

KOMLÓS' THEOREM AND THE FIXED POINT PROPERTY FOR AFFINE MAPPINGS

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ABSTRACT. Assume that X is a Banach space of measurable functions for which Komlós' Theorem holds. We associate to any closed convex bounded subset C of X a coefficient $t(C)$ which attains its minimum value when C is closed for the topology of convergence in measure and we prove some fixed point results for affine Lipschitzian mappings, depending on the value of $t(C) \in [1, 2]$ and the value of the Lipschitz constants of the iterates. As a first consequence, for every $L < 2$, we deduce the existence of fixed points for affine uniformly L -Lipschitzian mappings defined on the closed unit ball of $L_1[0, 1]$. Our main theorem also provides a wide collection of convex closed bounded sets in $L^1([0, 1])$ and in some other spaces of functions which satisfy the fixed point property for affine nonexpansive mappings. Furthermore, this property is still preserved by equivalent renormings when the Banach-Mazur distance is small enough. In particular, we prove that the failure of the fixed point property for affine nonexpansive mappings in $L_1(\mu)$ can only occur in the extremal case $t(C) = 2$. Examples are given proving that our fixed point theorem is optimal in terms of the Lipschitz constants and the coefficient $t(C)$.

1. INTRODUCTION

Fixed point theory for nonexpansive mappings and Lipschitzian mappings has been widely developed in the last 40 years. In many Banach spaces, it is well known that any nonexpansive mapping T defined from a convex closed bounded subset C into C has a fixed point. However, in some other spaces this assertion is false. It can be surprising that, as observed in [12, Chapter 2], most relevant examples about the failure of the fixed point property for nonexpansive mappings in closed convex bounded sets involve affine mappings (see also [7, 9]). Of course, this failure cannot occur when C is weakly compact due to the Tychonov Fixed Point Theorem (and this fact may well be the reason for the absence of examples of nonexpansive fixed point free mappings defined on a closed convex bounded subset of a reflexive space). However, we will show that, in the case of L^1 -like spaces and due to Komlós' Theorem, the failure of the fixed point property for affine nonexpansive mappings can only occur in a very restricted class of sets.

In Section 1 we introduce some preliminary definitions and notation. In Section 2 we state and prove our main theorem. To do that, we associate to any closed

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convex bounded subset C of the space X a coefficient $t(C) \in [1, 2]$, which is equal to 1 when C is closed for the topology of convergence in measure and can be seen as a measure of the “nonclosedness” of the set C for this topology. We prove some fixed point results for a class of affine mappings which contains all uniformly L -Lipschitzian mappings, depending on the value of $t(C)$, the value of L , and the Opial modulus of the space with respect to the convergence in measure topology. Since a fixed point theorem for L -Lipschitzian mappings with $L \geq 1$ immediately yields the existence of fixed points for nonexpansive mappings, our result can be applied to this class of mappings, and we obtain stability results for the fixed point property for affine nonexpansive mappings under renormings. We show that a wide collection of closed convex sets in $L^1([0, 1])$ satisfy the fixed point property for affine uniformly L -Lipschitzian mappings (including its closed unit ball if $L < 2$), and we show some applications of our main theorem in other spaces, such as Orlicz spaces and noncommutative L^1 -spaces. In particular, we prove that the failure of the fixed point property for affine nonexpansive mappings in $L_1(\mu)$ can only occur in the extremal case $t(C) = 2$.

Since every nonreflexive space contains a closed convex bounded set which fails the fixed point property for affine continuous mappings [14], we cannot expect the validity of our results without any Lipschitz restriction. In fact, in Section 3, we include some examples showing that the value of the constant L in our main theorem is optimal for all possible values of $t(C)$.

It is worth noting that while standard fixed point results for nonexpansive mappings in $L_1(\mu)$ assume compactness for the set C with respect to the topology of convergence in measure, due to our affinity assumption, we do not need any compactness assumption for C .

2. PRELIMINARIES

Given a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ endowed with a linear topology τ , it is said that X has the nonstrict Opial condition with respect to τ if for every sequence (x_n) which is τ -convergent to some $x_0 \in X$,

$$\liminf_n \|x_n - x_0\| \leq \liminf_n \|x_n - x\|$$

for every $x \in X$. In the case that the above inequality is strict for every $x \neq x_0$, it is said that X verifies the Opial condition w.r.t. τ . Associated to the Opial property the following coefficient is defined for every $c \geq 0$:

$$r_\tau(c) = \inf\{\liminf_n \|x_n - x\| - 1\},$$

where the infimum is taken over all $x \in X$ with $\|x\| \geq c$ and all τ -null sequences $(x_n) \subset X$ with $\liminf_n \|x_n\| \geq 1$ (see for instance [12, Chapter 4]). The modulus $r_\tau(\cdot)$ is a nondecreasing and continuous function on $[0, +\infty)$ [2, Theorem 3.5, p. 103]. It is clear that $r_\tau(c) \geq 0$ for every $c \geq 0$ whenever X verifies the nonstrict Opial condition w.r.t. τ . In the case that $r_\tau(c) > 0$ for every $c \geq 0$, the Banach space is said to satisfy the uniform Opial condition w.r.t. τ .

We recall Komlós' Theorem:

Theorem 2.1 ([13]). *Let μ be a probability measure. For every bounded sequence (f_n) in $L_1(\mu)$, there exists a subsequence (g_n) of (f_n) and a function $g \in L_1(\mu)$*

such that for every further subsequence (h_n) of (g_n) ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h_i \rightarrow g \text{ } \mu\text{-a.e.}$$

Komlós' Theorem has been extended to a broader class of Banach function spaces.

Definition 2.2. We say that a Banach function space X associated to a σ -finite measure satisfies Komlós' condition if for every bounded sequence $(f_n) \subset X$ there exists a subsequence (g_n) of (f_n) and a function $g \in X$ such that for every further subsequence (h_n) of (g_n) ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h_i \rightarrow g \text{ } \mu\text{-a.e.}$$

It is proved in [3] that every Banach function space X over a σ -finite complete measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) , such that X is weakly finitely integrable and has the Fatou property (see definitions in [3]), satisfies Komlós' condition. Among this class, $L_p(\mu)$ ($1 \leq p \leq +\infty$), Lorentz, Orlicz, and Orlicz–Lorentz spaces are included.

3. MAIN RESULT

We start this section by introducing the following geometric coefficient which will be essential in the proof of our main theorem.

Definition 3.1. Let X be a Banach space endowed with a topology τ . Let C be a norm-closed convex bounded subset of X which contains some τ -convergent sequences that are not norm convergent. We define

$$t(C) = \inf \left\{ \lambda \geq 0 : \inf_{c \in C} \limsup_n \|c - x_n\| \leq \lambda \limsup_n \|x - x_n\| \right\},$$

where (x_n) and x run over all sequences $(x_n) \subset C$ with $\tau\text{-}\lim x_n = x \in X$.

Note that $t(C) \leq 2$ for any case. Indeed, for any $\epsilon > 0$ choose x_m such that $\|x - x_m\| \leq (1 + \epsilon) \limsup_n \|x_n - x\|$. We have

$$\limsup_n \|x_m - x_n\| \leq \limsup_n \|x - x_n\| + \|x - x_m\| \leq (2 + \epsilon) \limsup_n \|x - x_n\|.$$

Furthermore, $t(C) \geq 1$ whenever X verifies the nonstrict Opial condition since $\limsup_n \|x - x_n\| \leq \limsup_n \|c - x_n\|$ for every $c \in C$. If C is, in addition, τ -sequentially closed, it is clear that $t(C) = 1$. If X is a Banach space satisfying the uniform Opial condition w.r.t. τ and $t(C) = 1$, the set C must be τ -sequentially closed. Indeed, assume that $\{x_n\}$ is a τ -convergent sequence to $x \notin C$. Denote $d = d(x, C)$ and $b = \limsup_n \|x_n - x\|$. For every $c \in C$ we have $\|x - c\| \geq d$, which means that $\limsup_n \|c - x_n\| \geq b(1 + r(d/b))$ and $t(C) \geq 1 + r(d/b) > 1$.

Since $t(C)$ attains its minimum value when C is τ -sequentially closed, the coefficient $t(C)$ can be understood as a measure of the “nonclosedness” of C for the topology τ . If we denote by $H(C, \overline{C}^\tau)$ the Hausdorff distance between a set C and its τ -closure, the previous idea can be illustrated with the following lemma:

Lemma 3.2. *Let C be a norm-closed convex bounded subset of $L_1([0, 1])$ and let τ be the topology of the convergence in measure. Then $H(C, \overline{C}^\tau) \leq \text{diam}(C)/2$. The extremal case, $H(C, \overline{C}^\tau) = \text{diam}(C)/2$, implies that $t(C) = 2$.*

Proof. It is well known that for every $z \in L_1([0, 1])$ and every sequence τ -null sequence (x_n) we have

$$(*) \quad \limsup_n \|x_n + z\| = \limsup_n \|x_n\| + \|z\|.$$

If $(x_n) \subset C$ with $\tau - \lim_n x_n = x$, the above equality implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{diam}(C) &\geq \limsup_m \limsup_n \|(x_n - x) + (x - x_m)\| \\ &= \limsup_n \|x_n - x\| + \limsup_m \|x - x_m\| = 2 \limsup_n \|x_n - x\|, \end{aligned}$$

and consequently $\limsup_n \|x_n - x\| \leq \text{diam}(C)/2$. The definition of the Hausdorff distance now implies that $H(C, \overline{C}^\tau) \leq \text{diam}(C)/2$.

Assume $H(C, \overline{C}^\tau) = \text{diam}(C)/2$. For every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $x \in \overline{C}^\tau$ such that $d(x, C) \geq \text{diam}(C)/2 - \epsilon$. Since the topology τ is metrizable, we can choose a sequence (x_n) in C which is τ -convergent to x . For every $c \in C$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_n \|x_n - c\| &= \limsup_n \|x_n - x\| + \|x - c\| \\ &\geq \limsup_n \|x_n - x\| + \text{diam}(C)/2 - \epsilon \\ &\geq 2 \limsup_n \|x_n - x\| - \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $t(C) = 2$. □

Throughout this section, we consider that X is a Banach function space over a finite or σ -finite measure space with Komlós' condition. In the case that the measure is finite we can endow X with the topology of the convergence in measure. Convergence in measure for a finite measure is related to a.e. convergence as follows: For (f_n) a sequence converging to f in measure, there is a subsequence (f_{n_k}) which converges to f almost everywhere. Conversely, if (f_n) tends to f a.e., then (f_n) converges to f in measure [10, pp. 156–158]. The same holds for a σ -finite measure and the local convergence in measure. Due to Komlós' condition, every norm-closed convex bounded subset of X contains a sequence which is convergent in measure or locally in measure. In fact, due to these facts, we can equivalently define the coefficient $t(C)$ by

$$t(C) = \inf\{\lambda \geq 0 : \inf_{c \in C} \limsup_n \|c - x_n\| \leq \lambda \limsup_n \|x - x_n\| : x_n \rightarrow x \mu\text{-a.e.}\},$$

and for the Opial modulus $r_\tau(\cdot)$ we can replace the τ -convergence by convergence μ -a.e.

If $T : C \rightarrow C$ is a Lipschitzian mapping, we denote by $|T|$ its exact Lipschitz constant, that is,

$$|T| = \sup \left\{ \frac{\|Tx - Ty\|}{\|x - y\|} : x, y \in C, x \neq y \right\},$$

and we define

$$S(T) = \liminf_n \frac{|T| + \dots + |T^n|}{n}.$$

A sequence $(x_n) \subset C$ is an approximate fixed point sequence (a.f.p.s.) for T whenever $\lim_n \|x_n - Tx_n\| = 0$ and it is clear that this property is inherited by all its

subsequences. The main result of the article is the following:

Theorem 3.3. *Let X be a Banach function space with Komlós' condition and satisfying the nonstrict Opial property with respect to τ , the convergence locally in measure topology. Let C be a norm-closed convex bounded set and let $T : C \rightarrow C$ be an affine Lipschitzian mapping. If*

$$S(T) < \frac{1 + r_\tau(1)}{t(C)},$$

then T has a fixed point.

Proof. Since T is affine, it can be checked that for every $z \in C$ the sequence

$$x_n := \frac{Tz + T^2z + \dots + T^n z}{n}$$

is an a.f.p.s. and the sequence of the arithmetic means of an a.f.p.s. is an a.f.p.s. as well. Applying Komlós' condition, there exists a subsequence of (x_n) and $x \in X$, such that for all further subsequences, the sequence of successive arithmetic means converges to x μ -a.e. Consequently, we can always assume that the set

$$\mathcal{D}(C) = \{ \{(x_n), x\} : (x_n) \text{ is an a.f.p.s. in } C \text{ and } \lim_n x_n = x \mu\text{-a.e.} \}$$

is nonempty.

For every $y \in C$ we define

$$r(y) = \inf \{ \limsup_n \|y - x_n\| : \{(x_n), x\} \in \mathcal{D}(C) \}.$$

Note that $r : C \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ is well defined and norm-continuous. We first prove that $T(y) = y$ whenever $r(y) = 0$. Indeed, let $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$ and take $\{(x_n), x\} \in \mathcal{D}(C)$ with $\limsup_n \|y - x_n\| \leq \epsilon$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|Ty - y\| &\leq \limsup_n \|Ty - Tx_n\| + \limsup_n \|Tx_n - x_n\| + \limsup_n \|x_n - y\| \\ &\leq |T| \limsup_n \|y - x_n\| + \limsup_n \|x_n - y\| \leq (|T| + 1)\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

and $T(y) = y$ since ϵ is arbitrary. Thus, our target will be to find some $y \in C$ with $r(y) = 0$.

To do that, choose $\epsilon > 0$ such that

$$S(T) < \frac{1 + r_\tau(1)}{t(C)} \frac{1 - \epsilon}{(1 + \epsilon)^2}$$

and an arbitrary $x_0 \in C$. We may assume that $r(x_0) > 0$. Take $\{(x_n), x\} \in \mathcal{D}(C)$ with

$$\limsup_n \|x_0 - x_n\| < r(x_0)(1 + \epsilon).$$

We denote by $\phi_{(x_n)}(\cdot)$ the convex function

$$\phi_{(x_n)}(y) = \limsup_n \|y - x_n\|, \quad y \in X.$$

It can be easily checked that $\lim_n \|T^s x_n - x_n\| = 0$ for every $s \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{(x_n)}(T^s x_0) &= \limsup_n \|T^s x_0 - x_n\| = \limsup_n \|T^s x_0 - T^s x_n\| \\ &\leq |T^s| \limsup_n \|x_0 - x_n\| = |T^s| \phi_{(x_n)}(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if we define the sequence

$$z_s := \frac{Tx_0 + \dots + T^s x_0}{s}$$

we know that (z_s) is an a.f.p.s. and for every $s \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\phi_{(x_n)}(z_s) \leq \frac{|T| + |T^2| + \dots + |T^s|}{s} \phi_{(x_n)}(x_0).$$

Taking limits

$$\liminf_s \phi_{(x_n)}(z_s) \leq S(T) \phi_{(x_n)}(x_0).$$

Applying Komlós' condition, we can find a subsequence (z_{s_i}) and $z \in X$, such that $\lim_i \phi_{(x_n)}(z_{s_i}) = \liminf_s \phi_{(x_n)}(z_s)$ and

$$\bar{z}_p = \frac{z_{s_1} + \dots + z_{s_p}}{p}$$

converges to z μ -a.e. Moreover, by convexity and taking limits we have

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_p \phi_{(x_n)}(\bar{z}_p) &\leq \limsup_p \frac{\phi_{(x_n)}(z_{s_1}) + \dots + \phi_{(x_n)}(z_{s_p})}{p} \\ &= \lim_i \phi_{(x_n)}(z_{s_i}) \leq S(T) \phi_{(x_n)}(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we have obtained an a.f.p.s. (\bar{z}_p) , convergent to some $z \in X$ μ -a.e. and with

$$\limsup_p \limsup_n \|\bar{z}_p - x_n\| < S(T) r(x_0)(1 + \epsilon).$$

Define

$$\rho := \frac{r(x_0)(1 - \epsilon)}{t(C)(1 + \epsilon)}.$$

We claim that

$$\min\{\limsup_n \|x - x_n\|, \limsup_p \|z - \bar{z}_p\|\} \leq \rho.$$

Indeed, otherwise, using the Opial modulus

$$\limsup_p \left\| \frac{\bar{z}_p - x}{\rho} \right\| = \limsup_p \left\| \frac{\bar{z}_p - z + z - x}{\rho} \right\| \geq 1 + r_\tau \left(\frac{\|z - x\|}{\rho} \right) \geq 1,$$

and since $r_\tau(\cdot)$ is nondecreasing and continuous

$$\begin{aligned} S(T) r(x_0)(1 + \epsilon) &> \limsup_p \limsup_n \|\bar{z}_p - x_n\| \\ &= \rho \limsup_p \limsup_n \left\| \frac{\bar{z}_p - x}{\rho} + \frac{x - x_n}{\rho} \right\| \\ &\geq \rho \limsup_p \left[1 + r_\tau \left(\frac{\|\bar{z}_p - x\|}{\rho} \right) \right] \\ &\geq \rho \left[1 + r_\tau \left(\frac{\limsup_p \|\bar{z}_p - x\|}{\rho} \right) \right] \geq \rho[1 + r_\tau(1)], \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction to the choice of ϵ and the definition of ρ .

According to the definition of the coefficient $t(C)$, there exist some $\bar{x}, \bar{z} \in C$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_n \|\bar{x} - x_n\| &\leq t(C)(1 + \epsilon) \limsup_n \|x - x_n\|, \\ \limsup_n \|\bar{z} - \bar{z}_n\| &\leq t(C)(1 + \epsilon) \limsup_n \|z - \bar{z}_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

If $\limsup_n \|x_n - x\| \leq \rho$, then

$$\limsup_n \|x_n - \bar{x}\| \leq r(x_0)(1 - \epsilon),$$

which implies that $r(\bar{x}) \leq r(x_0)(1 - \epsilon)$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{x} - x_0\| &\leq \limsup_n \|x_n - x_0\| + \limsup_n \|x_n - \bar{x}\| \leq r(x_0)(1 + \epsilon) + r(x_0)(1 - \epsilon) \\ &= 2r(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, if $\limsup_p \|\bar{z}_p - z\| \leq \rho$, then

$$\limsup_p \|\bar{z}_p - \bar{z}\| \leq r(x_0)(1 - \epsilon),$$

which implies that $r(\bar{z}) \leq r(x_0)(1 - \epsilon)$. In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{z} - x_0\| &\leq \limsup_n \|x_0 - x_n\| + \limsup_p \|\bar{z} - \bar{z}_p\| \\ &\quad + \limsup_p \limsup_n \|\bar{z}_p - x_n\| \\ &\leq (1 + \epsilon)r(x_0) + r(x_0)(1 - \epsilon) + (1 + \epsilon)S(T)r(x_0) \\ &= [2 + (1 + \epsilon)S(T)]r(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

In every case, we have obtained some $w(x_0) \in C$ with

$$r(w(x_0)) \leq r(x_0)(1 - \epsilon) \quad \text{and} \quad \|x_0 - w(x_0)\| \leq [2 + (1 + \epsilon)S(T)]r(x_0).$$

Now we construct the sequence $a_1 = x_0$, $a_{n+1} = w(a_n)$ for $n \geq 1$. Since (a_n) is a Cauchy sequence, there exists $a = \lim_n a_n \in C$. By the continuity of $r(x)$ we have $r(a) = 0$, which implies that a is a fixed point of T . □

Equality (*) used in the proof of Lemma 3.2 for $L_1([0, 1])$ also holds for $L_1(\mu)$ for μ either a finite or σ -finite measure and implies that $1 + r_\tau(1) = 2$ when $X = L_1(\mu)$. Consequently we can deduce:

Corollary 3.4. *Let C be a norm-closed convex bounded subset of $L_1(\mu)$ and let $T : C \rightarrow C$ be an affine Lipschitzian mapping. Then T has a fixed point whenever*

$$S(T) < \frac{2}{t(C)}.$$

In particular, if we consider any convex bounded subset of $L_1(\mu)$ which is τ -closed, we can derive the existence of a fixed point for every affine Lipschitzian mapping with $S(T) < 2$. An example of such a set is $B_{L_1(\mu)}$, the closed unit ball of $L_1(\mu)$. Furthermore, the failure of the fixed point property for affine nonexpansive mappings in closed convex subsets of $L_1([0, 1])$ (or ℓ_1 which is isometrically embedded in $L_1([0, 1])$) can only occur when $t(C)$ attains its maximum value 2. Note that the affinity condition cannot be dropped because there exist some nonexpansive mappings from $B_{L_1([0,1])}$ into itself without fixed points. In fact, for every norm-closed convex bounded set C of $L_1([0, 1])$ containing a closed interval, there is a fixed point free nonexpansive mapping $T : C \rightarrow C$ [5] (see also [12, Chapter 2] and [20]).

We next show further examples of norm-closed convex bounded subsets of $L^1([0, 1])$ where Theorem 3.3 can be applied:

Example 3.5. We use the following notation:

$$C := \{f \in L_1([0, 1]) : f \geq 0, \int_0^1 f(t)dt = 1\},$$

$$C_a := \text{co}(C \cup \{a\}), \quad a \in [0, 1].$$

All these sets are norm-closed, convex, and bounded. They are not weakly compact because they contain the sequence $\{n\chi_{[0, 1/n]}\}$, which has no weakly convergent subsequence. Furthermore, no one is contained in a compact set for the topology of the convergence in measure, since they contain the sequence $\{1 + r_n\}$ (where $\{r_n\}$ is the Rademacher sequence) which has no a.e. convergent subsequence. In particular, we cannot deduce existence of fixed points for these sets by using any known fixed point theorem for compact in measure sets, as in [8]. We will prove that $t(C_a) = 1 + a$ for every $a \in [0, 1]$.

Let $\{g_n := \lambda_n f_n + (1 - \lambda_n)a\}$ be a sequence in C_a which is convergent to some g a.e., where $(\lambda_n) \in [0, 1]$ and $(f_n) \subset C$. Passing to a subsequence, if necessary, we can assume that λ_n converges to some $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, which implies that $\{f_n\}$ converges to a function $f \geq 0$ a.e. and $g = \lambda f + (1 - \lambda)a$. From Fatou's Lemma we obtain $\|f\| \leq 1$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_n \|g_n - g\| &= \limsup_n \|\lambda_n f_n + (1 - \lambda_n)a - \lambda f - (1 - \lambda)a\| \\ &= \lambda(\limsup_n \|f_n - f\|) = \lambda(\limsup_n \|f_n\| - \|f\|) \\ &= \lambda(1 - \|f\|). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if $f \neq 0$ we have that the function

$$f + (1 - \|f\|)a = \|f\| \left(\frac{f}{\|f\|} \right) + (1 - \|f\|)a$$

belongs to C_a . The same is true if $f = 0$. Denote $h = (1 - \lambda)a + \lambda(f + (1 - \|f\|)a) \in C_a$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_n \|g_n - h\| &= \limsup_n \|g_n - g\| + \|g - h\| \\ &= \lambda(1 - \|f\|) + \lambda(1 - \|f\|)a \\ &= (1 + a) \limsup_n \|g_n - g\|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $t(C_a) \leq 1 + a$. The equality is a consequence of the fact that the sequence $f_n = \{n\chi_{[0, 1/n]}\}$ converges to 0 a.e. and $\limsup_n \|f_n - f\| \geq 1 + a$ for every $f \in C_a$. Therefore, for every $a \in [0, 1]$ and $T : C_a \rightarrow C_a$ affine Lipschitzian with $S(T) < \frac{2}{1+a}$, the set of fixed points is nonempty.

Besides the function spaces $L_1(\mu)$, there are some broader classes of function Banach spaces with the uniform Opial property with respect to the almost everywhere convergence and satisfying Komlós' condition. Indeed, in case of Orlicz function spaces for an Orlicz function Φ satisfying the Δ_2 -condition, it was proved in [4, Theorem 3] that the Orlicz space $X = L_\Phi(\mu)$ verifies the uniform Opial condition w.r.t. the convergence almost everywhere and

$$1 + r_\tau(1) \geq a \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

where the function $a(\cdot)$ was defined by

$$a(\delta) = \inf \left\{ \frac{\Phi^{-1}(t)}{\Phi^{-1}(\delta t)} : t > 0 \right\}, \quad \forall \delta > 0.$$

Thus we can conclude:

Corollary 3.6. *Let Φ be an Orlicz function satisfying the Δ_2 -condition and let $X = L_\Phi(\mu)$ be endowed with the Luxemburg norm. Let C be a norm-closed convex bounded set and let $T : C \rightarrow C$ be an affine Lipschitzian mapping with*

$$S(T) < \frac{a(1/2)}{t(C)}.$$

Then T has a fixed point.

A similar result can be obtained for Orlicz function spaces endowed with the Orlicz norm in case that Φ is an N -function [4, Theorem 5].

To finish this section, we extend our results to noncommutative L_1 -spaces associated to a finite von Neumann algebra. Note that for every σ -finite measure space, the Banach space $L_\infty(\mu)$ is a finite von Neumann algebra and the corresponding $L_1(\mu)$ is a particular example of a noncommutative (in fact, commutative) L_1 -space. For standard notation and some background on noncommutative L_1 -spaces the reader can consult for instance [15, 18].

Let (\mathcal{M}, τ) be a finite von Neumann algebra, and consider $X = L_1(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$ endowed with the usual norm

$$\|x\| = \tau(|x|).$$

The measure topology is defined via the following fundamental system of neighborhoods of zero: for every $\epsilon, \delta > 0$ let

$$N(\epsilon, \delta) = \{x \in \mathcal{M} : \exists p \text{ projection in } \mathcal{M} \text{ with } \|xp\|_\infty \leq \epsilon \text{ and } \tau(p^\perp) \leq \delta\}.$$

In the case that we consider $L_1([0, 1])$ and the trace given by $\tau(f) = \int_0^1 f dx$, the previous topology coincides with the usual topology of the convergence in measure. Note that $L_1(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$ is an L -embedded Banach space and the measure topology is an abstract measure topology in the sense of [17]. Thus, equality (*) given in the proof of Lemma 3.2 can be generalized to the frame of $L_1(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$ and the measure topology (see [11, 16, 17]), and Komlós' condition is extended in [19, Proposition 3.11]. As a consequence of Theorem 3.3 we can conclude:

Corollary 3.7. *Let (\mathcal{M}, τ) be a finite von Neumann algebra and let C be a norm-closed convex bounded subset of $L_1(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$. Every affine Lipschitzian mapping $T : C \rightarrow C$ has a fixed point whenever*

$$S(T) < \frac{2}{t(C)}.$$

In the case that C is closed in measure, such as when C is the close unit ball, T has a fixed point if $S(T) < 2$.

4. SOME SHARP EXAMPLES

In this section, we show that the statement of Theorem 3.3 is sharp for every possible value of $t(C)$. First, we check that either the condition $t(C) = 2$ or $S(T) = 2$ does not imply the existence of fixed points in $L_1([0, 1])$.

Example 4.1. Let C be the subset of $L_1([0, 1])$ given in Example 3.5. For every $f \in L_1([0, 1])$ we define $T(f)(t) = 2f(2t)$, where we assume $f(t) = 0$ if $t > 1$. Note that T is an affine isometry, $T(C) \subset C$, and $\text{supp } T^n(f) \subset [0, 1/2^n]$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. This implies that $f = 0$ a.e., which does not belong to C , is the unique possible fixed point for T . Consequently, $T : C \rightarrow C$ fails to have a fixed point and $t(C)$ must be equal to 2.

Example 4.2. We consider the set C_0 introduced in Example 3.5, which verifies $t(C_0) = 1$. Define $G : C_0 \rightarrow C_0$ by $G = TR$, where T is the mapping in Example 4.1 and $R : C_0 \rightarrow C$ is given by

$$R(f) = (1 - \|f\|) + f.$$

Note that $\|\lambda f + (1 - \lambda)g\| = \lambda\|f\| + (1 - \lambda)\|g\|$ for every $f, g \in C_0$, which implies that R is an affine retraction. Furthermore G is fixed point free because T is. Since $(TR)^n = T^n R$ and $|R| \leq 2$, $S(G) \leq 2$. Finally, Corollary 3.4 implies that $S(G) = 2$ due to the absence of a fixed point.

Finally, for every possible value of $t(C) \in (1, 2)$, we next show an example of an affine Lipschitzian mapping, failing to have any fixed point, and with $S(T) = \frac{1+r_z(1)}{t(C)}$. That is, Theorem 3.3 is sharp in every possible case.

Example 4.3. Take (g_n) a sequence of normalized functions in $L_1([0, 1])$ supported on a pairwise disjoint sequence of subsets of $[0, 1]$. For every $t \in (1, 2)$ we consider the following norm-closed convex bounded set:

$$C_t := \left\{ s_1(t-1)g_1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} s_n g_n : s_n \geq 0, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n = 1 \right\}.$$

Define $T : C_t \rightarrow C_t$ by

$$T \left(s_1(t-1)g_1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} s_n g_n \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n g_{n+1}.$$

It is not difficult to check that T is fixed point free, affine, and

$$\|T^n f - T^n g\| \leq \frac{2}{t} \|f - g\|$$

for every $f, g \in C_t$. For $f = (t-1)g_1$ and $g = g_2$ we have

$$\|T^n f - T^n g\| = \|g_{n+1} - g_{n+2}\| = 2 = \frac{2}{t} \|f - g\|,$$

which implies that $S(T) = \frac{2}{t}$. Now let us check that $t(C_t) = t$. Indeed, let (f_n) be a sequence in C which converges a.e. to some $f \in L_1([0, 1])$. In particular $f = s_1(t-1)f_1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} s_n f_n$, where $\delta_f := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n \leq 1$ and

$$\limsup_n \|f_n - f\| = \limsup_n \|f_n\| - \|f\| = 1 - \delta_f.$$

Let $g = f + (1 - \delta_f)(t-1)f_1 \in C_t$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{h \in C_t} \limsup_n \|f_n - h\| &\leq \limsup_n \|f_n - g\| \\ &= \limsup_n \|f_n - f\| + (1 - \delta_f)(t-1) \\ &= t \limsup_n \|f_n - f\|, \end{aligned}$$

which shows that $t(C_t) \leq t$. Consider the sequence $(g_n)_{n \geq 2} \subset C_t$ which tends to zero a.e. It can be checked that for every $h \in C_t$, $\limsup_n \|g_n - h\| \geq t$, and this proves that $t(C_t) = t$ for every $t \in (1, 2)$.

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