

## FIXED POINT THEOREMS FOR NON-SELF MAPS I

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**ABSTRACT.** Suppose  $f:C \rightarrow X$  where  $C$  is a closed subset of  $X$ . Necessary and sufficient conditions are given for  $f$  to have a fixed point. All results hold when  $X$  is complete metric space. Several results hold in a much more general setting.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION.

Fixed point theorems for non-self maps are unusual. We surely require that  $C \cap f(C)$  is non-empty.  $f(x) = x + 1$  for  $X$  in  $[0, 1]$  is a linear isometry from the compact space  $[0, 1]$  into the compact space  $[0, 2]$  but  $f$  is fixed point free. The mapping  $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$  for  $x$  in  $[1, \infty)$  is a continuous mapping from  $[1, \infty)$  into  $[0, \infty)$ . It is fixed point free but  $|f(x) - f(y)| < |x - y|$  for  $x \neq y$ .

**THEOREM (Brouwer [1]).** If  $E$  is a non-empty convex compact subset of  $E^n$  and  $f: E \rightarrow E$  is continuous, then  $f(x) = x$  for some  $x$  in  $E$ .

### 2. RESULTS.

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $C$  be a closed subset of a complete metric space  $X$  and suppose  $f$  maps  $C$  onto  $X$  or  $f$  maps  $C$  into  $X$  with  $C \subset f(C)$ . If for some  $k > 1$ ,  $d(f(x), f(y)) \geq k d(x, y)$  for every  $x, y$  in  $C$ , then  $f$  has a unique fixed point in  $C$ .

**PROOF.** Clearly,  $f$  is one-to-one. Let  $g = f^{-1}$  restricted to  $C$ . Now  $g$  maps  $C$  into  $C$ . For  $x, y$  in  $C$ ,  $d(x, y) = d(f(gx), f(gy)) \geq k d(g(x), g(y))$  or  $d(g(x), g(y)) \leq \frac{1}{k} d(x, y)$  and  $0 < \frac{1}{k} < 1$ .  $g$  has a unique fixed point from Banach's fixed point theorem. But  $f(x_0) = f(g(x_0)) = x_0$ . If  $x_1 = f(x_1)$ , then  $g(x_1) = g(f(x_1)) = x_1$  and  $c_1 = x_0$ .

The above result suggests that one should consider non-self maps that satisfy  $C \subset f(C)$ . It is well known that a continuous function from an arc onto a containing arc must have a fixed point.  $[0, 1]$  or any homeomorphic image is called an arc. Thus Brouwer's theorem extends to the case  $C \subset f(C)$  for  $n = 1$ . In [7], Sam Nadler showed that for  $n \geq 2$  Brouwer's theorem does not extend. For  $n \geq 2$ , let  $A$  and  $B$  be closed balls in  $E^n$  with  $A \subset B$  and  $A \neq B$ . He showed that there exists  $f$  and  $g$  such that:

- (a)  $f: A \rightarrow B$  where  $f$  is continuous, onto,  $f(\partial A) = B$ , and  $f$  is fixed point free,
- (b)  $g: A \rightarrow B$  where  $g$  is continuous, onto,  $g^{-1}(\partial B) = \partial A$ , and  $g$  if fixed point free.

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $C$  be a closed bounded, and convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space and suppose  $f$  maps  $C$  onto  $X$  or  $f$  maps  $C$  into  $X$  with  $C \subset f(C)$ . If for every  $x, y$  in  $C$   $\|f(x) - f(y)\| \geq \|x - y\|$ , then  $f$  has a fixed point in  $C$ .

**PROOF.** Clearly,  $f$  is one-to-one. Let  $g = f^{-1}$  restricted to  $C$  and observe that  $\|g(x) - g(y)\| \leq \|x - y\|$  where  $g: C \rightarrow C$ . From Kirk's theorem [6],  $g$  has a fixed point  $x_0$  in  $C$ . Clearly,  $f(x_0) = x_0$ .

The following is an example of a mapping  $f$  that takes a closed, bounded, and convex subset  $C$  of a Banach space  $X$  into  $X$  where  $C \subset f(C)$ ,  $\|f(x) - f(y)\| = \|x - y\|$  for all  $x, y \in C$ , and  $f$  has no fixed points.

**EXAMPLE 1.** Let  $X$  be the space of sequences which converge to zero with  $\|x\| = \sup_n |x_n|$  for  $x$  in  $X$ . Let  $C = \{x \in X: \|x\| = 1 \text{ and } x_0 = 1\}$ .  $C$  is closed, bounded, and convex. Define  $f: C \rightarrow X$  by  $f(x) = y$  where  $y_n = x_{n+1}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .  $\|f(x) - f(y)\| = \|x - y\|$  and  $f$  is linear. To see that  $C \subset f(C)$  consider the following. For  $z \in C$ , define  $r$  to be the sequence where  $r_0 = 1$  and  $r_n = z_{n-1}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Then  $r \in C$ , and  $f(r) = z$  so  $C \subset f(C)$ . If  $s = \{1, 0, 0, \dots\}, s \in C$  but  $f(s) = \{0, 0, 0, \dots\} \notin C$ . Hence  $C \neq f(C)$ . If  $f(x) = x$  for some  $x$  in  $C$ , then  $x_n = x_{n+1}$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Since  $x_0 = 1, x_n = 1$  for all  $n$  and  $x \notin C$ . Therefore,  $f$  does not have a fixed point in  $C$ .

The following example shows that Banach's fixed point theorem does not generalize to non-self maps.

**EXAMPLE 2.** Let  $X = C(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R})$  with  $\|f\| = \sup_{t \in \mathbf{R}} |f(t)|$  for  $f \in X$ . Let  $C = \{f \in X: f(t) = 0 \text{ for all } t \leq 0 \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) \geq 1\}$ .  $C$  is a closed and convex subset of  $X$ . Define  $T: C \rightarrow X$  by  $(Tf)(t) = \frac{1}{2} f(t+1)$ . To see that  $C \subset T(C)$  consider the following. For  $f$  in  $C$  set  $g(t) = 2f(t-1)$ .  $g(t) = 0$  for  $t \leq 0$  since  $t-1 < 0$  and  $f(t) = 0$  for all  $t \leq 0$ .  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} g(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} 2f(t-1) \geq 2$ . Thus  $g \in C$  and  $(Tg)(t) = f(t)$ . Hence  $C \subset T(C)$ . Let  $f(t)$  be defined as 0 if  $t \leq 0, t$  if  $0 < t < 1$ , and 1 if  $t \geq 1$ . Then  $f \in C$ . Now  $(Tf)(t)$  is 0 if  $t \leq -1, \frac{1}{2}(t+1)$  if  $-1 < t < 0$ , and  $\frac{1}{2}$  if  $t \geq 0$ . Therefore,  $Tf \notin C$  and  $C \neq T(C)$ . For  $f, g \in C, \|Tf - Tg\| = \frac{1}{2} \|f - g\|$ . If  $Tf = f$  for some  $f \in C$ , then  $f(t) = \frac{1}{2} f(t+1)$  and it follows that  $f(n) = 0$  for all integers  $n$ . Hence  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) \not\geq 1$  and  $f \notin C$ . Therefore  $T$  does not have a fixed point in  $C$ . Note that  $T$  is linear, one-to-one, and  $T(C)$  is closed.

We now turn to finding necessary and sufficient conditions for a non-self map to have a fixed point. Then it becomes clear that  $C \subset f(C)$  is a natural assumption.

Let  $(X, d)$  be a topological space and  $d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ .  $X$  is said to be  $d$ -complete if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) < \infty$  implies that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent in  $(X, d)$ . These spaces include complete (quasi) metric spaces and  $d$ -complete (symmetric) semi-metric spaces. In [2] and [3] several basic metric space fixed point theorems were extended to this setting.  $f: X \rightarrow X$  is  $w$ -continuous at  $x$  if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  implies  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

The following definition was given by G. Jungck in [5].

**DEFINITION 1.** Two maps  $f$  and  $g$  are compatible if, for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $\lim_n f(x_n) = \lim_n g(x_n) = t$  it follows that  $\lim_n d(f(gx_n), g(fx_n)) = 0$ . Commuting maps are compatible but the converse is false.

**DEFINITION 2.** Given a map  $f$ , a map  $g$  is compatible with  $f$ , if for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $\lim_n f(x_n) = \lim_n g(x_n) = t$  it follows that  $\lim_n f(g(x_n)) = g(t)$ .

**REMARK 1.** If  $f$  and  $g$  are  $w$ -continuous and  $(X, d)$  is a metric space, then, using definition

2,  $f$  is compatible with  $g$  is equivalent to  $g$  is compatible with  $f$ . In this case, we say that  $f$  and  $g$  are compatible.

**PROOF.** Assume  $f$  and  $g$  are  $w$ -continuous and that  $\lim_n f(x_n) = \lim_n g(x_n) = t$  implies  $\lim_n f(g(x_n)) = g(t)$ . If we are in a metric space,

and

$$d(f(gx_n), g(fx_n)) \leq d(f(gx_n), g(t)) + d(g(t), g(fx_n))$$

$$d(g(fx_n), f(t)) \leq d(g(fx_n), f(gx_n)) + d(f(gx_n), f(t)).$$

It follows that  $f$  is compatible with  $g$  implies that  $g$  is compatible with  $f$ . Interchanging  $g$  and  $f$  above gives the converse.

It also follows from the above argument that if  $f$  and  $g$  are  $w$ -continuous and  $(X, d)$  is a metric space, then the two definitions of compatibility are equivalent.

**REMARK 2.** If  $(X, t)$  is a  $d$ -complete topological space,  $g$  is  $w$ -continuous, and  $f$  and  $g$  commute, then  $g$  is compatible with  $f$  using definition 2. We use definition 2 for  $d$ -complete topological spaces.

Theorem 3 and its corollaries are generalizations of theorems due to Hicks and Rhoades [4] which are generalizations of theorems due to Jungck [5].

**THEOREM 3.** Let  $(X, t)$  be a Hausdorff  $d$ -complete topological space and suppose  $f: C \rightarrow X$  where  $f$  is  $w$ -continuous and  $C$  is a closed subset of  $X$ . Then  $f$  has a fixed point in  $C$  if and only if there exists  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and a  $w$ -continuous function  $g: C \rightarrow C$  such that  $g(C) \subset f(C)$ ,  $g$  is compatible with  $f$  on  $f^{-1}(C)$  and

$$(1) \quad d(g(x), g(y)) \leq \alpha d(f(x), f(y)) \text{ for all } x, y \in C.$$

Indeed, if (1) holds,  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point.

**PROOF.** If  $f(a) = a$  for some  $a \in C$ , set  $g(x) = a$  for every  $x \in C$ . If  $x \in f^{-1}(C)$ ,  $f(x) \in C$  and  $g(f(x)) = a = f(a) = f(g(x))$ . If  $x \in C$ ,  $g(x) = a = f(a)$  gives  $g(C) \subset f(C)$ . Also,  $0 = d(a, a) = d(g(x), g(y)) \leq \alpha d(f(x), f(y))$  for all  $x, y \in C$ .

Suppose there exists  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and a  $w$ -continuous function  $g: C \rightarrow C$  such that  $g(C) \subset f(C)$ ,  $g$  is compatible with  $f$  on  $f^{-1}(C)$  and  $d(g(x), g(y)) \leq \alpha d(f(x), f(y))$  for all  $x, y \in C$ . Let  $x_0 \in C$ .  $g(x_0) = f(x_1)$  for some  $x_1 \in C$  since  $g(C) \subset f(C)$ . Construct a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  with  $\{x_n\} \subset C$  and  $f(x_n) = g(x_{n-1})$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Since

$$d(f(x_n), f(x_{n+1})) = d(g(x_{n-1}), g(x_n)) \leq \alpha d(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_n)),$$

it follows that  $d(f(x_n), f(x_{n+1})) \leq \alpha^{n-1} d(f(x_1), f(x_2))$ . Hence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(f(x_n), f(x_{n+1})) < \infty$ . The space is  $d$ -complete so there exists  $p \in X$  with  $\lim_n f(x_n) = p$ .  $f(x_n) = g(x_{n-1}) \in C$  gives  $p \in cl(C) = C$ . Now  $f$  is  $w$ -continuous gives  $f(g(x_{n-1})) \rightarrow f(p)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $g$  is compatible with  $f$  on  $f^{-1}(C)$  and  $p \in f^{-1}(C)$  we get  $\lim_n f(g(x_n)) = g(p)$ . The space is Hausdorff so  $f(p) = g(p)$  and  $p \in f^{-1}(C)$ . Consider the sequence  $y_n = p$  for all  $n$ . Then  $f(y_n) \rightarrow f(p)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $g(y_n) \rightarrow g(p)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and compatibility give  $f(g(p)) = f(g(y_n)) \rightarrow g(f(p))$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus,  $f(g(p)) = g(f(p))$ . Therefore,  $f(f(p)) = f(g(p)) = g(f(p)) = g(g(p))$  together with  $d(g(p), g(gp)) \leq \alpha d(f(p), f(gp)) = \alpha d(g(p), g(gp))$  implies  $g(p) = g(g(p))$ . Hence  $g(p) = g(g(p)) = f(g(p))$  and  $g(p)$  is a common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g$ .

If  $x = f(x) = g(x)$ , then  $d(x, g(p)) = d(g(x), g(gp)) \leq \alpha d(f(x), f(gp)) = \alpha d(x, g(p))$  gives  $x = g(p)$ .

**COROLLARY 1.** Let  $(X, t)$  be a Hausdorff  $d$ -complete topological space and  $C$  be a closed

subset of  $X$ . Suppose  $f: C \rightarrow X$  and  $g: C \rightarrow C$ , where  $f$  and  $g$  are  $w$ -continuous, commute on  $f^{-1}(C)$ , and  $g(C) \subset f(C)$ . If there exists  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and a positive integer  $k$  such that  $d(g^k(x), g^k(y)) \leq \alpha d(f(x), f(y))$  for all  $x, y \in C$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  have a unique common fixed point.

**PROOF.** Clearly,  $g^k$  commutes with  $f$  on  $f^{-1}(C)$  and  $g^k(C) \subset g(C) \subset f(C)$ . Applying the theorem to  $g^k$  and  $f$  gives a unique  $p \in C$  such that  $p = g^k(p) = f(p)$ . Since  $f$  and  $g$  commute on  $f^{-1}(C)$  and  $p \in f^{-1}(C)$ ,  $g(p) = g(f(p)) = f(g(p)) = g^k(g(p))$  or  $g(p)$  is a common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g^k$ . Uniqueness of the common fixed point of  $f$  and  $g^k$  gives  $g(p) = p = f(p)$ . If  $q = g(q) = f(q)$  then  $g^k(q) = f(q)$  and  $q = p$ .

**COROLLARY 2.** Let  $n$  be a positive integer and let  $\alpha > 1$ . Suppose  $C$  is a closed subset of a Hausdorff  $d$ -complete topological space and  $f: C \rightarrow X$  with  $C \subset f(C)$ . If  $d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \geq \alpha d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y$  in  $(f^{n-1})^{-1}(C)$ , then  $f$  has a fixed point in  $C$ .

**PROOF.** For  $n = 1$ , this follows from corollary 1 by letting  $g = I$ .  $f^n$  is one-to-one.  $C \subset f(C)$  implies  $C \subset f^n(C)$ . Let  $h$  be the restriction of  $(f^n)^{-1}$  to  $C$ .  $h: C \rightarrow C$  and  $d(h(x), h(y)) \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in C$ . From corollary 1 with  $k = 1$ ,  $h = g^k = g$  and  $f = I$ , there exists a unique  $x_0$  such that  $h(x_0) = x_0$ . Hence  $f(x_0) = f^{n+1}(x_0) = f^n(f(x_0))$  or  $h(f(x_0)) = (f^n)^{-1}(f(x_0)) = f(x_0)$ . Uniqueness of the fixed point for  $h$  gives  $x_0 = f(x_0)$ . If  $f(y) = y$  then  $f^n(y) = y$  and  $y = h(y)$ . Again, uniqueness of the fixed point for  $h$  gives  $x_0 = y$ .

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