

A Fixed Point Theorem and its Application to Best Approximation*

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The object of this paper is twofold. First, a fixed point theorem of G. L. Cain, Jr. and M. Z. Nashed [1] is generalized. Second, the theorem (Theorem 1) is utilized to obtain theorems on best approximation which extend and unify the results of Meinardus [2], Singh [3—4], and Sahney-Singh-Whitfield [5].

Throughout this paper E will denote a Hausdorff locally convex linear topological space " T_2 LCS" and Q a (fixed) family of continuous seminorms which generates the topology of E . Let G be a nonempty subset of E , and p be a continuous seminorm on E . For $x \in E$, define

$$d_p(x, G) = \inf\{p(x-y) : y \in G\}.$$

A mapping $T : G \rightarrow G$ is said to be a p -contractive if there is a λ_p , $0 \leq \lambda_p < 1$ such that

$$p(Tx - Ty) \leq \lambda_p p(x - y) \quad (1)$$

for all $x, y \in G$ and $p \in Q$.

Definition 1. A mapping T on a subset G of a T_2 LCS E , mapping G into E is said to be p -locally contractive if for every $x \in G$ and $p \in Q$ there exist $\varepsilon_p(x)$ and $\lambda_p(x)$ ($\varepsilon_p > 0, 0 \leq \lambda_p < 1$) such that:

$$y_1, y_2 \in S_p(x, \varepsilon_p) = \{g : p(g-x) \leq \varepsilon_p\} \text{ implies } (1) \quad (2)$$

If both ε_p and λ_p do not depend on $x \in G$, T is said to be $(\varepsilon_p, \lambda_p)$ -uniformly locally contractive.

Definition 2. A subset G of E is said to be ε_p -chainable if for any pair $x, y \in G$ and all $p \in Q$, we can find a finite number of elements $x_i, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$ with $x_0 = x$ and $x_k = y$ such that:

$$p(x_{i-1} - x_i) \leq \varepsilon_p, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k.$$

Theorem 1. Let G be a sequentially complete ε_p -chainable subset of a T_2 LCS E . If $T : G \rightarrow G$ is $(\varepsilon_p, \lambda_p)$ -uniformly locally contractive, then there exists a unique point $u \in G$ such that $Tu = u$.

Theorem 2. Let E be a T_2 LCS, G be a subset of E , and $T : E \rightarrow E$ having

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a fixed point b such that $p(x-y) \leq \varepsilon_p$ (for a positive number ε_p , $\varepsilon_p \geq d_p(b, G)$) implies $p(Tx - Ty) \leq p(x-y)$ for every $p \in Q$. Let T map ∂G into G . Assume that for every $p \in Q$ the set D of best G approximants to b with respect to p is nonempty, sequentially complete, bounded, and starshaped. Furthermore, assume that $(I - T)(D)$ is closed. Then T has a fixed point which is a best approximation to b in G .

Results of Meinardus [2, Theorem], Singh [4, Theorem 1], and Sahney-Singh-Whitfield [5, Theorem 2.1] can be easily deduced from Theorem 2.

In the following, we try to relax the starshaped condition on D in Theorem 2.

Definition 3. Let D be a closed subset of E . A family of maps $\{f_x\}_{x \in D}$ is said to be **quasiconvex** structure on D if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) $f_x: [0, 1] \rightarrow D$, i.e., f_x is a map from $[0, 1]$ into D for each $x \in D$.
- (ii) $f_x(1) = x$ for each $x \in D$.
- (iii) $f_x(t)$ is jointly continuous in (x, t) i.e. $f_x(t) \rightarrow f_{x_0}(t_0)$ for $x \rightarrow x_0$ in D and $t \rightarrow t_0$ in $[0, 1]$.
- (iv) $p(f_x(t) - f_y(t)) \leq \Phi_p(t) p(x - y)$ for all $x, y \in D$ and $p \in Q$, where Φ_p is a function from $[0, 1]$ into itself.

Theorem 3. Let E be a T_2 LCS, and $T: E \rightarrow E$ be p nonexpansive mapping. Let $T: \partial G \rightarrow G$ and b be a T invariant point. Assume that for every $p \in Q$ the set D of best G approximants to b with respect to p is nonempty and compact. Furthermore, assume that there exists a **quasiconvex** structure on D . Then T has a fixed point which is a best approximation to b in G .

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