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# Convergence of an iteration scheme in convex metric spaces

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#### Abstract

In this paper, a new iteration scheme in a uniformly convex metric space is defined and its convergence is obtained. A numerical example is also considered to compare the rate of convergences of the iteration with that of an existing iteration scheme.

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# 1. Introduction

If T is a self mapping on a metric space (X,d), then F(T) denotes the set of all fixed points of T, that is,  $F(T) = \{x \in X : Tx = x\}$ . In the study of fixed point theory, there is a natural interest in finding conditions on T and X, as general as possible, and which also guarantee the strong convergence of the sequence of iterates  $\{x_n\}$  to a fixed point of T in X.

Moreover, if the sequence of iterates converges to a fixed point of T, it is interesting to evaluate the rate of convergence (or, alternately, the error estimate) of the method, i.e., in obtaining a stopping criterion for the sequence of successive approximation. For a weaker contractive condition, the Picard iterates need not converge to the fixed point of T, and some other iteration schemes must be considered. For  $x_0 \in X$ , the iteration given by

$$x_{n+1} = Tx_n, \qquad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

is called Picard iteration.

In this regard, many authors have introduced and investigated various iteration schemes to approximate fixed point for different classes of contractive conditions (for instance, refer [1], [3], [6], [9], [10], [11], [7], etc. and the references therein).

In 2007, Agarwal et al. [1] introduced the S-iteration scheme for a hyperbolic metric space. Let K be a nonempty subset of a hyperbolic metric space (X, d). For  $x_0 \in K$ , define

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\beta_n\}$  are real sequences in (0,1).

In 2014, Kadioglu and Yildirim [7] defined Picard normal S-iteration scheme for a convex subset of a normed space. The same iteration may be defined in a nonempty closed and convex subset K of a hyperbolic metric space as follows. For  $x_0 \in K$ ,

(1.2) 
$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} = Ty_n \\ y_n = \mathcal{W}(z_n, Tz_n, \alpha_n) \\ z_n = \mathcal{W}(x_n, Tx_n, \beta_n) \end{cases}$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\beta_n\}$  are real sequences in (0,1).

They showed that (1.2) converges faster than that of Picard, Mann, Ishikawa and (1.1).

In 2018, Ullah and Arshad [16] introduced a three-step iteration process called 'M-iteration' as follows.

For  $x_0$  in K, a nonempty convex subset of a Banach space, the Miteration process is defined by

$$\left.\begin{array}{rcl}
 x_{n+1} & = & Ty_n, \\
 y_n & = & Tz_n, \\
 z_n & = & \mathcal{W}(x_n, Tx_n, \alpha_n)
 \end{array}\right}$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a real sequence in (0,1).

They showed that the M-iteration converges (to the fixed point) faster than that of S-iteration and Picard S-iteration processes, using numerical examples.

In this paper, we introduce a new iteration scheme (*N-iteration scheme*) and prove the convergence of the sequence generated by it to the fixed point of a fundamentally nonexpansive mapping T, when  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ .

For  $x_0$  in K, a nonempty convex subset of a uniformly convex metric space space,

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a real sequence in (0,1).

The convergence rate of the sequence generated by (1.4) is also compared to that of the sequence generated by (1.3), taking a numerical example.

### 2. Preliminaries

In this section, some preliminary definitions and results required for our subsequent discussion are presented, starting with the notion of convex metric space introduced by Takahashi [15] in 1970.

**Definition 2.1.** [15] A convex metric space  $(X, d, \mathcal{W})$  is a metric space with a convex structure  $\mathcal{W}: X \times X \times [0, 1] \longrightarrow X$  satisfying

$$d(z, \mathcal{W}(x, y, t)) \le td(z, x) + (1 - t)d(z, y)$$

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

**Definition 2.2.** [13] A convex metric space (X, d, W) is said to be uniformly convex if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\alpha = \alpha(\varepsilon)$  such that, for all r > 0 and  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $d(z, x) \leq r$ ,  $d(z, y) \leq r$  and  $d(x, y) \geq r\varepsilon$ ,

$$d(z, \mathcal{W}(x, y, 1/2)) \le r(1 - \alpha) < r.$$

In 2012, Khan et al. [8] proved the following result for uniformly convex hyperbolic spaces which is also valid for uniformly convex metric spaces.

**Lemma 2.1.** [8] Let (X, d, W) be a uniformly convex hyperbolic metric space with monotone modulus of uniform convexity  $\eta$ . Let  $z \in X$  and  $\{t_n\}$  be a sequence in [a,b] for some  $a,b \in (0,1)$ . If  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  are sequences in X such that  $\limsup_{n\to\infty} d(x_n,z) \leq c$ ,  $\limsup_{n\to\infty} d(y_n,z) \leq c$  and  $\limsup_{n\to\infty} d(W(x_n,y_n,t_n),z) = c$  for some  $c \geq 0$ , then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, y_n) = 0.$$

In 2014, Ghoncheh and Razani [2] introduced a class of mappings called fundamentally nonexpansive mappings in a metric space (X, d) which generalizes Suzuki mappings, where a mapping  $T: X \longrightarrow X$  is said to be fundamentally nonexpansive if

$$d(T^2x, Ty) \le d(Tx, y)$$

for all x and y in X. They showed that every mapping which satisfies condition C is fundamentally nonexpan-sive, but the converse is not true.

A mapping  $T: X \longrightarrow X$  is said to be a fundamental contraction [5] if there exists a positive number k < 1 such that

$$d(T^2x, Ty) \le kd(Tx, y)$$

for all x and y in X.

Senter and Doston [12] defined the following condition to obtain a convergence result for nonexpansive mappings in metric spaces.

**Definition 2.3.** [12] Let K be a nonempty subset of a metric spaces (X, d). A mapping  $T: K \longrightarrow K$  with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$  is said to satisfy Condition (I) if

there exists a non-decreasing function  $f:[0,\infty) \longrightarrow [0,\infty)$  with f(0)=0, f(t)>0 for all  $t\in(0,\infty)$  such that

$$f(d(x, F(T))) \le d(x, Tx)$$
 for all  $x \in K$ ,

where 
$$d(x, F(T)) = \inf \{d(x, p) : p \in F(T)\}.$$

The following is the definition of T-stability of iteration schemes given by Harder and Hicks [4].

**Definition 2.4.** [4] Let  $T: X \longrightarrow X$  and w be a fixed point of T. For any  $x_0 \in X$ , let the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by the iteration scheme  $x_{n+1} = \mu(T, x_n), n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$  converges to w. Let  $\{u_n\}$  be an arbitrary sequence, and set  $\epsilon_n = d(u_{n+1}, x_{n+1})), n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$  Then the iterative scheme  $\mu(T, x_n)$  is called T-stable if and only if  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \epsilon_n = 0$  implies  $\lim_{n \to \infty} u_n = w$ .

# 3. Convergence of N-iteration scheme

In this section, we obtain convergence results for the N-iteration scheme for fundamentally nonexpansive mappings T with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ , where  $F(T) = \{x \in X : Tx = x\}$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** Let K be a nonempty closed convex subset of a complete convex metric space  $(X, d, \mathcal{W})$  and  $T: X \longrightarrow X$  be a fundamentally non-expansive mapping with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by (1.4). Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, Tx_n) = 0$ .

**Proof.** For  $w \in F(T)$ , using (1.4) and the condition  $d(T^2x, Ty) \leq d(Tx, y)$ , one can easily show that

$$d(x_{n+1}) \le d(x_n, w), \qquad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Since the sequence of positive real numbers  $\{d(x_n, w)\}$  is monotonically decreasing, it must be convergent, say to  $\mu \geq 0$ , and therefore,

$$d(x_m, x_n) \le d(x_m, w) + d(x_n, w) = 2\mu,$$

from which we conclude that  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, w)$  exists.

Let  $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, w) = \mu \ge 0$ . If  $\mu = 0$ , then  $d(x_n, Tx_n) \le 2d(x_n, w)$  and taking the limit as  $n \to \infty$ , we get  $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, Tx_n) = 0$ .

If  $\mu > 0$ , since  $d(Tx_n, w) \leq d(x_n, w)$ , taking  $\limsup as n \to \infty$ , we get

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} d(Tx_n, w) \le \mu.$$

Now, since  $y_n = \mathcal{W}(Tz_n, z_n, \alpha_n)$  and  $z_n = Tx_n$ , we have

$$d(y_n, w) \le (1 - \alpha_n)d(Tz_n, w) + \alpha_n d(z_n, w) \le d(z_n, w) \le d(x_n, w)$$

and as in the above, we get

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \sup d(y_n, w) \le \mu.$$

Since  $d(x_{n+1}, w) = d(Ty_n, w) \le d(y_n, w)$ , taking  $\liminf as n \to \infty$ , we get

$$\mu = \liminf_{n \to \infty} d(x_{n+1}, w) \le \liminf_{n \to \infty} d(y_n, w) \le \mu,$$

i.e.,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(y_n, w) = \mu.$$

This implies that

$$\mu = \limsup_{n \to \infty} d(y_n, w) = \limsup_{n \to \infty} d\left(\mathcal{W}(Tz_n, z_n, \alpha_n), w\right)$$

$$\leq \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} \left\{ (1 - \alpha_n) d(Tz_n, w) + \alpha_n d(z_n, w) \right\}$$

$$\leq \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} \left\{ (1 - \alpha_n) d(Tx_n, w) + \alpha_n d(x_n, w) \right\}$$

$$= \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} d\left(\mathcal{W}(Tx_n, x_n, \alpha_n), w\right)$$

$$\leq \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} d\left(x_n, w\right) = \mu,$$
i.e.,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\sup \mathcal{W}(Tx_n,x_n,\alpha_n)=\mu.$$

It then follows from Lemma 2.1 that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, Tx_n) = 0$ .  $\square$ 

**Theorem 3.2.** Let K be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex metric space  $(X, d, \mathcal{W})$  and  $T: X \longrightarrow X$  be a fundamentally nonexpansive mapping with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ . Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (1.4) converges strongly to an element of F(T) if and only if  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, F(T)) = 0$ , where,  $d(x_n, F(T)) = \inf_{w\in F(T)} d(x_n, w)$ .

**Proof.** If  $\{x_n\}$  defined by (1.4) strongly converges to a fixed point of T, then obviously  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, F(T)) = 0$ .

To show the sufficiency part, we first note that F(T) is closed. For, if  $\{w_k\}$  is a sequence in F(T) which converges to some  $w \in K$ , then T is fundamentally nonexpansive,  $d(w_n, Tw) = d(T^2w_n, Tw) \leq d(Tw_n, w) = d(w_n, w)$ , and thus,

$$0 = \lim_{n \to \infty} d(w_n, w) \ge \lim_{n \to \infty} d(w_n, Tw) = d\left(\lim_{n \to \infty} w_n, Tw\right) = d(w, Tw),$$

showing that  $w \in F(T)$ , and hence F(T) is closed.

From the proof of Lemma 3.1 that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n,w)$  exists for all w in F(T) so that  $d\left(x_{n+1},F(T)\right) \leq d\left(x_n,F(T)\right)$ , which implies the sequence  $\left\{d\left(x_n,F(T)\right)\right\}$  is non-increasing and bounded below, and so,  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} d\left(x_n,F(T)\right)$  exists.

Since  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} d\left(x_n, F(T)\right) = 0$ , it follows that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} d\left(x_n, F(T)\right) = 0$ . Consider a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $d(x_{n_k}, w_k) < \frac{1}{2^k}$  for all  $k \geq 1$  and  $\{w_k\} \subseteq F(T)$ . Then  $d(x_{n_{k+1}}, w_k) \leq d(x_{n_k}, w_k), w_k) < \frac{1}{2^k}$  which implies

$$d(w_{k+1}, w_k) \le d(w_{k+1}, x_{n_{k+1}}) + d(x_{n_{k+1}}, w_k) < \frac{1}{2^{k-1}},$$

showing that  $\{w_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since F(T) is closed,  $\{w_k\}$  converges in F(T). Let  $\lim_{k\to\infty} w_k = w$ . Then as  $k\to\infty$ ,

$$d(x_{n_k}, w) \le d(x_{n_k}, w_k) + d(w_k, w) \longrightarrow 0,$$

showing that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} d(x_{n_k}, w) = 0$ . Now, since  $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, w)$  exists, we must have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, w) = 0,$$

as required.  $\square$ 

Next, we prove a strong convergence result using the definition of condition (I) given by Senter and Doston [12] for metric spaces.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let K be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex metric space  $(X, d, \mathcal{W})$  and  $T: K \longrightarrow K$  be a fundamentally non-expansive mapping with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ . If T satisfies Condition (I), then the sequence defined by (1.4) converges strongly to some fixed point of T.

**Proof.** As in the proof of Theorem 3.2, F(T) is closed. We observe that by Lemma 3.1,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, Tx_n) = 0$ . Since T satisfies Condition (I), we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} f(d(x_n, F(T))) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, Tx_n) = 0.$$

Since f is a non-decreasing function  $f:[0,\infty) \longrightarrow [0,\infty)$  with f(0)=0, f(t)>0 for all  $t\in(0,\infty)$ ,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} d\left((x_n, F(T))\right) = 0.$$

The conclusion of the proof follows as in the proof of Theorem 3.2.  $\square$  Next, we prove a stability result for the iterative scheme (1.4).

**Theorem 3.4.** Let K be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex metric space  $(X, d, \mathcal{W})$  and  $T: X \longrightarrow X$  be a fundamental contraction mapping with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ . For  $x_0 \in K$ , let  $\{x_n\}$  be the sequence generated by the iterative scheme  $x_{n+1} = \mu(T, x_n), n \geq 0$  as defined in (1.4). Then the iteration scheme is T-stable if  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} d(x_n, F(T)) = 0$  or T satisfies condition (I).

**Proof.** Let  $\{u_n\}$  be an arbitrary sequence in K and  $\varepsilon_n = d(u_n, x_{n+1}), n \ge 0$ , where  $x_{n+1} = \mu(T, x_n)$ . Then, for  $w \in F(T)$ , we have

$$d(u_{n+1}, w) \le d(u_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, w) = \varepsilon_n + d(x_{n+1}, w).$$

By Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 3.3,  $\{x_n\}$  converges to a fixed point of T, i.e.,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = w$  and hence the result.  $\square$ 

# 4. Numerical examples

In this section, some examples are considered.

**Example 4.1.** Consider the uniformly convex metric space (X, d, W), where  $X = \mathbf{R}$ ,  $W : X \times X \times [0, 1] : \longrightarrow X$  is defined by W(x, y, t) = tx + (1 - t)y and the metric d is given by

$$d(x,y) = \begin{cases} x+y, & x \neq y \\ 0, & x=y \end{cases}$$

Then K = [0, 1] is a closed convex subset of X. Consider the mapping  $T : K \longrightarrow K$  defined by  $Tx = x^2$  for all x in K. One can easily check that T is fundamentally nonexpansive and  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ .

Consider f(t) = t, for all  $t \ge 0$ , then the mapping T satisfies condition (I) as

$$f\Big(d(x,F(T))\Big)=\inf\Big\{d(x,w):w\in F(T)\Big\}=x+0\leq x+x^2=d(x,Tx)$$

for all x in K. Thus all the conditions of Theorem 3.3 are satisfied and hence the convergence of the sequence generated by (1.4).

Now, the iteration (1.4) reduces to

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} &= Ty_n, \\ y_n &= (1 - \alpha_n)Tz_n + \alpha_n z_n, \\ z_n &= Tx_n \end{cases}$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a real sequence in (0,1), which can be written as

$$x_{n+1} = T\left((1 - \alpha_n)T^2x_n + \alpha_n Tx_n\right), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Taking  $\alpha_n = \frac{n+1}{3n+2}$  we generate and plot the graph of the sequence generated by (1.4) for the initial points  $x_0 = 0.95$ , 0.65 and 0.35.

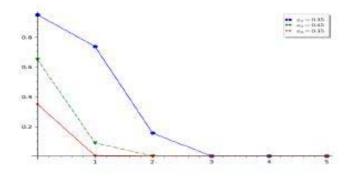


Figure 4.1: N-iteration with different initial points

n	$x_0 = 0.95$	$x_0 = 0.65$	$x_0 = 0.35$
1	0.73702761	0.09030212	0.00472699
2	0.15549611	0.00001090	7.98893E-11
3	0.00008897	1.98586E-21	5.72818E-42
4	8.28630E-18	2.05652E-84	1.42364E-166
5	6.01349E-70	2.28148E-336	5.23957E-665
6	1.62896E-278	3.37503E-1344	9.3883E-2659
7	8.62556E-1113	1.58945E-5375	9.51667E-10634
8	6.696895E-4450	7.7217E-21501	9.9235E-42534
9	2.41008E-17798	4.2598E-86002	1.1619E-170133
10	4.0117E-71192	3.9153E-344007	2.1677E-680533

From Table 1 and Fig. 4.1, it is seen that for any  $x_0$  in K, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (1.4) converges to the fixed point 0 of T.

Next, we consider a numerical example and compare the convergence rate of N-iteration scheme (1.4) against that of M-iteration scheme (1.3).

**Example 4.2.** Consider the uniformly convex metric space (X, d, W), where  $X = \mathbf{R}$  and  $W : X \times X \times [0, 1] : \longrightarrow X$  is defined by W(x, y, t) = tx + (1 - t)y with the usual metric.

Let K be the closed convex subset [0,1] of X and  $T: K \longrightarrow K$  be defined by  $Tx = \frac{2}{3}x$  for all x in K. Then it is easily seen that T is fundamentally non-expansive and  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ . Moreover, since  $F(T) = \{0\}$  and T satisfies condition (I) for f(t) = t, the sequences  $\{u_n\}$  and  $\{x_n\}$  generated respectively by (1.3) and (1.4) both converges to 0, the fixed point of T.

Now, the iteration (1.3) reduces to

$$\left. \begin{array}{lll} x_{n+1} & = & Ty_n, \\ y_n & = & Tz_n, \\ z_n & = & (1-\alpha_n)x_n + \alpha_n Tx_n \end{array} \right\}$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a real sequence in (0,1), which may be written as

$$x_{n+1} = T^2 \Big( (1 - \alpha_n) x_n + \alpha_n T x_n \Big), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Taking  $\alpha_n = \frac{n+1}{3n+2}$  we generate and plot the graph of the sequences generated by (1.3) and (1.4) for the initial point  $x_0 = 0.75$ .

n	N-iteration	M-iteration
2	0.0987654320987654	0.106995884773663
3	0.0347508001828989	0.040695016003658
4	0.0121686303670757	0.015253895455084
5	0.0042493629853280	0.005645941597439
6	0.0014812594284367	0.002068047307533
7	0.0005156977269372	0.000751047977717
8	0.0001793731224129	0.000270842657831
9	0.0000623462134882	0.000097103656711
10	0.0000216579438937	0.000034645377789

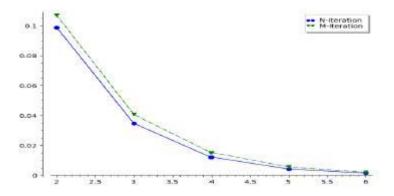


Figure 4.2: Rate of convergence

From Table 2 and Figure 4.2, we can see that the considered iteration converges to the fixed point of T faster than that of M-iteration.

**Remark 1.** It is interesting to note the following. Considering the following iteration scheme in the settings of Example 4.2. For  $x_0$  in K,

$$\left. \begin{array}{rcl}
 x_{n+1} & = & (1 - \alpha_n) T y_n + \alpha_n y_n, \\
 y_n & = & T z_n, \\
 z_n & = & T x_n
 \end{array} \right\}$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a real sequence in (0,1).

Then with initial points  $x_0 = 0.45$ ,  $x_0 = 0.65$  and  $x_0 = 0.75$ , the sequences generated by (1.4) and (4.1) are identical.

The equivalence of the two iterations is however not obtained when taking  $x_0 = 0.65$  with  $Tx = x^2$ .

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