

# The Stable Fixed Point Property for Continuous Mappings in Metric Trees

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# This Lecture

This lecture will be directed toward applications of some of the standard ideas of **nonlinear analysis** to the class of spaces calls  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree spaces.

# Historical notes

Metric trees were first introduced by **J. Tits** ([1]). By using J. Tits's definitions of metric tree, it is shown that a metric space  $X$  is a complete metric tree if and only if  $X$  is hyperconvex with unique metric segments ([4]). **Kirk** introduced the fixed point property for continuous mappings in complete metric trees ([1]). Recently **Kirk** and **Panyanak** proved the KKM mapping principle in  $\mathbb{R}$ -trees. Some stability results in fixed point theory for Banach spaces state with **S. Reich** and **A. J. Zaslavski**. For various other generic aspects stability of fixed point theory, see ([1], [2], [3], [4]).

# Our Results

We introduce the concept of **the stable fixed point property** for mappings, and we prove the existence of the stable fixed point property for continuous mappings defined on a compact and convex subset of a complete metric tree. Also, inspired of the Kirk's proof of the fixed point property for continuous mappings in complete metric trees, we generalize some theorems in such spaces.

## Some Definitions

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A **geodesic segment** or a metric segment from  $x$  to  $y$  is the image of an isometric embedding  $\alpha : [a, b] \rightarrow X$  of a closed interval  $[a, b]$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\alpha(a) = x$  and  $\alpha(b) = y$ . When there exists a unique geodesic segment from  $x$  to  $y$ , it will be denoted by  $[x, y]$ . A **geodesic ray** is a subset of  $X$  isometric to the half-line  $[0, \infty)$ . For each  $t \in [0, 1]$ , let  $(1 - t)x \oplus ty$  denote the unique member of  $[x, y]$  satisfying

$$d(x, (1 - t)x \oplus ty) = td(x, y)$$

and

$$d((1 - t)x \oplus ty, y) = (1 - t)d(x, y).$$

# Elementary Definitions

## Definition

A  **$\mathbb{R}$ -tree** is a nonempty metric space  $X$  satisfying:

- 1 Any two points  $x, y \in X$  are the endpoints of a unique metric segment  $[x, y]$ .
- 2 If  $x, y, z \in X$  then  $[x, y] \cap [x, z] = [x, w]$  for some  $w \in X$  (i.e., if we have two metric segments with a common endpoint, then their intersection is a metric segment.)
- 3 If  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $[x, y] \cap [y, z] = \{y\}$  then  $[x, y] \cup [y, z] = [x, z]$  (i.e., if two segments intersect in a single point, then their union is a metric segment.)

# Example

## Example

Consider  $\mathbb{R}^2$  space with radial metric:

$$d_r(x, y) = \begin{cases} d(x, y) & \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{R}; x = \lambda y \\ d(x, o) + d(o, y) & \textit{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The space  $(\mathbb{R}^2, d_r)$  is a  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree.

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Consider the complete  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree  $X$  obtained by taking all lines  $L_i$  in  $\ell_2$  of the form

$$L_i = \{te_i : -\infty < t < \infty\}$$

where  $e_i$  is the standard  $i$ th unit basis vector, and give  $X$  the shortest path metric.



# Elementary Definitions

## Definition

Let  $X$  be a metric tree and  $A \subseteq X$ . We say  $X$  is **convex**, if for all  $x, y \in A$  we have  $[x, y] \subseteq X$ .

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let  $X$  be a metric tree and  $A \subseteq X$ .  $A$  is called **geodesically bounded** if  $A$  does not contain a geodesic ray.

# Some Elementary Results

## Lemma

Let  $X$  be a  $\mathbb{R}$ -trees space and let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$  and  $s, t \in [0, 1]$ . Then  $(1 - t)x \oplus ty = (1 - s)x \oplus sy$  if and only if  $s = t$ .

# Some Elementary Results

## Lemma

Let  $X$  be a metric tree and let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$ . then

- 1  $[x, y] = \{(1 - t)x \oplus ty \mid t \in [0, 1]\}$ .
- 2  $d(x, z) + d(z, y) = d(x, y)$  if and only if  $z \in [x, y]$ .
- 3 The mapping  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [x, y]$ ,  $f(t) = (1 - t)x \oplus ty$  is continuous and bijective.

## Lemma

Let  $X$  be a metric tree. then

$$d((1 - t)x \oplus ty, z) \leq (1 - t)d(x, z) + td(y, z)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .



# Some Elementary Results

## Lemma

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric tree,  $p, q, x, y \in X$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then

$$d((1-t)p \oplus tq, (1-t)x \oplus ty) \leq \max\{d(p, x), d(q, y)\}.$$

# Kirk's Theorem

## Theorem

*Suppose  $X$  is a geodesically bounded complete  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree. Then every continuous mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  has a fixed point.*

## Theorem

*Let  $(X, d)$  be  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree, suppose  $K$  is a closed convex subset of  $X$  which does not contain a geodesic ray, suppose  $\text{int}K \neq \emptyset$ , and suppose  $f : K \rightarrow X$  is continuous. Suppose there exists  $p_0 \in \text{int}K$  such that  $x \notin \text{seg}[p_0, f(x)]$  for every  $x \in \partial K$ . Then  $f$  has a fixed point in  $K$ .*

# Note

Since any result proved for *CAT(0) spaces* automatically carries over to  $\mathbb{R}$  – *trees*, we give some basic properties of metric segments in *CAT(0)* spaces.

# Elementary Definitions

## Definition

A geodesic metric space is said to be a **CAT(0) space** if all geodesic triangles of appropriate size satisfy the following comparison axiom. Let  $\triangle$  be a geodesic triangle in  $X$  and let  $\overline{\triangle}$  be a comparison triangle for  $\triangle$ . Then  $\triangle$  is said to satisfy the **CAT(0) inequality** if for all  $x, y \in \triangle$  and all comparison points  $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in \overline{\triangle}$ ,

$$d(x, y) \leq d_{\mathbb{E}^2}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}).$$

# Examples

## Example

**Hilbert spaces** (in which the  $CAT(0)$ -inequality is an equality) -the only **Banach spaces** that are  $CAT(0)$ .

**$\mathbb{R}$ -trees** -the only **hyperconvex** metric spaces that are  $CAT(0)$ .



# Kirk's Results

A subset  $K$  of metric space is said to have **the approximate fixed point property** (for nonexpansive mappings) if given any nonexpansive  $f : K \rightarrow K$ ,  $\inf\{d(x, f(x)) : x \in K\} = 0$ .

If  $X$  is a  $CAT(0)$  space. Then  $X$  has **the geodesic extension property** if and only if every non-constant geodesic  $c : [a, b] \rightarrow X$  can be extended to a line  $c : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X$ .

## Theorem

*A closed convex subset of a complete  $CAT(0)$  space with **the geodesic extension property** has **the approximate fixed point property** for nonexpansive mappings if and only if it does not contain a **geodesic ray**.*

# Kirk's Results

## Theorem

Let  $K$  be a bounded closed convex subset of a complete CAT(0) space  $X$ , let  $f : K \rightarrow K$  be nonexpansive, fix  $x \in K$ , and for each  $t \in [0, 1)$  let  $x_t$  be the point of  $[x, f(x_t)]$  satisfying

$$d(x, x_t) = td(x, f(x_t)).$$

Then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} x_t$  converges to the unique fixed point of  $f$  which is *nearest*  $x$ .

# Kirk's Theorem

The existence of fixed points for nonexpansive mappings in a complete  $CAT(0)$  space was proved by Kirk ([4]) as follows:

## Theorem

*Suppose  $K$  is a nonempty, bounded, closed and convex subset of complete  $CAT(0)$  space and suppose  $f : K \rightarrow K$  is nonexpansive . Then  $f$  has a fixed point.*

# Kirk's Theorem

## Theorem

Let  $K$  be a bounded closed convex subset of a complete CAT(0) space  $X$ . Suppose  $f : K \rightarrow X$  is *nonexpansive* mapping for which

$$\inf\{d(x, f(x)) : x \in K\} = 0$$

Then  $f$  has a fixed point in  $K$ .

# Dinevari and Vaezpour's Results

## Theorem

Suppose  $X$  is a complete  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree,  $C$  is a closed convex geodesically bounded subset of  $X$  and  $T : C \rightarrow C(X)$  is lower semicontinuous. Then there exists a  $y_0 \in C$  such that

$$d(y_0, T(y_0)) = \inf_{x \in C} d(x, T(y_0)).$$

Moreover, if  $y_0 \notin T(y_0)$  then  $y_0 \in \text{Bd}(C)$ .

# Dinevari and Vaezpour's Results

## Theorem

Suppose  $X$  is a complete  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree,  $C$  is a closed convex geodesically bounded subset of  $X$  and  $T : C \rightarrow X$  is continuous and for every  $c \in X$  with  $c \neq T(c)$ ,

$$(c, T(c)) := [c, T(c)] \setminus \{c\}$$

contains at least one point of  $C$ , then  $T$  has a fixed point.

# Our Definitions

Let  $K \subseteq X$  be a nonempty, compact and convex subset of a complete  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree  $(X, d)$ . Consider

$$\mathcal{A} := \{A : A \text{ is a continuous selfmap on } K \text{ with } \text{Fix}(A) \neq \emptyset\},$$

with

$$\rho(A, B) = \sup\{d(Ax, Bx) : x \in K\}$$

for every  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $(\mathcal{A}, \rho)$  is a **complete metric space**.

# Our Definitions

## Definition

Let  $K \subseteq X$  be a nonempty, bounded, closed and convex subset of a complete  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree  $(X, d)$ . A map  $A : K \rightarrow K$  is said to have **the stable fixed point property** if there exist  $x \in \text{Fix}(A)$  such that

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \ni (B \in \mathcal{A}, \rho(\mathcal{A}, B) \leq \delta) \implies \\ \exists z \in K \ni (Bz = z, d(z, x) \leq \varepsilon).$$



# Our Results

## Theorem

Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree space,  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . then there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for each  $B \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfying  $\rho(A, B) \leq \delta$  and each  $x \in K$  satisfying  $Bx = x$ , there exists  $y \in \text{Fix}(A)$  such that  $d(x, y) \leq \varepsilon$ .

# The Question

In view of this result, It is natural to ask, does for each  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $A$  have **the stable fixed point property**? Consider the next simple example:

# Example

## Example

Put  $X := \mathbb{R}$ ,  $K := [0, 1]$  and  $Ax = x$  for all  $x \in K$  so  $\text{Fix}(A) = K$ .  
and let  $A_n x = (1 - \frac{1}{n})x$  and  $B_n x = \min\{x + \frac{1}{n}, 1\}$  for all  $n$ .  
Therefore  $A_n, B_n \rightarrow A$  and  $\text{Fix}(A_n) = \{0\}$  and  
 $\text{Fix}(B_n) = [1 - \frac{1}{n}, 1]$ .

This example show that in general the answer too our question is **negative**. But in this talk we shall show that for a typical  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  the answer of the question is **positive**.

# Our Results

## Theorem

Let  $(X, d)$  be a geodesically bounded normal complete  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree space,  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x \in \text{Fix}(A)$ . Then there exist  $B \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\rho(A, B) \leq \varepsilon$  and  $Bz = x$  for each  $z \in K$  satisfying  $d(z, x) \leq \delta$ .

# Our Results

## Theorem




Let  $(X, d)$  be a geodesically bounded normal complete  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree space,  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x \in X$  be a fixed point of  $A$ . Let  $B \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\delta > 0$  be as guaranteed by previous theorem. Then for each  $C \in \mathcal{A}$  which  $\rho(C, B) \leq \delta$ , there exists  $y \in K$  such that  $Cy = y$  and  $d(y, x) \leq \rho(B, C)$ .

# Our Results





## Theorem

Let  $(X, d)$  be a geodesically bounded normal complete  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree space. Then there exists a subset  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  which is a countable intersection of open subsets of  $(\mathcal{A}, \rho)$  so that for each  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $A$  have *the stable fixed point property*.

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