

## ON RANDOM FIXED POINTS IN RANDOM CONVEX STRUCTURES

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we present some random fixed point theorems in random convex structures.

### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Random fixed point theory has received much attention for the last two decades, since the publication of the paper by Bharucha-Reid [2]. Also random best approximation attracted authors after the papers by Sehgal and Singh [15], Papageorgiou [13], Lin [11], and Beg et al. [1].

On the other hand, in the past years, because of practical necessities, the attempts of generalizing the notion of convexity introduced by J. Von Neumann and O. Morgenstern [12], M. Stone [16] were brought up-to-date by S.P. Gudder [5]. Consequently, Gudder (1979) introduced the notion of convex structure and of F-convex set with applications in quantum mechanics, colour vision and petroleum engineering. Subsequently, fixed point theorems for nonexpansive mappings using the convex structures introduced by Gudder was proved by Petrusel [14] and later by Ganguly and Jadhav [6] for approximation theorems.

Again, away from this, Takahashi [17] also introduced a notion of convexity in metric spaces and presented fixed point theorems for nonexpansive mappings. This motivated Guay et al. [7] to discuss the results on convex metric spaces. These

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works alongwith those on random approximations motivated Beg et al. [3] to present random fixed point theorems and related results in random convex metric spaces.

It is a need for further research to study a relationship between convex structures introduced by Takahashi [17] and Gudder [5] respectively. In this vein, we are presenting random fixed point theorems in random convex structures, following Gudder [5], Petrusel [14], Beg and Shahzad [3].

Before we present our theorems, we will introduce some basic preliminaries.

Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$  be a measurable space,  $(X, d)$  a metric space,  $2^X$  the family of all subsets of  $X$ ,  $K(X)$  family of all nonempty compact subsets of  $X$  and  $CB(X)$  family of all nonempty closed bounded subsets of  $X$ .

A mapping  $T : \Omega \rightarrow 2^X$  is called measurable if for any open subset  $C$  of  $X$ ,

$$T^{-1}(C) = \{\omega \in \Omega : T(\omega) \cap C \neq \phi\} \in \Sigma.$$

A mapping  $\xi : \Omega \rightarrow X$  is said to be a measurable selector of  $T$  if  $\xi$  is measurable and for any  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $\xi(\omega) \in T(\omega)$ .

A mapping  $f : \Omega \times X \rightarrow X$  is called a random operator if for any  $x \in X$ ,  $f(\cdot, x)$  is measurable.

A measurable mapping  $\xi : \Omega \rightarrow X$  is called a random fixed point of a random multivalued (single valued) operator  $T : \Omega \times X \rightarrow CB(X)$  ( $f : \Omega \times X \rightarrow X$ ) if for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $\xi(\omega) \in T(\omega, \xi(\omega))$  ( $\xi(\omega) = f(\omega, \xi(\omega))$ ).

A random operator  $T : \Omega \times X \rightarrow CB(X)$  is called Lipschitzian if

$$H(T(\omega, x), T(\omega, y)) \leq L(\omega) d(x, y)$$

for any  $x, y \in X$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$ , where  $L : \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a measurable map and  $H$  is the Pompeiu-Hausdorff metric on  $CB(X)$ , induced by the metric  $d$ . When  $L(\omega) < 1$ , ( $L(\omega) = 1$ ) for each  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $T$  is called contraction (nonexpansive).

We present, for the convenience of readers, the following definitions which also appear in Petrusel [14].

**Definition 1.1.** *Let  $X$  be a set and  $F : [0, 1] \times X \times X \rightarrow X$  a mapping. Then the pair  $(X, F)$  forms a convex prestructure.*

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $(X, F)$  be a convex prestructure. If  $F$  satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $F(\lambda, x, F(\mu, y, z)) = F(\lambda + (1 - \lambda)\mu, F(\lambda(\lambda + (1 - \lambda)\mu)^{-1}, x, y), z)$  for every  $\lambda, \mu \in [0, 1]$  with  $\lambda + (1 - \lambda)\mu \neq 0$  and  $x, y, z \in X$ .
2.  $F(\lambda, x, x) = x$  for any  $x \in X$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , then  $(X, F)$  forms a semi-convex structure.

If  $(X, F)$  is a semi-convex structure, then  $F(1, x, y) = x$  for any  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 1.3.** A semi-convex structure  $(X, F)$  is said to form a convex structure if  $F$  also satisfies the conditions:

1.  $F(\lambda, x, y) = F(1 - \lambda, y, x)$  for every  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x, y \in X$
2. If  $F(\lambda, x, y) = F(\lambda, x, z)$  for some  $\lambda \neq 0$ ,  $x \in X$ , then  $y = z$ .

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $(X, F)$  be a semi-convex structure. A subset  $Y$  of  $X$  is called  $F$  - semi-starshaped if there exists a  $p \in Y$ , so that for any  $x \in Y$  and

$$\lambda \in [0, 1], F(\lambda, x, p) \in Y.$$

**Definition 1.5.** Let  $(X, F)$  be a convex structure. A subset  $Y$  of  $X$  is called:

1.  $F$  - starshaped if there exists a  $p \in Y$ , so that for any  $x \in Y$  and

$$\lambda \in [0, 1], F(\lambda, x, p) \in Y.$$

2.  $F$  - convex if for any  $u, v \in Y$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , we have  $F(\lambda, u, v) \in Y$ .

For  $F(\lambda, u, v) = \lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v$ , we obtain the known notions of starshaped and convexity from linear spaces.

Petruşel [14] noted with an example that a set can be a  $F$  - semi convex structure without being a convex structure. So, it follows that the results on fixed point theory and on best approximation theory obtained for semi-convex and semi-starshaped structures will be more general than those on  $F$  - convex structure.

**Definition 1.6** (Random Semi-Convex Structure). Let  $F : \Omega \times X \times X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  be a mapping having the following properties:

1. For each  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $F(\omega, \dots)$  is a semi-convex structure on  $X$ ,

2. For each  $x, y \in X$ ,  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,  $F(., x, y, \lambda)$  is measurable.

The mapping  $F$  is called a random semi-convex structure on  $X$ .

**Example 1** [5]. The mapping  $F : [0, 1] \times R_+^* \times R_+^* \rightarrow R_+^*$  given by

$$F(\lambda, u, v) = u^\lambda \cdot v^{1-\lambda}$$

together with the set of strict positive real numbers form a convex structure.

**Example 2** [14]. The mapping  $F : [0, 1] \times R \times R \rightarrow R$  given by

$$F(\lambda, u, v) = [\lambda u^{2k} + (1 - \lambda)v^{2k}]^{1/2k}, k \in N^*$$

together with the set of real numbers form a semi-convex structure without being a convex structure.

## 2. Main results

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a separable random Banach space with semi-convex structure  $F$ , where the mapping  $F : \Omega \times X \times X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  satisfies the following conditions:*

1.  $F$  is  $\phi$  - contractive relative to the second argument, i.e., there exists a mapping  $\phi : [0, 1[ \rightarrow [0, 1[$  so that:

$$\|F(\omega, x, p, \lambda) - F(\omega, y, p, \lambda)\| \leq \phi(\lambda) \cdot \|x - y\|,$$

for any  $x, y, p \in X$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1[$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

2.  $F$  is continuous relative to the first argument.

Let  $Y$  be a compact and  $F$  - semi-starshaped subset of  $X$  and the mapping  $T : \Omega \times Y \rightarrow Y$  be nonexpansive random operator. Then  $T$  has a random fixed point.

*Proof.* Choose  $p \in Y$  so that for any  $u \in Y$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1[$ , we have  $F(\omega, u, p, \lambda) \in Y$  for each  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Let  $\{K_n\}$  be a sequence of measurable mappings  $K_n : \Omega \rightarrow (0, 1)$  and  $K_n(\omega) \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Define the random operator  $T_n : \Omega \times Y \rightarrow Y$  by

$$T_n(\omega, x) = F(\omega, T(\omega, x), p, K_n(\omega))$$

$T_n$  is, because of  $F$  - semi-starshaped of  $Y$ , well defined. The operator  $T_n$  is a contraction Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_n(\omega, x_1) - T_n(\omega, x_2)\| &= \|F(\omega, T(\omega, x_1), p, K_n(\omega)) - F(\omega, T(\omega, x_2), p, K_n(\omega))\| \\ &\leq \phi(K_n(\omega))\|T(\omega, x_1) - T(\omega, x_2)\| \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in Y$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$ . By Hans [8],  $T_n$  has a unique random fixed point  $\xi_n$ .

For each  $n$ , define  $G_n : \Omega \rightarrow K(X)$  by  $G_n(\omega) = Cl\{\xi_i(\omega) : i \geq n\}$ .

Define  $G : \Omega \rightarrow K(X)$  by  $G(\omega) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n(\omega)$ . Since  $G$  is measurable (see Himmelberg [9], Theorem 4.1), by Kuratowski and Ryll-Nardzewski theorem in [10] we have that  $G$  has a measurable selector  $\xi$ . Because  $Y$  is compact,  $\{\xi_n(\omega)\}$  has a subsequence  $\{\xi_{n_j}(\omega)\}$  converging to  $\xi(\omega)$ . By the continuity of  $T$  and  $F$ ,  $T(\omega, \xi_{n_j}(\omega))$  converges to  $T(\omega, \xi(\omega))$ . Thus,  $T(\omega, \xi(\omega)) = \xi(\omega)$  for each  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

Next we have the following:

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a separable random Banach space with a semi-convex structure  $F$ , where the mapping  $F : \Omega \times X \times X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  satisfies the conditions:*

1.  $F$  is  $\phi$  - contractive relative to the second argument.
2.  $F$  is continuous relative to the first argument.

*Let  $Y$  be a weakly compact and  $F$  - semi-starshaped subset of  $X$  and the mapping  $T : \Omega \times Y \rightarrow Y$  be nonexpansive and weakly continuous mapping. In these conditions the mapping  $T$  has a random fixed point.*

*Proof.* As in Theorem 2.1, define  $\{K_n\}$  and the random operator  $T_n$ . As before, each  $T_n$  is a contraction mapping on  $Y$ . Since the weak topology of  $X$  is Hausdorff and  $Y$  is weakly compact, we have that  $Y$  is weakly closed and therefore, strongly closed (See Dotson, Theorem 2 [4]). Hence  $Y$  is a complete metric space (with the norm topology of the Banach space  $X$ ). By Hans [8],  $T_n$  has a unique random fixed point  $\xi_n \in Y$ . By the Eberlein-Smulian [4] theorem,  $Y$  is weakly sequentially compact. Thus there is a subsequence  $\{\xi_n(\omega)\}$  such that  $\xi_{n_j}(\omega) \xrightarrow{\omega} \xi(\omega) \in Y$  (denotes weak convergence). Since  $T$  is weakly continuous and  $F$  - continuous, we have

$$T(\omega, \xi_{n_j}(\omega)) \xrightarrow{\omega} T(\omega, \xi(\omega))$$

Thus,  $T(\omega, \xi(\omega)) = \xi(\omega)$ . for each  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

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