

**ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR OF SEMIGROUPS OF  
ASYMPTOTICALLY NONEXPANSIVE  
TYPE ON BANACH SPACES**

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**1. Introduction**

Let  $G$  be a semitopological semigroup.  $G$  is called right reversible if any two closed left ideals of  $G$  has non-void intersection. In this case,  $(G, \geq)$  is a directed system when the binary relation " $\geq$ " on  $G$  is defined by  $t \geq s$  if and only if  $\{s\} \cup \overline{Gs} \supseteq \{t\} \cup \overline{Gt}$ ,  $s, t \in G$ . Right reversible semitopological semigroups include all commutative semigroups and all semitopological semigroups which are right amenable as discrete semigroups (see [9]). Left reversibility of  $G$  is defined similarly.  $G$  is called reversible if it is both left and right reversible.

In 1976, Kirk [12] introduced any non-Lipschitzian self-mapping which extends, in a sense, an asymptotically nonexpansive mapping inherited by Goebel and Kirk [4]; a continuous mapping  $T : K \rightarrow K$ ,  $K$  a nonempty closed subset of a real Banach space  $X$ , is said to be of asymptotically nonexpansive type if for each  $x \in K$ ,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{ \sup [ \|T^n x - T^n y\| - \|x - y\| ] : y \in K \} \leq 0.$$

Now, we introduce a semigroup of non-Lipschitzian self-mappings; let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Banach space  $X$  with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . A family  $\mathcal{T} = \{T_s : s \in G\}$  of continuous mappings of  $C$  into  $C$  is said to be a right reversible semigroup of asymptotically nonexpansive type on  $C$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) the index set  $G$  is a right reversible semitopological semigroup with the above order  $\geq$ ;

(b)  $T_{st}x = T_s T_t x$  for all  $s, t \in G$  and  $x \in C$ ;

(c) for each  $x \in C$ ,

$$\limsup_{s \in G} \{ \sup [ \|T_s x - T_s y\| - \|x - y\| ] : y \in C \} \leq 0;$$

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(d)  $T$  is continuous with respect to the strong operator topology :  $T_s x \rightarrow T_t x$  for each  $x \in C$  as  $s \rightarrow t$  in  $G$ .

Left reversible semigroup of asymptotically nonexpansive type is defined similarly. For semigroups of another non-Lipschitzian self-mappings, see [3], [10], [11] etc.

For each  $x \in C$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(x) = \{T_s x : s \in G\}$  is called the orbit of  $x$  under  $\mathcal{T}$  and a point  $z \in C$  such that  $\mathcal{O}(z) = \{z\}$  is called a common fixed point of  $\mathcal{T}$ . We denote by  $F(\mathcal{T})$  the set of common fixed points of  $\mathcal{T}$  and by  $\omega_w(x)$  the set of weak subnet limits of the net  $\{T_s x : s \in G\}$  and set  $E(x) = \{y \in C : \lim_{s \in G} \|T_s x - y\| \text{ exists}\}$ .

It is the purpose of this paper that some of the weak convergence and fixed point theory of semigroups of nonexpansive mappings ([8], [13], [14]) carries over to the larger class of mappings defined above.

### 2. Weak convergence

Unless other specified, let  $G, X, C, \mathcal{T} = \{T_s : s \in G\}$  be as before. We begin with the following

LEMMA 2.1. For each  $x \in C$ ,  $F(\mathcal{T}) \subseteq E(x)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $y \in F(\mathcal{T})$  and  $r = \inf_{s \in G} \|T_s x - y\|$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is  $s_0 \in G$  such that  $\|T_{s_0} x - y\| < r + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . Since  $\mathcal{T}$  is of asymptotically nonexpansive type, there also exists  $t_0 \in G$  such that

$$\|T_t T_{s_0} x - y\| \leq \|T_{s_0} x - y\| + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$ . Let  $b \geq a_0 = t_0 s_0$ . Since  $G$  is right reversible, we may assume  $b \in \overline{G a_0}$ . Let  $\{s_\alpha\}$  be a net in  $G$  such that  $s_\alpha a_0 \rightarrow b$ . Then, for each  $\alpha$ ,

$$\|T_{s_\alpha t} T_{s_0} x - y\| \leq \|T_{s_0} x - y\| + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Hence  $\|T_b x - y\| \leq \|T_{s_0} x - y\| + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . So, we have

$$\inf_s \sup_{t \geq s} \|T_t x - y\| \sup_{b \geq a_0} \|T_b x - y\| \leq \|T_{s_0} x - y\| + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < r + \varepsilon.$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, we have  $\inf_s \sup_{t \geq s} \|T_t x - y\| \leq r = \inf_{s \in G} \|T_s x - y\|$ .

Therefore,  $\lim_s \|T_s x - y\|$  exists and so  $y \in E(x)$ .

LEMMA 2.2. Let  $X$  be uniformly convex and suppose that  $F(\mathcal{T}) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x \in C$ ,  $f \in F(\mathcal{T})$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta < 1$ . Then, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is  $a_0 \in G$  such that

$$\|T_s(\lambda T_t x + (1-\lambda)f) - (\lambda T_s T_t x + (1-\lambda)f)\| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $s, t \in G$  with  $s, t \geq a_0$  and  $\lambda : \alpha \leq \lambda \leq \beta$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $c = \min \{2\lambda(1-\lambda) : \alpha \leq \lambda \leq \beta\}$ ,  $c' = \max \{2\lambda(1-\lambda) : \alpha \leq \lambda \leq \beta\}$  and  $r = \liminf_s \|T_s x - f\|$ . For  $r = 0$ , it is easy. Let  $r > 0$ . Then we can choose  $d > 0$  so small that

$$(r+d) \left[ 1 - c\delta \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{r+d} \right) \right] < r,$$

where  $\delta$  is the modulus of convexity of the norm. Since  $r = \liminf_s \|T_s x - f\|$  and  $\mathcal{T}$  is of asymptotically nonexpansive type, there exists  $a_0 \in G$  such that

$$\|T_s x - f\| < r + \frac{d}{2}, \quad \|f - T_s z\| < \frac{c}{4}d + \|f - z\|$$

and

$$\|T_s T_t x - T_s z\| < \frac{c}{4}d + \|T_t x - z\|$$

for all  $s \geq a_0$ ,  $z \in C$  and each  $t \in G$ . Suppose that

$$\|T_s(\lambda T_t x + (1-\lambda)f) - (\lambda T_s T_t x + (1-\lambda)f)\| \geq \varepsilon$$

for some  $s, t \geq a_0$  and  $\lambda : \alpha \leq \lambda \leq \beta$ . Put  $u = (1-\lambda)(T_s z - f)$  and  $v = \lambda(T_s T_t x - T_s z)$ , where  $z = \lambda T_t x + (1-\lambda)f$ . Then we have that  $\|u\|, \|v\| < \lambda(1-\lambda)(r+d)$ ,  $\|u - v\| = \|T_s z - (\lambda T_s T_t x + (1-\lambda)f)\| \geq \varepsilon$  and  $\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v = \lambda(1-\lambda)(T_s T_t x - f)$ . So, by using the Lemma in [7] we have

$$\|T_{st} x - f\| \leq (r+d) \left[ 1 - c\delta \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{r+d} \right) \right] < r.$$

This contradicts  $r = \liminf_s \|T_s x - f\|$  by Lemma 2.1.

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be elements of a Banach space  $X$ . Then we denote by  $[x, y]$  the set  $\{\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y : 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1\}$  and  $\overline{\text{co}}(A)$  denotes the closure of the convex hull of  $A$ .

LEMMA 2.3. Let  $X$  have a Fréchet differentiable norm and  $\{x_\alpha\}$  a bounded net in  $C$ . Let  $z \in \bigcap_{\beta} \overline{\text{co}}\{x_\alpha : \alpha \geq \beta\}$ ,  $y \in C$  and  $\{y_\alpha\}$  a net of elements in  $C$  with  $y_\alpha \in [y, x_\alpha]$  and  $\|y_\alpha - z\| = \min \{\|u - z\| : u \in [y, x_\alpha]\}$ .

If  $y_\alpha \rightarrow y$ , then  $y=z$ .

For the proof of Lemma 2.3, see Lemma 3 in [14]. Now we can prove the following :

PROPOSITION 2.4. *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$  with a Fréchet differentiable norm. Suppose that  $F(\mathcal{T})$  is nonempty. Then, for each  $x \in C$ , the set  $\bigcap_{s \in G} \overline{\text{co}}\{T_t x : t \geq s\} \cap F(\mathcal{T})$  consists of at most one point*

*Proof.* For each  $x \in C$ , let  $W(x) = \bigcap_t \overline{\text{co}}\{T_t x : t \geq s\}$ . Suppose that  $f, g \in W(x) \cap F(\mathcal{T})$  and  $f \neq g$ . Put  $h = \frac{1}{2}(f+g)$  and  $r = \lim_s \|T_s x - g\|$ . Since  $h \in W(x)$ ,  $\|h-g\| \leq r$ . For each  $s \in G$ , choose  $p_s \in [T_s x, h]$  such that  $\|p_s - g\| = \min\{\|y-g\| : y \in [T_s x, h]\}$ . If  $\liminf_s \|p_s - g\| = \|h-g\|$ , then obviously  $p_s \rightarrow h$ . Hence, by Lemma 2.3,  $h=g$ . This contradicts  $f \neq g$ . Now we suppose that  $\liminf_s \|p_s - g\| < \|h-g\|$ . Then there exists  $c > 0$  and  $s_\alpha \in G$  such that  $s_\alpha \geq \alpha$  and

$$\|p_{s_\alpha} - g\| + c < \|h-g\|$$

for every  $\alpha \in G$ . Put  $p_{s_\alpha} = a_\alpha T_{s_\alpha} x + (1-a_\alpha)h$  for every  $\alpha$ . Then there is  $\beta > 0$  and  $\gamma < 1$  such that  $\beta \leq a_\alpha \leq \gamma$  for all  $\alpha$ . By Lemma 2.2, and since  $\mathcal{T}$  is of asymptotically nonexpansive type, there exists  $\alpha_0 \in G$  such that

$$\|T_s(\lambda T_t x + (1-\lambda)h) - (\lambda T_s T_t x + (1-\lambda)h)\| < \frac{c}{2}$$

and

$$\|g - T_s z\| < \frac{c}{2} + \|g - z\|$$

for all  $s, t \geq \alpha_0$ ,  $z \in C$  and  $\lambda : \beta \leq \lambda \leq \gamma$ .

For  $s_\alpha \geq \alpha_0$ , let  $s \geq \beta_0 = \alpha_0 s_{\alpha_0}$ . Then, since  $G$  is right reversible,  $s \in \{\beta_0\} \cup \overline{G}_{\beta_0}$ , we may assume  $s \in \overline{G}_{\beta_0}$ . Let  $\{t_\beta\}$  be a net in  $G$  such that  $t_\beta \beta_0 \rightarrow s$ . Then, for each  $\beta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|p_{t_\beta \beta_0} - g\| &\leq \|a_{\alpha_0} T_{t_\beta \beta_0} x + (1-a_{\alpha_0})h - g\| \\ &\leq \|T_{t_\beta \alpha_0} p_{s_{\alpha_0}} - (a_{\alpha_0} T_{t_\beta \alpha_0} T_{s_{\alpha_0}} x + (1-a_{\alpha_0})h)\| \\ &\quad + \|g - T_{t_\beta \alpha_0} p_{s_{\alpha_0}}\| \leq c + \|g - p_{s_{\alpha_0}}\| < \|h-g\|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\|p_s - g\| < \|h-g\|$  for all  $s \geq \beta_0$ . Therefore we have  $p_s \neq h$  for all  $s \geq \beta_0$ . Let  $s \geq \beta_0$  and  $u_k = k(h - T_s x) + T_s x$  for all  $k \geq 1$ . Then

$\|u_k - g\| \geq \|h - g\|$  for all  $k \geq 1$  and hence, by Theorem 2.5 of [2], we have

$$\langle h - u_k, J(g - h) \rangle = \langle (1 - k)(h - T_s x), J(g - h) \rangle \geq 0$$

for all  $k \geq 1$ , where  $J$  is the duality mapping of  $X$ . Therefore, it follows that  $\langle h - T_s x, J(g - h) \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $s \geq \beta_0$ . Then we have  $\langle h - y, J(g - h) \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $y \in \overline{\text{co}}\{T_t x : t \geq \beta_0\}$ . Put  $y = f = h + (h - g)$ , then  $h = g$ . This contradicts  $f \neq g$ . The proof is completed.

**THEOREM 2.5.** *Let  $X, C$ , and  $F(\mathcal{O})$  as in Proposition 2.4. Let  $x \in C$ . If  $\omega_w(x) \subseteq F(\mathcal{O})$ , then the net  $\{T_s x : s \in G\}$  converges weakly to some  $y \in F(\mathcal{O})$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $F(\mathcal{O}) \neq \emptyset$ , by Lemma 2.1,  $\{T_s x : s \in G\}$  is bounded. So, there exists a subnet  $\{T_{s_\alpha} x\}$  of the net  $\{T_s x : s \in G\}$  which converges weakly to some  $y \in C$ . Since  $\omega_w(x) \subseteq F(\mathcal{O})$  and  $y \in \bigcap \overline{\text{co}}\{T_t x : t \geq s\}$ , we have  $y \in \bigcap \overline{\text{co}}\{T_t x : t \geq s\} \cap F(\mathcal{O})$ . Therefore, it follows from Proposition 2.4 that  $\{T_s x : s \in G\}$  converges weakly to  $y \in F(\mathcal{O})$ .

Let  $K$  be a subset of a Banach space  $X$ . A mapping  $T : K \rightarrow K$  is called asymptotically nonexpansive [4] if for each  $x, y \in K$ ,

$$\|T^k x - T^k y\| \leq a_k \|x - y\|, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where  $\{a_k\}$  is a fixed sequence of real numbers such that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 1$ . It is proved in [4] that if  $K$  is a bounded closed and convex subset of a uniformly convex space  $X$  then the set  $F(T)$  of fixed points of  $T$  is nonempty closed and convex. Taking  $G = \mathbb{N}$  in Theorem 2.5, we have

**COROLLARY 2.6.** *Let  $C$  be a closed convex and bounded subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$  with a Fréchet differentiable norm. Let  $x \in C$ . If  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is asymptotically nonexpansive mapping and  $\omega_w(x) \subseteq F(T)$ , then the sequence  $\{T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  converges weakly to a fixed point of  $T$ , where  $\omega_w(x)$  denotes the set of subsequential limits of  $\{T^n x\}$ .*

### 3. Strong convergence and fixed point

Throughout this section,  $G$  denotes a commutative semitopological semigroup with the identity, directed by an order relation defined by  $t \geq s$  if and only if  $t = as$  for some  $a \in G$ . Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$ . We suppose that the semigroup  $\mathcal{O} = \{T_s : s \in G\}$  is of asymptotically nonexpansive type and, for each  $x \in C$ , its orbit  $\mathcal{O}(x) = \{T_s x : s \in G\}$  is bounded.

By slight modification of Theorem 1 in [11], we have the following :

**THEOREM 3.1.** For each  $x \in C$ , the asymptotic center  $c(x)$  of the orbit  $\mathcal{O}(x)$  with respect to  $C$  is a common fixed point of  $\mathcal{O}$ .

**LEMMA 3.2.** For each  $x \in C$ ,  $\liminf_s PT_s x$  exists, where  $P$  is the metric projection of  $X$  onto  $F(\mathcal{O})$ .

*Proof.* Let  $r_s = \|T_s x - PT_s x\|$ . With a proof as in Lemma 2.1, we have  $r = \inf_s \|T_s x - PT_s x\| = \limsup_s \|T_s x - PT_s x\|$ . If  $r = 0$ , then  $\{PT_s x : s \in G\}$  is clearly a Cauchy net. For  $r > 0$ , suppose that  $\{PT_s x\}$  is not a Cauchy net. Then, there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\{s_\alpha, t_\alpha\} \subseteq G$  such that

$$\|PT_{s_\alpha} x - PT_{t_\alpha} x\| \geq \varepsilon$$

for every  $\alpha$ . Now choose a  $\sigma > 0$  so small that

$$(r + \sigma) \left[ 1 - \delta \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{r + \sigma} \right) \right] < r,$$

where  $\delta$  is the modulus of convexity of the norm.

For the  $\sigma > 0$ , there is  $s_\alpha, t_\alpha \in G$  such that  $r_{s_\alpha}, r_{t_\alpha} < r + \frac{\sigma}{2}$ . Since  $\mathcal{O}$  is of asymptotically nonexpansive type, there is  $t_0 \in G$  such that

$$\|T_{t_0} T_{s_\alpha} x - PT_{s_\alpha} x\| \leq \|T_{s_\alpha} x - PT_{s_\alpha} x\| + \frac{\sigma}{2} < r + \sigma$$

and also

$$\|T_{t_0} T_{t_\alpha} x - PT_{t_\alpha} x\| < r + \sigma,$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$ . Taking  $b = t_0 s_\alpha t_0$ , by commutativity of  $G$ , we have that  $\|T_b x - PT_{s_\alpha} x\|$ ,  $\|T_b x - PT_{t_\alpha} x\| < r + \sigma$  and  $\|PT_{s_\alpha} x - PT_{t_\alpha} x\| \geq \varepsilon$ . So, by uniform convexity of  $X$ , we have

$$\|T_b x - (PT_{s_\alpha} x + PT_{t_\alpha} x) / 2\| \leq (r + \sigma) \left[ 1 - \delta \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{r + \sigma} \right) \right].$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_b x - PT_b x\| &\leq \|T_b x - (PT_{s_\alpha} x + PT_{t_\alpha} x) / 2\| \\ &\leq (r + \sigma) \left[ 1 - \delta \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{r + \sigma} \right) \right] < r. \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts  $r = \inf_s \|T_s x - PT_s x\|$ . The proof is completed.

**THEOREM 3.3.** For each  $x \in C$ ,  $\lim PT_s x = c(x)$ , where  $c(x)$  is the asymptotic center of  $\mathcal{O}(x)$  with respect to  $C$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.2, there exists  $z \in C$  such that  $PT_s x \rightarrow z$ . It suffices to show that  $z = c(x)$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_s \|T_s x - z\| &\leq \limsup_s \{\|T_s x - PT_s x\| + \|PT_s x - z\|\} \\ &\leq \limsup_s \|T_s x - PT_s x\| \\ &\leq \limsup_s \|T_s x - c(x)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the uniqueness of asymptotic center implies that  $z = c(x)$  (see[6]).

REMARK. With a proof as in Theorem 3.3, it is clear that if  $X$  satisfies Opial's condition ([15], [13 ; Lemma 2.1]), and  $\{T_s x : s \in G\}$  converges weakly to a  $y \in F(\mathcal{G})$ , then the net  $\{PT_s x : s \in G\}$  converges strongly to the same fixed point  $y$ . It is easy that if  $C$  is a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex space  $X$  and if  $\mathcal{G}$  is a right reversible semigroup of asymptotically nonexpansive type on  $C$ , then the set  $F(\mathcal{G})$  of common fixed points is closed convex.

Finally, employing the method of the proof due to Goebel-Kirk-Thele [5 ; Theorem 3.1]. For each  $s \in G$  and  $x \in C$ , we denote by  $\omega^s(x)$  the set of subnet limits of the net  $\{T_t x : t \in G\}$ .

LEMMA 3.4. *Let  $C$  be a compact convex subset of a Banach space  $X$  and let  $G, \mathcal{G} = \{T_s : s \in G\}$  be as before. Then there exists two subsets  $M$  and  $H$  of  $C$  satisfying the following properties:*

(a)  $H \subseteq C$  is minimal with respect to being nonempty, closed, convex and satisfying that

(\*) for each  $x \in H$  and  $s \in G, \omega^s(x) \subseteq H$ ;

(b)  $M \subseteq H$  is minimal with respect to being nonempty, closed and satisfying that

(\*\*) for each  $x \in M$  and  $s \in G, \omega^s(x) \subseteq M$ ;

(c)  $M \subseteq \bigcap_{s \in G} \{T_s(M)\}$ .

*Proof.* Use Zorn's lemma to obtain the subset  $H$  of  $C$  which is minimal with respect to being nonempty, closed, convex and satisfying the property (\*). Again, we use Zorn's lemma to obtain the subset  $M$  of  $H$  which is minimal with respect to being nonempty, closed and satisfying the property (\*\*). To prove (c), we note first that if  $x \in M$

and  $w \in \omega^t(x)$  for some  $t \in G$ , say,  $\lim_{\alpha} T_{t_{\alpha}t}x = w$  for some subnet  $\{t_{\alpha}\}$  of  $G$ , then  $\lim_{\alpha} T_{st_{\alpha}t}x = T_s w \in M$  by (\*\*). Therefore, for each  $s \in G$ ,

$$H_{\bar{\mathcal{O}}} = M \cap T_s(M) \neq \emptyset.$$

Obviously  $T_s(M)$  is nonempty and closed. By minimality of  $M$ , to prove that  $H_{\bar{\mathcal{O}}} = M$ , it suffices to show that for each  $x \in H_{\bar{\mathcal{O}}}$  and  $t \in G$ ,  $\omega^t(x) \subseteq H_{\bar{\mathcal{O}}}$ . Indeed, let  $z \in \omega^t(x)$ , say  $z = \lim_{\alpha} T_{t_{\alpha}t}x$  for some subnet  $\{t_{\alpha}\}$  of  $G$ . Then, since  $x \in M$ ,  $z \in M$  by (\*\*). Also  $x \in T_s(M)$  implies that  $x = T_s y$  for some  $y \in M$ . By continuity and commutativity of members of  $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\alpha} T_{t_{\alpha}t}x &= \lim_{\alpha} T_{t_{\alpha}t}T_s y \\ &= T_s(\lim_{\alpha} T_{t_{\alpha}t}y) = T_s v. \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $z = T_s v$  for some  $v \in M$ ; hence  $z \in M \cap T_s(M) = H_{\bar{\mathcal{O}}}$ . Thus,  $T_s(M) \supseteq M$  and since  $s \in G$  is arbitrary, (c) is proved.

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $C$  be a compact convex subset of a Banach space  $X$  and let  $G, \bar{\mathcal{O}}$  as before. Then  $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$  has a common fixed point in  $C$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $M, H$  be given as in Lemma 3.4. Then it suffices to show that  $\text{diam}(M) = 0$ . Now suppose that

$$\delta = \text{diam}(M) > 0.$$

Since  $\overline{\text{co}}(M) = H$ , by Lemma 1 in [1], there exists  $r < \delta$  such that for some  $u \in H$ ,

$$\sup \{ \|u - x\| : x \in M \} \leq r.$$

Set

$$D = \{x \in H : M \subseteq B(x, r)\}, \text{ where } B(x, r) = \{u \in X : \|u - x\| \leq r\}.$$

Since  $u \in D$ ,  $D$  is nonempty, closed and convex subset of  $H$ . Moreover, because  $\delta > r$  and  $D$  can not contain points of  $M$  whose distance exceeds  $r$ , it follows that  $D$  is a proper subset of  $H$ .

Next, let  $z \in D$  and suppose  $\lim_{\alpha} T_{t_{\alpha}s}z = w$  for some  $s \in G$  and some subnet  $\{t_{\alpha}\}$  of  $G$ . To show that  $w \in D$ , let  $y \in M$ . Since  $T_{t_{\alpha}s}(M) \supseteq M$  for every  $t_{\alpha} \in G$  by (c) of Lemma 3.4, there exists  $u_{\alpha} \in M$  such that  $y = T_{t_{\alpha}s}u_{\alpha}$ . Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|w - y\| &\leq \|w - T_{t_{\alpha}s}z\| + \|T_{t_{\alpha}s}z - y\| \\ &= \|w - T_{t_{\alpha}s}z\| + [\|T_{t_{\alpha}s}z - T_{t_{\alpha}s}u_{\alpha}\| \\ &\quad - \|z - u_{\alpha}\|] + \|z - u_{\alpha}\| \end{aligned}$$

Taking both sides by  $\limsup$ , we obtain

$$\|w - y\| \leq r.$$

Since  $w \in H$  by (\*),  $w \in D$ . This contradicts the minimality of  $H$ ; hence  $\delta = 0$ . The proof is completed.

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