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**Analisi funzionale.** — *On a method of successive approximations* (\*).  
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**RIASSUNTO.** — Sia  $T$  una mappa quasi non espansiva che applica in sè un sottoinsieme chiuso e convesso di uno spazio di Banach strettamente convesso, e sia  $U = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i T^i$ ,  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ ,  $\Sigma \alpha_i = 1$ ,  $\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_{k+1} \neq 0$  per almeno un  $k$  intero. In questa Nota si dimostra che  $T$  ed  $U$  hanno gli stessi punti fissi e si danno condizioni affinché  $\{U^n(x)\}$  converga ad un punto fisso. Nel caso  $X$  uniformemente convesso e  $T$  non espansiva con almeno un punto fisso, si dimostra che  $U$  è asintoticamente regolare.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Here and throughout the paper, let  $X$  be a strictly convex Banach space,  $K$  a closed and convex subset of  $X$ ,  $T$  a quasi-nonexpansive selfmapping of  $K$ ,  $F(T)$  the set of the fixed points of  $T$  (1).

In a recent Paper we considered the mapping

$$(1.1) \quad S = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i T^i, \quad \alpha_i \geq 0, \quad \Sigma \alpha_i = 1, \quad \alpha_0 > 0, \quad \alpha_1 > 0$$

and we proved that  $S$  and  $T$  have the same fixed points; that  $\{S^n(x_0)\}$  converges to a fixed point if there exists a converging subsequence of it and  $T$  is continuous; finally that, if  $X$  is uniformly convex, then  $S$  is asymptotically regular.

In this Paper we consider the mappings (more general than  $S$ )

$$(1.2) \quad U = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i T^i, \quad \alpha_i \geq 0, \quad \Sigma \alpha_i = 1, \quad \alpha_k \cdot \alpha_{k+1} \neq 0$$

for at least an integer  $k$ .

We prove that, for these mappings, the above properties still hold; the asymptotic regularity of  $U$  is proved under the more restrictive condition that  $T$  is nonexpansive.

Further results on the convergence of  $\{U^n(x)\}$  for mappings  $T$  of particular kind can be found in [2].

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(1) We recall that  $T$  is said quasi-nonexpansive if  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\|T(x) - p\| \leq \|x - p\| \forall p \in F(T) \wedge \forall x \in K$ . In this Paper we consider only mappings that have at least one fixed point: in this case (in accordance with the previous definition) every nonexpansive map is quasi-nonexpansive. Many Authors studied quasi-nonexpansive mappings; references on principal results can be found in [3], [4] and [1].

## 2. RESULTS

THEOREM 1.  $F(T) = F(U)$ .

LEMMA 1.  $U$  is quasi-contractive <sup>(2)</sup>.

THEOREM 2. Let  $T$  be continuous and  $\exists x_0 \in K$  such that  $\{U^n(x_0)\}$  has a convergent subsequence. Then  $\{U^n(x_0)\}$  converges to a fixed point of  $T$  <sup>(3)</sup>.

THEOREM 3. Let  $X$  be uniformly convex and  $T$  nonexpansive. Then  $U$  is asymptotically regular.

REMARKS. 1) The assumption  $\alpha_k \cdot \alpha_{k+1} \neq 0$  cannot be removed <sup>(4)</sup> neither it can be replaced by the weaker assumption: "there are  $h$  and  $j$  such that  $\alpha_h \cdot \alpha_j \neq 0$ " <sup>(5)</sup>, even with the additional condition  $h$  even and  $j$  odd.

Indeed let  $X = K = C$ ,  $T : x \rightarrow e^{2\pi i/3} x$ .

For  $\alpha_0 = \alpha_3 = \frac{1}{2}$  we have  $U = \frac{1}{2}I + \frac{1}{2}T^3 = I$ : Theorems 1 and 2 fail.

For  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_4 = \frac{1}{2}$  we have  $U = \frac{1}{2}T + \frac{1}{2}T^4 = T$ : Lemma 1 and Theorem 3 fail.

2) If  $T$  has no fixed point, we can neither ensure that  $U$  is defined nor, if  $U$  is defined, that it is asymptotically regular. Indeed, if  $X = K = R$ ,  $T : x \rightarrow x + 1$  it would be

$$U(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i T^i(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i (x + i) = x + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i \cdot \alpha_i$$

and it is not sure that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i \alpha_i \in R \quad \left( \text{e.g. } \alpha_0 = 0, \alpha_i = \frac{1}{i(i+1)} \right) \text{ (6).}$$

## 3. PROOFS.

We can suppose, without any loss of generality, that  $0 \in F(T)$ . Thus

$$\|T^i(x)\| \leq \|x\| \quad \forall x \in K \wedge \forall i.$$

(2) i.e.  $F(U) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\|U(x) - p\| < \|x - p\| \forall p \in F(T) \wedge \forall x \in K - F(T)$ .

(3) See [1], Remark 5.

(4) Exception made for Theorem 1, in the trivial case  $\alpha_1 = 1$ .

(5) See also [1], Remark 3.

(6) It is possible that  $U$  is asymptotically regular even if  $T$  has no fixed point. Indeed let  $X = R$ ,  $K = [1, +\infty)$ ,  $T : x \mapsto x + 1/x$ .  $T$  and  $U = \frac{1}{2}(I + T)$  are asymptotically regular.

**THEOREM 1.**  $x = T(x) \Rightarrow x = U(x)$  obvious.

Let

$$x = U(x) = \sum \alpha_i T^i(x).$$

We have

$$\|x\| \leq \sum \alpha_i \|T^i(x)\| \leq \|x\|,$$

therefore

$$\|T^i(x)\| = \|x\| \quad \forall i : \alpha_i \neq 0$$

and, from the strict convexity of  $X$  <sup>(7)</sup>

$$T^i(x) = x \quad \forall i : \alpha_i \neq 0.$$

In particular

$$x = T^k(x) = T^{k+1}(x) = T(T^k(x)) = T(x).$$

**LEMMA 1.** Let  $p \in F(T) = F(U)$ ,  $x \in K - F(T)$ .

Suppose that

$$\|U(x) - p\| = \|x - p\|.$$

Thus

$$\|x - p\| = \|\sum \alpha_i (T^i(x) - p)\| \leq \sum \alpha_i \|T^i(x) - p\| \leq \|x - p\|,$$

therefore

$$x - p = T^k(x) - p = T^{k+1}(x) - p$$

that implies  $x = T(x)$ . Absurd.

**THEOREM 2.** The proof is as in Theorem 2 of [1].

**THEOREM 3.** Let  $x_{n+1} = U(x_n)$ . If  $x_n \notin F(T)$ , the sequence  $\{\|x_n\|\}$  is strictly decreasing. Let  $d = \lim \|x_n\|$  and suppose  $d > 0$  (if  $d = 0$  then  $\{x_n\}$  converges). We have, for every  $h$  such that  $\alpha_h \neq 0$

$$(3.1) \quad \lim_n \|x_{n+1} - T^h(x_n)\| = 0.$$

Indeed

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^h(x_n)\| \leq d \quad , \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{i \neq h} \frac{\alpha_i}{1 - \alpha_h} T^i(x_n) \right\| \leq d,$$

$$\|x_{n+1}\| = \left\| \alpha_h T^h(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_h) \sum_{i \neq h} \frac{\alpha_i}{1 - \alpha_h} T^i(x_n) \right\| \rightarrow d$$

and (3.1) follows from uniform convexity of  $X$ .

(7) See [1].

As

$$\|U^{n+1}(x) - U^n(x)\| = \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \leq \|x_{n+1} - T^k(x_n)\| + \|T^k(x_n) - x_n\|,$$

Theorem 3 is an immediate consequence of (3.1) and of the following

LEMMA 2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+1} - T^j(x_{n+1})\| = 0 \quad \forall j \geq 1.$

a)  $j = 1.$

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - T(x_{n+1})\| &\leq \|x_{n+1} - T^{k+1}(x_n)\| + \|T^{k+1}(x_n) - T(x_{n+1})\| \leq \\ &\leq \|x_{n+1} - T^{k+1}(x_n)\| + \|x_{n+1} - T^k(x_n)\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{from (3.1).} \end{aligned}$$

b)  $j > 1.$

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - T^j(x_{n+1})\| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^j \|T^{i-1}(x_{n+1}) - T^i(x_{n+1})\| \leq \\ &\leq j \|x_{n+1} - T(x_{n+1})\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{from a).} \end{aligned}$$

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