilon. \quad \square$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *For each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and each integer  $n \geq 2$  there exist an integer  $N_\varepsilon \geq 1$  and  $\delta_{n,\varepsilon} > 0$ , where  $N_\varepsilon$  is independent of  $n$ , such that if  $k \geq N_\varepsilon, z_1, \dots, z_n \in K$  and if  $\|z_i - z_j\| - \|T^k z_i - T^k z_j\| \leq \delta_{n,\varepsilon}$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , then*

$$\left\| T^k \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i z_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i T^k z_i \right\| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in \Delta^{n-1}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and let  $n \geq 2$  be an arbitrary integer. Choose an integer  $N_\varepsilon \geq 1$  in Lemma 2.1. We shall construct  $\delta_{n,\varepsilon} (n = 2, 3, \dots)$  inductively. Let  $\delta_{2,\varepsilon}$  be as in Lemma 2.1. Suppose that all  $\delta_{q,\varepsilon}$  are constructed for  $q = 2, \dots, p$ . Let  $\varepsilon' = \min\left(\frac{1}{3}\delta_{p,\varepsilon}, \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)$  and put  $\delta_{p+1,\varepsilon} = \min(\delta_{2,\varepsilon'}, \varepsilon')$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \Delta^p, z_1, \dots, z_{p+1} \in K, k \geq N_\varepsilon$  and  $\|z_i - z_j\| - \|T^k z_i - T^k z_j\| \leq \delta_{p+1, \varepsilon}$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq p+1$ . The case  $\lambda_{p+1} = 1$  is trivial and so we assume  $\lambda_{p+1} \neq 1$ . Putting

$$u_j = (1 - \lambda_{p+1})z_j + \lambda_{p+1}z_{p+1}, \quad \mu_j = \frac{\lambda_j}{1 - \lambda_{p+1}} \text{ and}$$

$$u'_j = (1 - \lambda_{p+1})T^k z_j + \lambda_{p+1}T^k z_{p+1}$$

for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p+1} \lambda_i z_i = \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{\lambda_j}{1 - \lambda_{p+1}} \{(1 - \lambda_{p+1})z_j + \lambda_{p+1}z_{p+1}\} = \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j u_j \text{ and}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p+1} \lambda_i T^k z_i = \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j u'_j$$

and hence

$$(2.3) \quad \left\| T^k \left( \sum_{i=1}^{p+1} \lambda_i z_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^{p+1} \lambda_i T^k z_i \right\| = \left\| T^k \left( \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j u_j \right) - \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j u'_j \right\|$$

$$\leq \left\| T^k \left( \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j u_j \right) - \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j T^k u_j \right\| + \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j \|T^k u_j - u'_j\|.$$

Since  $\|z_j - z_{p+1}\| - \|T^k z_j - T^k z_{p+1}\| \leq \delta_{p+1, \varepsilon} \leq \delta_{2, \varepsilon'}$ , we have by Lemma 2.1

$$\|u'_j - T^k u_j\| = \|\{(1 - \lambda_{p+1})T^k z_j + \lambda_{p+1}T^k z_{p+1}\} - T^k \{(1 - \lambda_{p+1})z_j + \lambda_{p+1}z_{p+1}\}\| \leq \varepsilon'$$

for  $1 \leq j \leq p$  and

$$\|u_j - u_l\| - \|u'_j - u'_l\| = (1 - \lambda_{p+1})\{\|z_j - z_l\| - \|T^k z_j - T^k z_l\|\}$$

$$\leq (1 - \lambda_{p+1})\delta_{p+1, \varepsilon} \leq \varepsilon' = \min\left(\frac{1}{3}\delta_{p, \frac{\varepsilon}{2}}, \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)$$

for  $1 \leq j, l \leq p$ . Therefore we obtain

$$\|u_j - u_l\| - \|T^k u_j - T^k u_l\| \leq \|u_j - u_l\| - \|u'_j - u'_l\| + \|u'_j - T^k u_l\| + \|u'_l - T^k u_j\|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{3}\delta_{p, \frac{\varepsilon}{2}} + \varepsilon' + \varepsilon' \leq \delta_{p, \frac{\varepsilon}{2}}$$

for  $1 \leq j, l \leq p$ , and thus by the inductive assumption and (2.3) the desired conclusion holds.  $\square$

Since  $X$  is uniformly convex, it has the *convex approximation property* (C.A.P.), i.e. for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an integer  $p(=p(\varepsilon)) \geq 1$  such that for all subsets  $M$  in  $X$  whose diameters are uniformly bounded,

$$(2.4) \quad coM \subset co_p M + B_\varepsilon,$$

where  $co_p M := \{\lambda_1 z_1 + \dots + \lambda_p z_p : \lambda \in \Delta^{p-1}, z_1, \dots, z_p \in M\}$  (see [3, Theorem 1.1]).

The following lemma shows that the positive number  $\delta_{n, \varepsilon}$  in Lemma 2.2 can be chosen independently of  $n$ , thanks to this property of the space  $X$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and every integer  $n \geq 2$  there exist an integer  $N_\varepsilon \geq 1$  and  $\delta_\varepsilon > 0$ , where both  $N_\varepsilon$  and  $\delta_\varepsilon$  are independent of  $n$ , such that if  $k \geq N_\varepsilon$ ,  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in K$  and if  $\|z_i - z_j\| - \|T^k z_i - T^k z_j\| \leq \delta_\varepsilon$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , then*

$$\left\| T^k \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i z_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i T^k z_i \right\| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $\lambda \in \Delta^{n-1}$ .

*Proof.* Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and an integer  $n \geq 2$  arbitrarily. Denote by  $N_{1,\varepsilon}$  the integer  $N_{\frac{\varepsilon}{4}}$  in Lemma 2.2. By (1.2) there is an integer  $N_{2,\varepsilon} \geq 1$  such that if  $k \geq N_{2,\varepsilon}$ , then we have

$$(2.5) \quad \|T^k x - T^k y\| - \|x - y\| < \varepsilon/4 \text{ for all } x, y \in K.$$

Put  $N_\varepsilon = \max(N_{1,\varepsilon}, N_{2,\varepsilon})$ . Let  $\delta_{n,\varepsilon}(n = 2, 3, \dots)$  be positive numbers determined in Lemma 2.2. As pointed out in the proof of [3, Theorem 2.1],  $X \times X$  has the C.A.P. and hence we can choose an integer  $p(= p(\varepsilon)) \geq 1$  such that

$$coM \subset co_p M + B_{\varepsilon/4} \times B_{\varepsilon/4}$$

for all subsets  $M$  in  $X \times X$  whose diameters are uniformly bounded. Note that this integer  $p$  is independent of  $n$ . Put  $\delta_\varepsilon = \delta_{p,\frac{\varepsilon}{4}}$ .

Let  $k \geq N_\varepsilon$ ,  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in K$ , and  $\|z_i - z_j\| - \|T^k z_i - T^k z_j\| \leq \delta_\varepsilon$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ). Consider  $M = \{[z_i, T^k z_i] \in X \times X : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Note that there exists  $r > 0$ , independent of  $k$  and  $n$ , such that  $\sup_{(x,y) \in M} \|(x,y)\|_{X \times X} \leq r$  because of (2.5) and  $f \in F(T) \cap K$ . Then for each  $\lambda \in \Delta^{n-1}$  there exist  $\mu \in \Delta^{p-1}$  and  $i_1, \dots, i_p \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i z_i - \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j z_{i_j} \right\| < \varepsilon/4$$

and

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i T^k z_i - \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j T^k z_{i_j} \right\| < \varepsilon/4.$$

Therefore we have by (2.5) and the choice of  $\delta_\varepsilon$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| T^k \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i z_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i T^k z_i \right\| \\ & \leq \left\| T^k \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i z_i \right) - T^k \left( \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j z_{i_j} \right) \right\| + \left\| T^k \left( \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j z_{i_j} \right) - \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j T^k z_{i_j} \right\| \\ & + \left\| \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j T^k z_{i_j} - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i T^k z_i \right\| < \varepsilon. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

For each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and each integer  $k \geq 1$  set

$$F_\varepsilon(T^k) = \{x \in C : \|T^k x - x\| \leq \varepsilon\}.$$

**Lemma 2.4.** *For each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist an integer  $N(\varepsilon) \geq 1$  and  $\delta(= \delta(\varepsilon)) > 0$  such that*

$$(2.6) \quad clco(F_\delta(T^k) \cap K) \subset F_\varepsilon(T^k) \cap K$$

for all  $k \geq N(\varepsilon)$ .

*Proof.* For each  $\varepsilon > 0$  choose an integer  $N_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} \geq 1$  and  $\delta_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} > 0$  in Lemma 2.3.

Let  $k \geq N(\varepsilon) := N_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}$  and put  $\delta := (\delta(\varepsilon) =) \min(\frac{1}{2}\delta_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}, \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$ . Let  $y \in co(F_\delta(T^k) \cap K)$ , say  $y = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i y_i$  ( $y_i \in F_\delta(T^k) \cap K$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ;  $\beta \in \Delta^{n-1}$ ). By Lemma 2.3,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| T^k \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i y_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i y_i \right\| \\ & \leq \left\| T^k \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i y_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i T^k y_i \right\| + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \|T^k y_i - y_i\| \leq \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

because  $\|y_i - y_j\| - \|T^k y_i - T^k y_j\| \leq \|y_i - T^k y_i\| + \|y_j - T^k y_j\| \leq 2\delta \leq \delta_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ . Therefore  $co(F_\delta(T^k) \cap K) \subset F_\varepsilon(T^k)$ , which implies (2.6).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $\{z_n\}$  be a sequence in  $K$  such that  $w\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = z$ . Suppose that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an integer  $N(\varepsilon) \geq 1$  such that for  $k \geq N(\varepsilon)$  there is an integer  $N_{k,\varepsilon} \geq 1$  satisfying  $\|T^k z_n - z_n\| < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq N_{k,\varepsilon}$ . Then we have  $z \in F(T)$ .*

*Proof.* We shall show that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|T^k z - z\| = 0$ . For  $\varepsilon > 0$  choose an integer  $N_{\frac{\varepsilon}{5}} \geq 1$  and  $\delta_{\frac{\varepsilon}{5}} > 0$  in Lemma 2.3. By (1.2) there exists an integer  $N_1(\varepsilon) \geq 1$  such that if  $k \geq N_1(\varepsilon)$ ,

$$(2.7) \quad \|T^k u - T^k v\| - \|u - v\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{5}$$

for all  $u, v \in K$ . Put  $\varepsilon' = \min(\frac{1}{2}\delta_{\frac{\varepsilon}{5}}, \frac{\varepsilon}{5})$ . By assumption we can take an integer  $N(\varepsilon') \geq 1$ . Let  $N_2(\varepsilon) := \max(N_{\frac{\varepsilon}{5}}, N_1(\varepsilon), N(\varepsilon'))$  and let  $k \geq N_2(\varepsilon)$ .

Since  $z \in clco\{z_n : n \geq N_{k,\varepsilon'}\}$ , where  $N_{k,\varepsilon'}$  is the integer determined by assumption, there exists a sequence  $\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{l_n} \lambda_n^{(i)} z_{\phi_n(i)} \right\} \subset co\{z_n : n \geq N_{k,\varepsilon'}\}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{l_n} \lambda_n^{(i)} z_{\phi_n(i)} = z$ .

Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \|z_{\phi_n(i)} - z_{\phi_n(j)}\| - \|T^k z_{\phi_n(i)} - T^k z_{\phi_n(j)}\| \\ & \leq \|z_{\phi_n(i)} - T^k z_{\phi_n(i)}\| + \|z_{\phi_n(j)} - T^k z_{\phi_n(j)}\| \leq \delta_{\frac{\varepsilon}{5}} \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq l_n) \end{aligned}$$

by assumption, Lemma 2.3 implies

$$(2.8) \quad \left\| T^k \left( \sum_{i=1}^{l_n} \lambda_n^{(i)} z_{\phi_n(i)} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^{l_n} \lambda_n^{(i)} T^k z_{\phi_n(i)} \right\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{5}.$$

There is also  $N_3(k, \varepsilon) \geq 1$  such that

$$(2.9) \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{l_n} \lambda_n^{(i)} z_{\phi_n(i)} - z \right\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{5}$$

for all  $n \geq N_3(k, \varepsilon)$ . Since  $z \in K$ , the combination of the above inequalities with (2.7) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^k z - z\| &\leq \left\| T^k z - T^k \left( \sum_{i=1}^{l_n} \lambda_n^{(i)} z_{\phi_n(i)} \right) \right\| \\ &\quad + \left\| T^k \left( \sum_{i=1}^{l_n} \lambda_n^{(i)} z_{\phi_n(i)} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^{l_n} \lambda_n^{(i)} T^k z_{\phi_n(i)} \right\| \\ &\quad + \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{l_n} \lambda_n^{(i)} (T^k z_{\phi_n(i)} - z_{\phi_n(i)}) \right\| + \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{l_n} \lambda_n^{(i)} z_{\phi_n(i)} - z \right\| < \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

whenever  $n \geq N_3(k, \varepsilon)$ . This shows that  $\|T^k z - z\| < \varepsilon$  for  $k \geq N_2(\varepsilon)$ . □

**Lemma 2.6.** *Suppose that  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and  $\{y_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  are almost-orbits of  $T$ . Then  $\{\|x_n - y_n\|\}$  converges as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

*Proof.* Put  $a_n = \sup_{m \geq 0} \|x_{n+m} - T^m x_n\|$  and  $b_n = \sup_{m \geq 0} \|y_{n+m} - T^m y_n\|$  for  $n \geq 0$ . Then  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $b_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By (1.2) for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and each integer  $n \geq 1$  there exists an integer  $N(\varepsilon, n) \geq 1$  such that if  $m \geq N(\varepsilon, n)$ , then  $\|T^m x_n - T^m y_n\| - \|x_n - y_n\| < \varepsilon$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+m} - y_{n+m}\| &\leq \|x_{n+m} - T^m x_n\| + \|T^m x_n - T^m y_n\| + \|T^m y_n - y_{n+m}\| \\ &\leq a_n + b_n + \|x_n - y_n\| + \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

for  $m \geq N(\varepsilon, n)$ , letting  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , and then  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ , we have

$$\limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|x_m - y_m\| \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y_n\|$$

and so the conclusion holds. □

**Lemma 2.7.** *Suppose that  $\{x_j^{(p)}\}_{j \geq 0} (p = 1, 2, \dots)$  are almost-orbits of  $T$  satisfying  $\sup\{\|x_j^{(p)}\| : j \geq 0, p \geq 1\} < \infty$ . Then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and each integer  $n \geq 2$  there exist positive integers  $N_\varepsilon$  and  $i_n(\varepsilon)$ , where  $N_\varepsilon$  is independent of  $n$ , such that*

$$\left\| T^k \left( \sum_{p=1}^n \lambda_p x_i^{(p)} \right) - \sum_{p=1}^n \lambda_p T^k x_i^{(p)} \right\| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $k \geq N_\varepsilon, i \geq i_n(\varepsilon)$  and  $\lambda \in \Delta^{n-1}$ .

*Proof.* Take  $f \in F(T)$  and set  $K = \text{clco}(\{x_j^{(p)} : j \geq 0, p \geq 1\} \cup \{f\})$ . For  $\varepsilon > 0$  take an integer  $N_\varepsilon \geq 1$  and  $\delta_\varepsilon > 0$  in Lemma 2.3.

Since  $\{\|x_j^{(p)} - x_j^{(q)}\|\}_{j \geq 0}$  converges as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  by Lemma 2.6, for each  $p, q$  there exists an integer  $i_0(\varepsilon, p, q) \geq 1$  such that  $\|x_i^{(p)} - x_i^{(q)}\| - \|x_{i+k}^{(p)} - x_{i+k}^{(q)}\| < \delta_\varepsilon/3$  if  $i \geq i_0(\varepsilon, p, q)$  and  $k \geq 0$ . Moreover there is an integer  $i_1(\varepsilon, p) \geq 1$  such that  $a_i^{(p)} < \delta_\varepsilon/3$  for all  $i \geq i_1(\varepsilon, p)$ , where  $a_i^{(p)} = \sup_{j \geq 0} \|x_{i+j}^{(p)} - T^j x_i^{(p)}\|$  for  $i \geq 0$ .

Put  $i_n(\varepsilon) = \max\{i_0(\varepsilon, p, q), i_1(\varepsilon, p) : 1 \leq p, q \leq n\}$ . If  $i \geq i_n(\varepsilon)$  and  $k \geq N_\varepsilon$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_i^{(p)} - x_i^{(q)}\| - \|T^k x_i^{(p)} - T^k x_i^{(q)}\| \\ \leq \|x_i^{(p)} - x_i^{(q)}\| - \|x_{i+k}^{(p)} - x_{i+k}^{(q)}\| + a_i^{(p)} + a_i^{(q)} < \delta_\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq p, q \leq n$  and so Lemma 2.3 gives the desired conclusion. □

By Lemma 2.6 an almost-orbit  $\{x_n\}$  of  $T$  is bounded, because of  $F(T) \neq \phi$ .

In what follows take  $f \in F(T)$  and set  $K = clco(\{x_i : i \geq 0\} \cup \{f\})$  for an almost-orbit  $\{x_n\}$  of  $T$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** *Suppose that  $\{x_i\}_{i \geq 0}$  is an almost-orbit of  $T$ . Then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an integer  $N_\varepsilon \geq 1$  such that for each  $k \geq N_\varepsilon$ , there is an integer  $N_{k,\varepsilon} \geq 1$  satisfying*

$$(2.10) \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_{i+l} \in F_\varepsilon(T^k) \text{ for all } n \geq N_{k,\varepsilon} \text{ and } l \geq 0.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By Lemma 2.4 there exist an integer  $N_1(\varepsilon) \geq 1$  and  $\delta_1(= \delta_1(\varepsilon)) > 0$  such that

$$(2.11) \quad clco(F_{\delta_1}(T^k) \cap K) \subset F_{\frac{\varepsilon}{3}}(T^k) \cap K$$

for  $k \geq N_1(\varepsilon)$ . Let  $\delta(= \delta(\varepsilon)) = \min\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{12D_K}, \delta_1\right)$ .

Also, from (1.2) we can choose an integer  $N_2(\varepsilon) \geq 1$  such that if  $k \geq N_2(\varepsilon)$ ,

$$(2.12) \quad \|T^k u - T^k v\| - \|u - v\| < \varepsilon/3$$

for all  $u, v \in K$ .

Moreover by Lemma 2.7 for any integer  $p \geq 1$  there are positive integers  $N_3(\varepsilon)$  and  $i_p(\varepsilon)$ , where  $N_3(\varepsilon)$  is independent of  $p$ , such that

$$(2.13) \quad \left\| T^k \left( \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} x_{i+j+l} \right) - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} T^k x_{i+j+l} \right\| < \frac{\delta^2}{8}$$

for  $k \geq N_3(\varepsilon)$ ,  $i \geq i_p(\varepsilon)$  and  $l \geq 0$ .

Put  $N_\varepsilon = \max\{N_i(\varepsilon) : 1 \leq i \leq 3\}$  and fix  $k \geq N_\varepsilon$ .

Choose  $p(= p(k, \varepsilon)) \geq 1$  so that  $\frac{D_K k}{p} \leq \frac{\delta^2}{2}$ . Since  $\{x_i\}_{i \geq 0}$  is an almost-orbit of  $T$ , there exists an integer  $N_4(\varepsilon) \geq 1$  such that  $\sup_{q \geq 0} \|x_{m+q} - T^q x_m\| < \frac{\delta^2}{8}$  for  $m \geq N_4(\varepsilon)$ . Set  $w_i = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} x_{i+j}$  for  $i \geq 0$ .

If  $i \geq i_p(\varepsilon) + N_4(\varepsilon)$ , by (2.13) we have

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|w_{i+k+l} - T^k w_{i+l}\| \\ & \leq \left\| \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (x_{i+j+k+l} - T^k x_{i+j+l}) \right\| + \left\| \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} T^k x_{i+j+l} - T^k \left( \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} x_{i+j+l} \right) \right\| < \frac{\delta^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $l \geq 0$ . We also have from (2.12)

$$(2.15) \quad \begin{aligned} \|w_{i+k} - T^k w_i\| & \leq \|w_{i+k} - f\| + \|T^k f - T^k w_i\| \\ & \leq \|w_{i+k} - f\| + \|f - w_i\| + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \leq 2D_K + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} := D_1(\varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

for  $i \geq 0$ .

Choose  $N_5(k, \varepsilon) \geq i_p(\varepsilon) + N_4(\varepsilon) + 1$  such that  $\frac{D_1(\varepsilon)\{i_p(\varepsilon)+N_4(\varepsilon)\}}{n} < \frac{\delta^2}{4}$  for all  $n \geq N_5(k, \varepsilon)$ . If  $n \geq N_5(k, \varepsilon)$ , it then follows from (2.14) and (2.15) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.16) \quad & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \|w_{i+l} - T^k w_{i+l}\| \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \|w_{i+l} - w_{i+k+l}\| + \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{i_p+N-1} + \sum_{i=i_p+N}^{n-1} \right) \|w_{i+k+l} - T^k w_{i+l}\| \\
 & \leq \frac{D_K k}{p} + \frac{(i_p + N)D_1(\varepsilon)}{n} + \frac{\delta^2}{4} \leq \delta^2
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $l \geq 0$ , where  $N = N_4(\varepsilon)$  and  $i_p = i_p(\varepsilon)$ . Finally, choose  $N_6(k, \varepsilon) \geq 1$  so that  $\frac{(p-1)D_K}{2n} < \frac{\varepsilon}{12}$  for all  $n \geq N_6(k, \varepsilon)$ . Put  $N_{k,\varepsilon} = \max(N_5(k, \varepsilon), N_6(k, \varepsilon))$ . Let  $n \geq N_{k,\varepsilon}$  and  $l \geq 0$ .

Set  $A(k, n, l) = \{i \in Z : 0 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ and } \|w_{i+l} - T^k w_{i+l}\| > \delta\}$  and  $B(k, n, l) = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} \setminus A(k, n, l)$ .

By (2.16),  $\#A(k, n, l) \leq n\delta$ , where  $\#$  denotes cardinality. Since  $\delta D_K < \frac{\varepsilon}{12}$  and  $\frac{(p-1)D_K}{2n} < \frac{\varepsilon}{12}$ , by (2.11) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_{i+l} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_{i+l} + \frac{1}{np} \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} (p-i)(x_{i+l-1} - x_{i+l+n-1}) \\
 & = \left[ \frac{1}{n} (\#A(k, n, l)) \cdot f + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in B(k, n, l)} w_{i+l} \right] + \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in A(k, n, l)} (w_{i+l} - f) \right] \\
 & + \frac{1}{np} \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} (p-i)(x_{i+l-1} - x_{i+l+n-1}) \\
 & \in \text{clco}(F_\delta(T^k) \cap K) + B_{\frac{\varepsilon}{12}} + B_{\frac{\varepsilon}{12}} \subset (F_{\frac{\varepsilon}{3}}(T^k) \cap K) + B_{\frac{\varepsilon}{6}}
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $l \geq 0$ . Combining this with (2.12) we find the desired claim. □

**Lemma 2.9.** *Suppose that the norm of  $X$  is Fréchet differentiable and that  $\{x_n\}$  is an almost-orbit of  $T$ . Then the following hold:*

- (i)  $\{\langle x_n, J(f - g) \rangle\}$  converges as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for every  $f, g \in F(T)$ , where  $J$  is the normalized duality map of  $X$ .
- (ii)  $F(T) \cap \text{clco } \omega_w(\{x_n\})$  is at most a singleton.

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  and  $f, g \in F(T)$ . By Lemma 2.7 and (1.2) for  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist an integer  $N_\varepsilon \geq 1$  and  $i_2(\varepsilon) \geq 1$  such that if  $k \geq N_\varepsilon$  and  $n \geq i_2(\varepsilon)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|T^k(\lambda x_n + (1 - \lambda)f) - \lambda T^k x_n - (1 - \lambda)f\| < \varepsilon, \\
 & \|T^k u - T^k v\| - \|u - v\| < \varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u, v \in K$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|\lambda x_{n+m} + (1 - \lambda)f - g\| \leq \lambda \|x_{n+m} - T^m x_n\| \\
 & + \|\lambda T^m x_n + (1 - \lambda)f - T^m(\lambda x_n + (1 - \lambda)f)\| + \|\lambda x_n + (1 - \lambda)f - g\| + \varepsilon \\
 & \leq \sup_{l \geq 0} \|x_{n+l} - T^l x_n\| + \|\lambda x_n + (1 - \lambda)f - g\| + 2\varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $m \geq N_\varepsilon$  and  $n \geq i_2(\varepsilon)$ . Letting  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , and then  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ , we get

$$\limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|\lambda x_m + (1 - \lambda)f - g\| \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\lambda x_n + (1 - \lambda)f - g\|$$

and so  $\|\lambda x_n + (1 - \lambda)f - g\|$  converges as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The claim (ii) is shown by the same way as in [7, Lemma 3.6].  $\square$

Using Lemmas 2.5, 2.8 and 2.9, by the same argument used in the proof of [8, Theorem] we can easily prove Theorem 1.1.

We also have the following result on the weak convergence of an almost-orbit  $\{x_n\}$  of  $T$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be an almost-orbit of  $T$ . Suppose that*

$$\text{w-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n - x_{n+1}) = 0.$$

*Then we have  $\omega_w(\{x_n\}) \subset F(T)$ . Further if the norm of  $X$  is Fréchet differentiable,  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to an element in  $F(T)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $u \in \omega_w(\{x_n\})$ . Then by definition there is a subsequence  $\{p_m\}$  of  $\{p\}$  such that  $\text{w-}\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_{p_m} = u$ . We have from assumption  $\text{w-}\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_{i+p_m} = \text{w-}\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_{p_m} = u$  for any fixed  $n \geq 1$ . Thus Lemmas 2.5 and 2.8 show  $u \in F(T)$ . The last assertion follows from Lemma 2.9 (ii).  $\square$

*Remark 2.1.* (i) By using the same argument as in [9] with the aid of Lemmas 2.5, 2.7 and 2.8 we see that in Theorem 1.1 the assumption that the norm of  $X$  is Fréchet differentiable may be replaced by the assumption that  $X$  satisfies Opial's property.

- (ii) We can also prove more general ergodic theorems corresponding to [10, Theorems 1 and 2] for semigroups of asymptotically nonexpansive mappings in the intermediate sense. As a consequence we see that [14, Corollary 4] holds for asymptotically nonexpansive mappings in the intermediate sense.
- (iii) We do not know whether Theorem 2.10 is valid for asymptotically nonexpansive mappings satisfying (1.1).

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