

A Fixed Point Theorem for Left Amenable Semi-Topological Semi Groups

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Abstract

In this note, we extend and improve the corresponding result of Takahashi. Explanation of DeMarr's theorem is further generalized for some semi groups of non-expansive self-maps on K by the following considerations which are explained in the paper. The application of Zorn's lemma and its application are explained. An application of Zorn's lemma shows that there exists a minimal non-empty compact convex and S -invariant subset.

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Introduction

Let K be a subset of a Banach space E . A self-mapping T on K is said to be non-expansive if $\|T(x) - T(y)\| \leq \|x - y\|$ for all $x, y \in K$. In [1] DeMarr proved the following theorem:

Theorem 1.1: For any non-empty compact convex subset K of a Banach space E , each commuting family of non-expansive self-mappings on K has a common fixed point in K .

DeMarr's theorem can be further generalized for some semigroups of non-expansive self-maps on K by the following considerations.

Let S be a *semi-topological semigroup*, i.e. S is a semigroup with a Hausdorff topology such that for each $a \in S$, the mappings $s \mapsto sa$ and $s \mapsto as$ from S into S are continuous. S is called left reversible if any two closed right ideals of S have non-void intersection. Let $l^\infty(S)$ be the C^* -algebra of all bounded complex-valued functions on S with supremum norm and point-wise multiplication. For each $s \in S$ and $f \in l^\infty(S)$, denote by $l_s(f)$ and $r_s(f)$ the left and right translates of f by s respectively, that is $l_s f(t) = f(st)$ and $r_s f(t) = f(ts)$ for all $t \in S$. Let X be a closed subspace of $l^\infty(S)$ containing constants and be invariant under translations. Then a linear functional $m \in X^*$ is called a mean if $\|m\| = m(1) = 1$, and a left invariant mean (LIM) if moreover $m(l_s(f)) = m(f)$ for $s \in S, f \in X$. Let $C_b(S)$ be the space of all bounded continuous complex-valued functions on S with supremum norm and $LUC(S)$ be the space of left uniformly continuous functions on S , i.e., all functions $f \in C_b(S)$ for which the mapping $s \mapsto l_s f : S \rightarrow C_b(S)$ is continuous when $C_b(S)$ has the sup-norm topology. Then $LUC(S)$ is a C^* -subalgebra of $C_b(S)$ invariant under translations and containing constant functions. S is called left amenable if $LUC(S)$ has a LIM. The space of all right uniformly continuous functions, $RUC(S)$, and right amenability are defined similarly. The semi-topological semigroup S is called amenable if it is both left and right amenable, in this situation there is a mean which is both left and right invariant. Left amenable semi-topological semigroups include commutative semigroups, as well as compact and solvable groups. The free (semi)group on two or more generators is not left amenable. When S is discrete, $LUC(S) = l^\infty(S)$ and (left) amenability of S yields the (left) reversibility of S . For more details on amenability, examples and relations [2-5].

An action of S on a topological space E is a mapping $(s, x) \mapsto s(x)$ from $S \times E$ into E such that $(st)(x) = s(t(x))$ for $s, t \in S, x \in E$. The action is separately continuous if it is continuous in each variable when the other is kept fixed. Every action of S on E induces a representation of S as a semigroup of self-mappings on E denoted by S , and the two semigroups are usually identified. When the action is separately continuous, each member of S is a continuous mapping on E . A subset $K \subseteq E$ is called S -invariant if $sK \subseteq K$ for each $s \in S$. We say that S has a

common fixed point in E , if there exists a singleton S -invariant subset of E . When E is a normed space the action of S on E is called non-expansive if $\|s(x) - s(y)\| \leq \|x - y\|$ for all $s \in S$ and $x, y \in E$.

Takahashi [6] proved a generalization of DeMarr's fixed point theorem as follows:

Theorem 1.2: Let K be a non-empty compact convex subset of a Banach space E and S be an amenable discrete semigroup which acts on K separately continuous and non-expansive. Then S has a common fixed point in K . It is well-known that every left amenable discrete semigroup is left reversible [4], so Mitchell [7] proved the following theorem:

Theorem 1.3: Let K be a non-empty compact convex subset of a Banach space E and S be a left reversible discrete semigroup which acts on K separately continuous and non-expansive. Then S has a common fixed point in K . But it is not the case that all left amenable semi-topological semigroups are left reversible as the following example shows [4]:

Example 1.4: Let S be a topological space which is regular and Hausdorff. Then $C_b(S)$ consists of constant functions only. Define on S the multiplication $st = s$ for all $s, t \in S$. Let $a \in S$ be fixed. Define $\mu(f) = f(a)$ for all $a \in S$. Then μ is a left invariant mean on $C(S)$, but S is not reversible.

Now the question naturally arises as to whether this is true if one considers a left amenable semi-topological semigroup in Takahashi's theorem.

In this paper, we show that the answer is affirmative. Our theorem is new and is not a result of any previous work.

Main Theorem

The space of almost periodic functions is the space of all $f \in C(S)$ such that $\{l_s f : s \in S\}$ is relatively compact in the sup-norm topology of $C(S)$ and is denoted by $AP(S)$. For any semi-topological semigroup S we have the following theorem [1].

Theorem 2.1: (a) $f \in AP(S)$ if and only if $\{r_s f : s \in S\}$ is relatively compact in the sup-norm topology of $C(S)$.

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(b) $AP(S) \subseteq LUC(S) \cap RUC(S)$.

The following lemma is important in proving our main theorem and lets one replace the discrete semigroup in Takahashi's theorem by a general semi-topological semigroup.

Lemma 2.2: Let S be a semi-topological semigroup which acts separately continuous and non-expansive on a compact subset M of a Banach space E . Then for each $m \in M$ and each $f \in C(M)$ we have $f_m \in LUC(S)$ where $f_m(s) = f(sm)$ ($s \in S$).

Proof: For $f \in C(M)$ define a new function $A: M \rightarrow C(S)$ by $A(m) = f_m$ so $A(m)(s) = f(sm)$ for all $s \in S$. Put sup-norm topology on $C(S)$. We show that A is continuous. Given $m \in M$, $\epsilon > 0$ we must find a suitable neighborhood for m such that for all m' in it the inequality $\|A(m') - A(m)\| < \epsilon$ holds. By continuity of f and compactness of M the function f is uniformly continuous, so there is a positive number δ such that if $u, v \in M$ and $\|u - v\| < \delta$, then $|f(u) - f(v)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. By Archimedean property of numbers, there is a natural number k for which $\frac{1}{k} < \delta$. For each m' in the ball $B\left(m, \frac{1}{k}\right)$ and each $s \in S$ we have

$$\|sm' - sm\| \leq \|m' - m\| < \delta < \frac{1}{k}$$

because the action is non-expansive. Now use uniform continuous property of f to get $|f(sm') - f(sm)| < \epsilon$. Hence corresponds to $\epsilon > 0$ we found the ball $B\left(m, \frac{1}{k}\right)$ so that if $m' \in B\left(m, \frac{1}{k}\right)$, then

$$|f(sm') - f(sm)| = |A(m')(s) - A(m)(s)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

for all $s \in S$. Consequently

$$\|A(m') - A(m)\| = \sup\{|A(m')(s) - A(m)(s)| : s \in S\} < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

which shows that A is continuous. On the other hand for each right translate of $f_m = A(m)$ we have

$$r_a(f_m)(s) = f_m(sa) = f(sam) = f_{am}(s) = A(am)(s); \quad s, a \in S$$

that is $r_a A(m) = A(am)$ hence $\{r_a f_m : a \in S\} = A(Sm)$. The set Sm is relatively compact in M and A is continuous, so $A(Sm)$ is relatively compact in the sup-norm topology of $C(S)$. Therefore by theorem 2.1 part (a) we see that $f_m = A(m) \in AP(S)$ and from part (b) $f_m \in LUC(S)$.

Now we use the above lemma to modify Takahashi's proof [7] for left amenable semi-topological semigroups which are not necessarily discrete.

Theorem 2.3: Let K be a non-empty compact convex subset of a Banach space E and S be a left amenable semi-topological semigroup which acts on K separately continuous and non-expansive. Then S has a common fixed point in K .

Proof: An application of Zorn's lemma shows that there exists a minimal non-empty compact convex and S -invariant subset $X \subseteq K$. If X is a singleton we are done, otherwise apply Zorn's lemma for the second time to get a minimal non-empty compact and S -invariant subset $M \subseteq X$.

We claim that M is S -preserved, i.e. $M = sM$ for all $s \in S$. Let ν be a left invariant mean on $LUC(S)$ and define $\mu(f) = \nu(f_m)$, where f_m is defined as in lemma 2.2. Then by Riesz representation theorem, μ induces a regular probability measure on M (still denoted by μ) such that $\mu(sB) = \mu(B)$ for all Borel sets $B \subseteq M$ and $s \in S$. Let F be the support

of μ . Each $s \in S$ defines a measurable continuous function from M into M , so by basic properties of support $F \subseteq sM$, $\mu(sM) = \mu(M) = 1$ [7]. Assume that χ_F is the characteristic function of F . For each $s \in S$,

$$1 = \mu(F) = \int_M \chi_F(y) d\mu = \int_M \chi_F(sy) d\mu = \mu(s^{-1}F)$$

($s^{-1}F$ means the pre-image of F under s) again by the definition and properties of support we see that $F \subseteq s^{-1}F$, meaning that F is S -invariant. Hence $F = M$ by the minimality of M . Consequently $M = F \subseteq sM$ for each $s \in S$. But M was already S -invariant, so $sM = M$ for each s in S .

Now if M is singleton we are done, otherwise if $\delta(M) = \text{diam}(M) > 0$, we get a contradiction by DeMarr's lemma [1] which implies that

$$\exists u \in \overline{co}(M) \text{ such that } r_0 = \sup\{\|m - u\| : m \in M\} < \delta(M).$$

Define $X_0 = \bigcap_{m \in M} B\left[m, r_0\right]$, then X_0 is a non-empty (indeed $u \in X_0$) compact convex proper subset of X such that $sX_0 \subseteq X_0$ for each s in S (the inclusion follows from the fact that M is S -preserved). But this contradicts the minimality of X . Therefore M contains only one point which is a common fixed point for the action of S .

Obviously every amenable discrete semigroup is a left amenable semi-topological semi-group, so we can deduce Takahashi's theorem from our theorem:

Corollary 2.4: Let K is a non-empty compact convex subset of a Banach space E and S is an amenable discrete semigroup which acts on K separately continuous and non-expansive. Then S has a common fixed point in K [6].

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