

### 38. On the Asymptotic Behavior of Asymptotically Nonexpansive Semi-Groups in Banach Spaces

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**1. Introduction and statement of results.** Throughout this paper  $X$  denotes a *uniformly convex* real Banach space and  $C$  is a nonempty *closed* subset of  $X$ . Let  $J$  be an unbounded subset of  $[0, \infty)$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad t+s \in J \quad \text{for every } t, s \in J,$$

and

$$(1.2) \quad t-s \in J \quad \text{for every } t, s \in J \text{ with } t > s.$$

A family  $\{T(t) : t \in J\}$  of mappings from  $C$  into itself is called an *asymptotically nonexpansive semi-group* on  $C$  if

$$(1.3) \quad T(t+s) = T(t)T(s) \quad \text{for } t, s \in J$$

and there exists a function  $a : J \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} a(t) = 1$  such that

$$(1.4) \quad \|T(t)x - T(t)y\| \leq a(t)\|x - y\| \quad \text{for every } x, y \in C \text{ and } t \in J.$$

In particular if  $a(t) \equiv 1$ , then  $\{T(t) : t \in J\}$  is called a *nonexpansive semi-group* on  $C$ . The set of fixed points of  $\{T(t) : t \in J\}$  will be denoted by  $F$ , i.e.  $F = \{x \in C : T(t)x = x \text{ for all } t \in J\}$ . We denote by  $C_{11}[0, \infty)$  ( $C_1[0, \infty)$ ) the set of increasing (nondecreasing) continuous functions defined on  $[0, \infty)$ .

In this paper we deal with the strong convergence of trajectories of semi-groups. Our first result is the following which extends and unifies several results in [1], [2], [4].

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\{T(t) : t \in J\}$  be an asymptotically nonexpansive semi-group on  $C$  with  $F \neq \emptyset$ , and let  $x \in C$ . Suppose that*

(a<sub>1</sub>) *there exist  $x_0 \in F$ ,  $\varphi \in C_{11}[0, \infty)$ ,  $\psi \in C[0, \infty)$  and a nonnegative function  $b$  defined on  $J$  with  $\lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} b(h) = 1$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\|T(h)u + T(h)v - 2x_0\|) &\leq \varphi(b(h)\|u + v - 2x_0\|) + [\psi(b(h)\|u - x_0\|) \\ &\quad - \psi(\|T(h)u - x_0\|) + \psi(b(h)\|v - x_0\|) - \psi(\|T(h)v - x_0\|)] \end{aligned}$$

*for every  $u, v \in \{T(t)x : t \in J\}$  and  $h \in J$  and*

$$(a_2) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|T(t+h)x - T(t)x\| = 0 \quad \text{for every } h \in J.$$

*Then  $\{T(t)x : t \in J\}$  converges strongly as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  to an element of  $F$ .*

**Remark.** Suppose that  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is nonexpansive (i.e.  $\|Tu - Tv\|$

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$\leq \|u-v\|$  for  $u, v \in C$ ),  $0 \in C$ ,  $T0=0$  and there exists  $c \geq 0$  such that

$$(1.5) \quad \|Tu + Tv\|^2 \leq \|u+v\|^2 + c\{\|u\|^2 - \|Tu\|^2 + \|v\|^2 - \|Tv\|^2\}$$

for all  $u, v \in C$ .

(This condition has been considered in [3]. Note that (1.5) with  $c=0$  is satisfied if  $T$  is odd.) Then the nonexpansive semi-group  $\{T^n : n=1, 2, \dots\}$  satisfies condition (a<sub>1</sub>) with  $x_0=0$ ,  $\varphi(t)=t^2$ ,  $\psi(t)=ct^2$  and  $b(n) \equiv 1$ .

**Corollary.** *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $X$ ,  $T: C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ , where  $F(T)$  is the set of fixed points of  $T$ , and let  $x \in C$ . Suppose that*

$$(1.6) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{there exist } x_0 \in F(T), \text{ convex functions } \varphi \in C_{11} [0, \infty) \text{ and} \\ \psi \in C_1 [0, \infty) \text{ such that} \\ \varphi(\|Tu + Tv - 2x_0\|) \leq \varphi(\|u+v-2x_0\|) + [\psi(\|u-x_0\|) \\ - \psi(\|Tu-x_0\|) + \psi(\|v-x_0\|) - \psi(\|Tv-x_0\|)] \\ \text{for every } u, v \in C. \end{array} \right.$$

Then for each  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$   $\{(1-\lambda)I + \lambda T\}^n x$  converges strongly as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  to an element of  $F(T)$ , where  $I$  is the identity.

Let  $A \subset X \times X$  be accretive. It is well known that if  $R(I + \lambda A) \supset \overline{D(A)}$  for sufficiently small  $\lambda > 0$ , then there exists a nonexpansive semi-group  $\{T(t) : t \geq 0\}$  on  $\overline{D(A)}$  such that  $T(t)x = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0+} (I + \lambda A)^{-[t/\lambda]} x$  for  $t \geq 0$ ,  $x \in \overline{D(A)}$  and  $T(t)x : [0, \infty) \rightarrow X$  is continuous for every  $x \in \overline{D(A)}$ . (See [5].) We say that  $\{T(t) : t \geq 0\}$  is the nonexpansive semi-group generated by  $A$ .

Let  $\mu$  be a gauge function, i.e.  $\mu \in C_{11} [0, \infty)$  with  $\mu(0)=0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mu(t) = \infty$ . We define  $F_\mu$  (duality mapping with gauge function  $\mu$ ) and  $\langle, \rangle_\mu$  by

$$F_\mu(u) = \{f \in X^* : (u, f) = \|u\| \cdot \|f\| \text{ and } \|f\| = \mu(\|u\|)\} \quad \text{for } u \in X$$

and

$$\langle v, u \rangle_\mu = \sup\{(v, f) : f \in F_\mu(u)\} \quad \text{for } u, v \in X.$$

It is easily seen that  $\langle v, u \rangle_\mu \leq \|v\| \cdot \mu(\|u\|)$ ,  $\langle \alpha u + v, u \rangle_\mu = \alpha \|u\| \cdot \mu(\|u\|) + \langle v, u \rangle_\mu$  for real  $\alpha$ , and  $A$  is accretive if and only if  $\langle y-v, x-u \rangle_\mu \geq 0$  for every  $[x, y], [u, v] \in A$ .

As applications of Theorem 1 we obtain the following theorems:

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $A \subset X \times X$  be an accretive operator with  $A^{-1}0 \neq \emptyset$  such that  $R(I + \lambda A) \supset \overline{D(A)}$  for  $\lambda \in (0, \lambda_0)$ , and let  $x \in \overline{D(A)}$ . Suppose that*

(b) *there exist  $x_0 \in A^{-1}0$ , gauge functions  $\varphi_0, \psi_0$ , and a continuous function  $k_0 : (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that if*

*$[x_i, y_i] \in \{[J_\lambda^n x, (I - J_\lambda)J_\lambda^{n-1}x/\lambda] : n \geq 1 \text{ and } 0 < \lambda < \lambda_0\}$ ,  $x_i \neq x_0$  ( $i=1, 2$ ), then*

$$\langle y_1 + y_2, x_1 + x_2 - 2x_0 \rangle_{\varphi_0} + k_0(\|x_1 - x_0\|, \|x_2 - x_0\|) \sum_{i=1}^2 \langle y_i, x_i - x_0 \rangle_{\psi_0} \geq 0$$

*Let  $\{T(t) : t \geq 0\}$  be the nonexpansive semi-group on  $\overline{D(A)}$  generated by  $A$ . If  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|T(t+h)x - T(t)x\| = 0$  for every  $h > 0$ , then  $\{T(t)x :$*

$t \geq 0$  converges strongly as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  to an element of  $F$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $A \subset X \times X$  be an accretive operator with  $A^{-1}0 \neq \phi$  such that  $R(I + \lambda A) \supset \overline{D(A)}$  for  $\lambda \in (0, \lambda_0)$  and let  $x \in \overline{D(A)}$ . If (b) is satisfied, then for each  $\lambda \in (0, \lambda_0)$   $\{J_\lambda^n x\}$  converges strongly as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  to an element of  $A^{-1}0$ .

**Remark.** Theorem 2 is an extension of Gripenberg's theorem [6, Theorem 1]. In fact, his condition ((1.4) in [6]) implies (b) with  $\varphi_0(t) = \psi_0(t) = t$  since  $\{[J_\lambda^n x, (I - J_\lambda)J_\lambda^{n-1}x/\lambda] : n \geq 1 \text{ and } 0 < \lambda < \lambda_0\} \subset A$ . Our condition (b) is satisfied if  $A$  is an odd operator with  $R(I + \lambda A) \supset \overline{D(A)}$  for  $\lambda \in (0, \lambda_0)$  or the subdifferential of a convex function given in [8, Theorem], [6, Proposition 2]. So Theorem 3 is an extension of [4, Theorem 2.4 (a)].

**2. Proofs of theorems. Proof of Theorem 1.** Put  $d = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|T(t)x - x_0\|$ . The conclusion is trivial when  $d = 0$ . Now let  $d > 0$ . It follows from (a<sub>2</sub>) that

$$(2.1) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|T(t+h)x + T(t)x - 2x_0\| = 2d \quad \text{for every } h \in J.$$

By (a<sub>1</sub>) with  $u = T(t)x$  and  $v = T(s)x$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\|T(t+h)x + T(s+h)x - 2x_0\|) &\leq \varphi(b(h)\|T(t)x + T(s)x - 2x_0\|) \\ &\quad + [\psi(b(h)\|T(t)x - x_0\|) - \psi(\|T(t+h)x - x_0\|) \\ &\quad + \psi(b(h)\|T(s)x - x_0\|) - \psi(\|T(s+h)x - x_0\|)] \quad \text{for } t, s, h \in J. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $h \rightarrow \infty$ , (2.1) and  $\lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} b(h) = 1$  imply

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(2d) &\leq \varphi(\|T(t)x + T(s)x - 2x_0\|) + [\psi(\|T(t+h)x - x_0\|) \\ &\quad + \psi(\|T(s)x - x_0\|) - 2\psi(d)], \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $\varphi(2d) \leq \liminf_{t,s \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(\|T(t)x + T(s)x - 2x_0\|)$ ; while  $\limsup_{t,s \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(\|T(t)x + T(s)x - 2x_0\|) \leq \lim_{t,s \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(\|T(t)x - x_0\| + \|T(s)x - x_0\|) = \varphi(2d)$ . So  $\lim_{t,s \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(\|T(t)x + T(s)x - 2x_0\|) = \varphi(2d)$

and then

$$(2.2) \quad \lim_{t,s \rightarrow \infty} \|T(t)x + T(s)x - 2x_0\| = 2d.$$

Therefore, by uniform convexity of  $X$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|T(t)x - x_0\| = d > 0$  we have  $\lim_{t,s \rightarrow \infty} \|T(t)x - T(s)x\| = 0$ , whence  $\{T(t)x : t \in J\}$  converges strongly as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Clearly the limit is an element of  $F$ . **Q.E.D.**

**Proof of Corollary.** Let  $0 < \lambda < 1$  and set  $T_\lambda = (1 - \lambda)I + \lambda T$ . Clearly  $T_\lambda : C \rightarrow C$  is a contraction and  $T_\lambda x_0 = x_0$ . Since

$$\|T_\lambda u + T_\lambda v - 2x_0\| \leq \lambda \|Tu + Tv - 2x_0\| + (1 - \lambda) \|u + v - 2x_0\|,$$

(1.6) and the convexity of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  imply

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\|T_\lambda u + T_\lambda v - 2x_0\|) &\leq \lambda \varphi(\|Tu + Tv - 2x_0\|) + (1 - \lambda) \varphi(\|u + v - 2x_0\|) \\ &\leq \varphi(\|u + v - 2x_0\|) + \lambda [\psi(\|u - x_0\|) - \psi(\|Tu - x_0\|) \\ &\quad + \psi(\|v - x_0\|) - \psi(\|Tv - x_0\|)] \\ &\leq \varphi(\|u + v - 2x_0\|) + [\psi(\|u - x_0\|) - \psi(\|T_\lambda u - x_0\|) \\ &\quad + \psi(\|v - x_0\|) - \psi(\|T_\lambda v - x_0\|)] \end{aligned}$$

for every  $u, v \in C$ .

Therefore the nonexpansive semi-group  $\{T_\lambda^n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  on  $C$  satisfies

condition (a<sub>1</sub>) with  $b(n) \equiv 1$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T_\lambda^{n+1}x - T_\lambda^n x\| = 0$  (see [7]), it follows from Theorem 1 that  $\{T_\lambda^n x\}$  converges strongly to a point in  $F(T_\lambda) = F(T)$ . Q.E.D.

**Proof of Theorem 2.** Since  $A^{-1}0 \subset F$ , there exists a constant  $d \geq 0$  such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|T(t)x - x_0\| = 2d$ . The conclusion is trivial when  $d = 0$ . Now let  $d > 0$ . By virtue of Theorem 1 it suffices to show that (a<sub>1</sub>) is satisfied. To this end we define  $M, \varphi, \psi$  by

$$(2.3) \quad M = \sup\{k_0(\xi, \eta) : \xi, \eta \in [d, \|x - x_0\|]\},$$

$$(2.4) \quad \varphi(t) = \int_0^t \varphi_0(s) ds \quad \text{for } t \geq 0,$$

$$(2.5) \quad \psi(t) = M \int_0^t \psi_0(s) ds \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$$

Clearly  $\varphi \in C_{11}[0, \infty)$  and  $\psi \in C[0, \infty)$ . We fix arbitrary numbers  $t_1, t_2 \geq 0$  and  $h > 0$ . Since  $J_\lambda x_0 = x_0$  for  $\lambda > 0$  and  $T(t)x = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} J_\lambda^{[t/\lambda]}x$  for  $t \geq 0$ , we can choose  $\lambda_i \in (0, \lambda_0)$  such that if  $\lambda \in (0, \lambda_i)$  then

$$(2.6) \quad d \leq \|J_\lambda^{k+[t_i/\lambda]}x - x_0\| \leq \|x - x_0\| \quad \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq [h/\lambda] \quad \text{and } i = 1, 2.$$

Let  $0 < \lambda < \lambda_i$  and  $0 \leq k \leq [h/\lambda]$ , and put  $l_i = [t_i/\lambda]$ . Noting  $J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x \doteq x_0$  (by (2.6)), it follows from (b) that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq & \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^2 (J_\lambda^{k+l_i-1}x - J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x), \sum_{i=1}^2 J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x - 2x_0 \right\rangle_{\varphi_0} \\ & + k_0(\|J_\lambda^{k+l_1}x - x_0\|, \|J_\lambda^{k+l_2}x - x_0\|) \\ & \times \left[ \sum_{i=1}^2 \langle J_\lambda^{k+l_i-1}x - J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x, J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x - x_0 \rangle_{\varphi_0} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover  $\langle J_\lambda^{k+l_i-1}x - J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x, J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x - x_0 \rangle_{\varphi_0} \geq 0$  by the accretivity of  $A$  and  $0 \in Ax_0$ , and  $k_0(\|J_\lambda^{k+l_1}x - x_0\|, \|J_\lambda^{k+l_2}x - x_0\|) \leq M$  by (2.6). Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq & \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^2 (J_\lambda^{k+l_i-1}x - J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x), \sum_{i=1}^2 J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x - 2x_0 \right\rangle_{\varphi_0} \\ & + M \left[ \sum_{i=1}^2 \langle J_\lambda^{k+l_i-1}x - J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x, J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x - x_0 \rangle_{\varphi_0} \right] \\ \leq & \left( \left\| \sum_{i=1}^2 J_\lambda^{k+l_i-1}x - 2x_0 \right\| - \left\| \sum_{i=1}^2 J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x - 2x_0 \right\| \right) \varphi_0 \left( \left\| \sum_{i=1}^2 J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x - 2x_0 \right\| \right) \\ & + M \sum_{i=1}^2 (\|J_\lambda^{k+l_i-1}x - x_0\| - \|J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x - x_0\|) \psi_0(J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x - x_0) \\ \leq & \int_{\|\sum_{i=1}^2 J_\lambda^{k+l_i-1}x - 2x_0\|}^{\|J_\lambda^{k+l_1}x - x_0\|} \varphi_0(\xi) d\xi + M \int_{\|J_\lambda^{k+l_2}x - x_0\|}^{\|J_\lambda^{k+l_1}x - x_0\|} \psi_0(\xi) d\xi \\ = & \varphi \left( \left\| \sum_{i=1}^2 J_\lambda^{k+l_i-1}x - 2x_0 \right\| \right) - \varphi \left( \left\| \sum_{i=1}^2 J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x - 2x_0 \right\| \right) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^2 [\psi(\|J_\lambda^{k+l_i-1}x - x_0\|) - \psi(\|J_\lambda^{k+l_i}x - x_0\|)]. \end{aligned}$$

Adding these inequalities for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, [h/\lambda]$  and recalling  $l_i = [t_i/\lambda]$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ), we have

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \varphi \left( \left\| \sum_{i=1}^2 J_\lambda^{[h/\lambda] + [t_i/\lambda]}x - 2x_0 \right\| \right) \leq & \varphi \left( \left\| \sum_{i=1}^2 J_\lambda^{[t_i/\lambda]}x - 2x_0 \right\| \right) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^2 [\psi(\|J_\lambda^{[t_i/\lambda]}x - x_0\|) - \psi(\|J_\lambda^{[h/\lambda] + [t_i/\lambda]}x - x_0\|)]. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0+} J_\lambda^{[h/\lambda] + [t_i/\lambda]} x = T(h+t_i)x$ , by letting  $\lambda \rightarrow 0+$  in (2.7) we obtain

$$\varphi\left(\left\|\sum_{i=1}^2 T(t_i+h)x - 2x_0\right\|\right) \leq \varphi\left(\left\|\sum_{i=1}^2 T(t_i)x - 2x_0\right\|\right) + \sum_{i=1}^2 [\psi(\|T(t_i)x - x_0\|) - \psi(\|T(t_i+h)x - x_0\|)].$$

Thus  $\{T(t) : t \geq 0\}$  satisfies (a<sub>1</sub>) with  $b(h) \equiv 1$ . Q.E.D.

**Proof of Theorem 3.** Let  $\lambda \in (0, \lambda_0)$  and put  $d = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|J_\lambda^n x - x_0\|$ . The conclusion is trivial when  $d = 0$ . Let  $d > 0$ , then

$$0 < d \leq \|J_\lambda^n x - x_0\| \leq \|x - x_0\| \quad \text{for } n \geq 0.$$

We define  $M$ ,  $\varphi$ ,  $\psi$  by (2.3)–(2.5). In the similar way of obtaining (2.7), we have

$$\varphi\left(\left\|\sum_{i=1}^2 J_\lambda^{n+l_i} x - 2x_0\right\|\right) \leq \varphi\left(\left\|\sum_{i=1}^2 J_\lambda^{l_i} x - 2x_0\right\|\right) + \sum_{i=1}^2 [\psi(\|J_\lambda^{l_i} x - x_0\|) - \psi(\|J_\lambda^{l_i+n} x - x_0\|)] \quad \text{for } l_1, l_2, n \geq 0.$$

Thus the nonexpansive semi-group  $\{J_\lambda^n : n \geq 1\}$  on  $\overline{D(A)}$  satisfies condition (a<sub>1</sub>) with  $b(n) \equiv 1$ . Moreover  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|J_\lambda^{n+1} x - J_\lambda^n x\| = 0$  by [4, Corollary 1.1 and Proposition 2.1]. So the conclusion is obtained from Theorem 1. Q.E.D.

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