

EXISTENCE OF FIXED POINT AND BEST PROXIMITY  
POINT OF  $p$ -CYCLIC ORBITAL CONTRACTION  
OF BOYD-WONG TYPE

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**Abstract:** Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p$  ( $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ) be non empty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . In this paper, a map  $T : \cup_{i=1}^p A_i \rightarrow \cup_{i=1}^p A_i$ , called  $p$ -cyclic orbital contraction of Boyd-Wong type is introduced. Convergence of a unique fixed point and a best proximity point for this map are obtained in a uniformly convex Banach space settings. Moreover, the obtained best proximity point is the unique periodic point of the map.

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## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

It is well known that a large number of attempts were made to weaken the contraction condition of Banach contraction theorem, which is of great importance in non-linear analysis, both of abstract and applied directions. One such generalization of the contraction map is given in [1] which is stated as follows:

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**Definition 1.** A function  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is said to be an upper semi continuous from the right if  $r_j \searrow r \geq 0$ , then  $\lim_j \sup \psi(r_j) \leq \psi(r)$ .

**Theorem 2.** ([1]) Let  $X$  be a complete metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be such that  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(d(x, y))$ ,  $x, y \in X$ , where  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is upper semi continuous from the right and satisfies  $\psi(t) < t$  for  $t > 0$  and  $\psi(0) = 0$ . Then for any  $x \in X$ ,  $\{T^n x\}$  converges to a unique fixed point of  $T$  in  $X$ .

As a generalization of Boyd-Wong's theorem, in [2], the following fixed point theorem is proved.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p$  ( $p \geq 2$ ) be non empty closed subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$ . Suppose  $T : \cup_{i=1}^p A_i \rightarrow \cup_{i=1}^p A_i$  be a map satisfying the following conditions:

- 1)  $T(A_i) \subseteq A_{i+1}$  where  $A_{p+i} = A_i$ .
- 2)  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(d(x, y))$ ,  $x \in A_i, y \in A_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq p$ , where  $\psi$  is a map as defined in Theorem 2. Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $\cap_{i=1}^p A_i$ .

Note that in  $\cap_{i=1}^p A_i$ ,  $T$  is a self map and is a map defined by Boyd-Wong. In [3], Eldred and Veeramani further extended Boyd-Wong's result by introducing a notion of cyclic maps which is defined as follows:

**Definition 4.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be non empty subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . A map  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  is said to be a cyclic map if  $T(A) \subseteq B$  and  $T(B) \subseteq A$ . A point  $x \in A \subseteq B$  is said to be a best proximity point, if  $d(x, Tx) = \text{dist}(A, B)$ , where  $\text{dist}(A, B) = \inf\{d(x, y) : x \in A, y \in B\}$ .

Note that if  $\text{dist}(A, B) = 0$ , then the obtained best proximity point is a fixed point. Hence best proximity point theorems are direct extensions of fixed point theorems.

**Theorem 5.** ([3]) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be non empty, closed and convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space. Let  $T : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  be a cyclic map such that

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \psi(\|x - y\| - \text{dist}(A, B)) + \text{dist}(A, B), \quad x \in A, y \in B, \quad (1)$$

where  $\psi$  is a map as defined in Theorem 2. Then there exists a unique best

proximity point  $\xi \in A$ . Further, if  $x_0 \in A$ , and  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$ , then  $\{x_{2n}\}$  converges to this unique best proximity point.

In [3], the following lemma is proved, which is used to prove the main results.

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be non empty and closed subsets of a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$ . Let  $A$  be convex. Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  be sequences in  $A$  and  $\{z_n\}$  be sequence in  $B$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - z_n\| = \text{dist}(A, B)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y_n - z_n\| = \text{dist}(A, B)$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y_n\| = 0$ .*

In [6], a notion of  $p$ -cyclic map is introduced. If  $(X, d)$  is a metric space,  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p$ , ( $p \geq 2$ ) are non empty subsets of  $X$ , then a map  $T : \cup_{i=1}^p A_i \rightarrow \cup_{i=1}^p A_i$  is called a  $p$ -cyclic map if  $T(A_i) \subseteq A_{i+1}$ , where  $A_{p+1} = A_1$ . A point  $x \in A_i$  is said to be a best proximity point of  $T$  in  $A_i$  if  $d(x, Tx) = \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1})$ . In [4], the following best proximity point theorem for a contraction of Boyd-Wong type, is obtained for a  $p$ -cyclic map.

**Theorem 7.** ([4]) *Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p$ , ( $p \geq 2$ ) be non empty closed and convex subsets of a uniformly convex Banach space. Let  $T : \cup_{i=1}^p A_i \rightarrow \cup_{i=1}^p A_i$  be a  $p$ -cyclic map satisfying the following condition, for  $x \in A_i$ ,  $y \in A_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p$ ,*

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \psi(\|x - y\| - \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1})) + \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}), \quad (2)$$

where  $\psi$  is a map as given in Theorem 2. Then for  $x \in A_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq p$ ), the sequence  $\{T^{pn}x\}$  converges to a point  $z \in A_i$  such that  $z$  is a best proximity point of  $T$  in  $A_i$  and unique periodic point in  $A_i$ . Further,  $T^k z$  is a best proximity point of  $T$  and also unique periodic point of  $T$  in  $A_{i+k}$ .

In [5], a notion of cyclic orbital contraction is introduced in which the contraction condition need not be satisfied for all the points. Fixed points and best proximity points are obtained for such a map. In [10], the following notion of  $p$ -cyclic orbital non expansive map is introduced.

**Definition 8.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p$ , be non empty subsets of  $X$ . Let  $T : \cup_{i=1}^p A_i \rightarrow \cup_{i=1}^p A_i$  be a  $p$ -cyclic map such that for some  $x \in A_i$ , ( $1 \leq i \leq p$ ), the following inequality holds for each  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1)$

$$d(T^{pn+k}x, T^{k+1}y) \leq d(T^{pn+k-1}x, T^k y), \quad \forall y \in A_i \text{ and } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (3)$$

Then the map  $T$  is called  **$p$ -cyclic orbital non expansive map**.

In [10], the following proposition is proved which is useful to prove the main results.

**Proposition 9.** *Let  $X$  be a strictly convex normed space. Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p$ , be non empty subsets of  $X$ . Let  $T : \cup_{i=1}^p A_i \rightarrow \cup_{i=1}^p A_i$  be a  $p$ -cyclic orbital non expansive map such that for some  $x \in A_i$ , ( $1 \leq i \leq p$ ), the inequality (3) holds for each  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1)$ . Suppose for each  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1)$  and  $y \in A_i$ ,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(T^{pn+k-1}x, T^k y) = \text{dist}(A_{i+k-1}, A_{i+k})$$

and  $\{T^{pn+k}x\}$  converges to  $z_k \in A_{i+k}$ . Then the following hold:

- a)  $\text{dist}(A_1, A_2) = \text{dist}(A_2, A_3) = \dots = \text{dist}(A_{p-1}, A_p) = \text{dist}(A_p, A_1)$ ,
- b)  $z_k$  is a best proximity point of  $T$  in  $A_{i+k}$  and  $z_k = T^k z_0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ,
- c)  $z_k$  is the unique periodic point of  $T$  with period  $p$  in  $A_{i+k}$ .

## 2. Main Results

We introduce a notion of  **$p$ -cyclic orbital contraction of Boyd-Wong type**, which is defined as follows:

**Definition 10.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p$  be non empty subsets of  $X$ . Let  $T : \cup_{i=1}^p A_i \rightarrow \cup_{i=1}^p A_i$  be a  $p$ -cyclic map such that for some  $x \in A_i$ , ( $1 \leq i \leq p$ ), for all  $y \in A_i$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the following inequality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} d(T^{pn+k}x, T^{k+1}y) &\leq \psi[d(T^{pn+k-1}x, T^k y) - \text{dist}(A_{i+k-1}, A_{i+k})] \\ &+ \text{dist}(A_{i+k-1}, A_{i+k}), \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

where  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is upper semi continuous from the right and satisfies  $\psi(t) < t$  for  $t > 0$  and  $\psi(0) = 0$ . Then  $T$  is called  $p$ -cyclic orbital contraction of Boyd-Wong type.

**Proposition 11.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p$  be non empty subsets of  $X$ . Let  $T : \cup_{i=1}^p A_i \rightarrow \cup_{i=1}^p A_i$  be a  $p$ -cyclic orbital contraction*

map of Boyd-Wong type, with an  $x \in A_i, 1 \leq i \leq p$ , satisfying (4). Then the following hold:

- a)  $T$  is a  $p$ -cyclic orbital non expansive map.
- b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(T^{pn+k}x, T^{pn+k+1}y) = \text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1}), y \in A_i$ , for each  $k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p\}$
- c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(T^{pn-1}x, T^{pn}y) = \text{dist}(A_{i-1}, A_i), y \in A_i$ .
- d)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(T^{pn+p}x, T^{pn+1}y) = \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}), y \in A_i$ .
- e)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(T^{pn-p}x, T^{pn+1}y) = \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}), y \in A_i$ .
- f)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(T^{pn}x, T^{pn+p+1}y) = \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}), y \in A_i$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in A_i, 1 \leq i \leq p$ , satisfy (4) and  $y \in A_i$ .

a) Let  $d(T^{pn+k-1}x, T^k y) > \text{dist}(A_{i+k-1}, A_{i+k})$ .  
 Let  $\mu_k = d(T^{pn+k}x, T^{k+1}y), \mu_{k-1} = d(T^{pn+k-1}x, T^k y)$  and  $d = \text{dist}(A_{i+k-1}, A_{i+k})$ . To prove that  $\mu_k \leq \mu_{k-1}$ , let  $\mu_{k-1} > d$ . Then  $(\mu_{k-1} - d) > 0$ . Since  $\psi(t) < t$ , for  $t > 0$ , we have  $\mu_k \leq \psi(\mu_{k-1} - d) + d < \mu_{k-1} - d + d = \mu_{k-1}$ . Thus  $\mu_k < \mu_{k-1}$ .

If  $\mu_k = d$ , then  $\psi(\mu_{k-1} - d) = 0$ . Since  $\psi(0) = 0$ , we have  $\mu_{k-1} = d$ . Thus  $\mu_k = d = \mu_{k-1}$ . Hence it is proved that  $T$  is a  $p$ -cyclic orbital non expansive map.

b) Let  $y \in A_i$  and  $k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p\}$ . Since  $T$  is a  $p$ -cyclic orbital non expansive map, the sequence  $\{T^{pn+k}x, T^{pn+k+1}y\}$  is a non increasing sequence, bounded below by  $\text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1})$ . Therefore, this sequence converges to  $r \geq \text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1})$ , where  $r = \inf_n d(T^{pn+k}x, T^{pn+k+1}y)$ . If  $r = \text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1})$ , there is nothing to prove. Hence, let  $r > \text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1})$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} & d(T^{p(n+1)+k}x, T^{p(n+1)+k+1}y) \leq d(T^{pn+k+1}x, T^{pn+k+2}y) \\ & \leq \psi(d(T^{pn+k}x, T^{pn+k+1}y) - \text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1})) + \text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & d(T^{p(n+1)+k}x, T^{p(n+1)+k+1}y) - \text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1}) \leq \\ & \psi(d(T^{pn+k}x, T^{pn+k+1}y) - \text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1})). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [d(T^{p(n+1)+k}x, T^{p(n+1)+k+1}y) - \text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1})] \\ & \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(d(T^{pn+k}x, T^{pn+k+1}y) - \text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1})) \\ & [r - \text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1})] \leq \psi(r - \text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1})). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $t = (r - \text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1}))$ . Then we get  $t \leq \psi(t)$ , which is the contradiction to definition of  $\psi$  that  $\psi(t) < t$ , for  $t > 0$ . Hence  $r = \text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1})$ . Similarly c), d), e) and f) can be proved. □

The following proposition is useful to prove the main result, the proof of which follows from Lemma 6 and Proposition 11.

**Proposition 12.** *Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p$  be non empty, closed and convex subsets of a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$ . Let  $T : \cup_{i=1}^p A_i \rightarrow \cup_{i=1}^p A_i$  be a  $p$ -cyclic orbital contraction map of Boyd-Wong type with an  $x \in A_i, 1 \leq i \leq p$ , satisfying (4). Then the following hold:*

- a)  $\|T^{pn}x - T^{pn+p}x\| \rightarrow 0$
- b)  $\|T^{pn}x - T^{pn-p}x\| \rightarrow 0$
- c)  $\|T^{pn+1}x - T^{pn+p+1}x\| \rightarrow 0$ .

**Theorem 13.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space. Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p$  be non empty and closed subsets of  $X$ . Let  $T : \cup_{i=1}^p A_i \rightarrow \cup_{i=1}^p A_i$  be a  $p$ -cyclic map such that for some  $x \in A_i, 1 \leq i \leq p$  the following is satisfied for all  $y \in A_i$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :*

$$d(T^{pn+k}x, T^{k+1}y) \leq \psi[d(T^{pn+k-1}x, T^k y)] \quad (5)$$

where  $\psi$  is a map as given in 2. Then  $\cap_{i=1}^p A_i$  is non empty and  $\{T^{pn}x\}$  converges to  $z_0 \in \cap_{i=1}^p A_i$  which is the unique fixed point of  $T$ .

*Proof.* When  $\text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1}) = 0$  in (4), we get (5). Let  $x \in A_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq p$ ) satisfy (5). Let us prove that, given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$d(T^{pn}x, T^{pm}x) < \epsilon, \quad \text{for all } n, m \geq n_0, \quad (6)$$

by induction on  $m$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Now

$$d(T^{pn}x, T^{pm}x) \leq d(T^{pn}x, T^{pm+1}x) + d(T^{pm+1}x, T^{pm}x).$$

By similar argument as in Proposition 11 b), it can be shown that by putting  $\text{dist}(A_{i+k}, A_{i+k+1}) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(T^{pn}x, T^{pm+1}x) = 0$ . Hence there exists an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$d(T^{pm+1}x, T^{pm}x) < (\delta/p), 0 < \delta < (\epsilon/2), m \geq n_0. \quad (7)$$

Hence it is enough that if we prove that

$$d(T^{pn}x, T^{pm+1}x) < (\epsilon/2), \quad m, n \geq n_0. \quad (8)$$

Fix  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that (7) holds. Now (8) is true for  $m = n$ . Assume that (8) is true for some  $m, m \geq n_0$ . We will prove that (8) is true for  $(m + 1)$  in

place of  $m$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} d(T^{pn}x, T^{p(m+1)+1}x) &\leq d(T^{pn}x, T^{pm+1}x) + d(T^{pm+1}x, T^{pm+2}x) \\ &+ \dots + d(T^{pm+p}x, T^{pm+p+1}x) \\ &< (\epsilon/2) + (\delta/p)p \\ &< \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\{T^{pn}x\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and hence converges to a limit say,  $\xi \in A_i$ . By putting  $dist(A_{i-1}, A_i) = 0$ , in Proposition 11, c), it can be proved that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(T^{pn-1}x, T^{pn}x) = 0$ . Now

$$d(\xi, T\xi) = \lim_n d(T^{pn}x, T\xi) \leq \lim_n d(T^{pn-1}x, \xi) = \lim_n d(T^{pn-1}x, T^{pn}x) = 0.$$

Since  $T$  is  $p$ -cyclic,  $\xi \in \cap_{i=1}^p A_i$  and is a fixed point. To prove that  $\xi$  is unique, consider  $\eta$  be such that  $\eta = T\eta$ . It can shown by similar argument as in Proposition 11, b),  $d(T^{pn}x, T^{pn+1}\eta) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence  $d(\xi, \eta) = d(T^{pn}x, T^{pn+1}\eta) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence  $\eta = \xi$ . □

**Remark 14.** *It is easy to see that Theorem 3 is a corollary of Theorem 13.*

**Theorem 15.** *Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p$  be non empty, closed and convex subsets of a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$ ,  $T : \cup_{i=1}^p A_i \rightarrow \cup_{i=1}^p A_i$  be a  $p$ -cyclic orbital contraction map of Boyd-Wong type. Then for every  $x \in A_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq p$ ) satisfying equation (4).  $\{T^{pn}x\}$  converges to a unique  $z_i \in A_i$  which is a best proximity point of  $T$  in  $A_i$  and it is also a unique periodic point of  $T$  in  $A_i$ . Moreover,  $T^j z_i = z_{i+j}$  is a best proximity point and unique periodic point of  $T$  in  $A_{i+j}$ , for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1)$ .*

*Proof.* If  $dist(A_i, A_{i+1}) = 0$ , in (4), then by Theorem 13 we have a unique fixed point of  $T$  in  $\cap_{i=1}^p A_i$ . Hence assume  $dist(A_i, A_{i+1}) > 0$ . We claim that, for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $m > n > n_0$ ,

$$\|T^{pm}x - T^{pn+1}x\| \leq dist(A_i, A_{i+1}) + \epsilon. \tag{9}$$

Suppose not, then there exists an  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  such that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $m_k > n_k \geq k$ , for which

$$\|T^{pm_k}x - T^{pn_k+1}x\| > dist(A_i, A_{i+1}) + \epsilon_0. \tag{10}$$

By choosing  $m_k$  to be the least integer greater than  $n_k$  to satisfy the above inequality, we have,

$$\|T^{pm_k-p}x - T^{pn_k+1}x\| \leq \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}) + \epsilon_0. \quad (11)$$

Now for each  $k$ ,  $\text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}) + \epsilon_0 \leq \|T^{pm_k}x - T^{pn_k+1}x\|$   
 $\leq \|T^{pm_k}x - T^{pm_k-p}x\| + \|T^{pm_k-p}x - T^{pn_k+1}x\|$   
 $< \|T^{pm_k}x - T^{pm_k-p}x\| + \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}) + \epsilon_0$ , by (8). By letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and by Proposition 12, b), we have

$\text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}) + \epsilon_0 \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|T^{pm_k}x - T^{pn_k+1}x\| \leq \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}) + \epsilon_0$ . Now,  
 $\|T^{pm_k}x - T^{pn_k+1}x\| \leq \|T^{pm_k}x - T^{pm_k+p}x\|$   
 $+ \|T^{pm_k+p}x - T^{pn_k+p+1}x\| + \|T^{pn_k+p+1}x - T^{pn_k+1}x\|$ . Now by using  $p$ -cyclic orbital non expansiveness of  $T$ ,  $(p-1)$  times to  $\|T^{pm_k+p}x - T^{pn_k+p+1}x\|$ , we get,

$$\|T^{pm_k+p}x - T^{pn_k+p+1}x\| \leq \|T^{pm_k+1}x - T^{pn_k+2}x\|$$

$$\leq \psi(\|T^{pm_k}x - T^{pn_k+1}x\| - \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1})) + \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}).$$

Let us denote  $\text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1})$  by  $d$  and  $\|T^{m_k}x - T^{n_k+1}x\|$  by  $\mu_k$ . Since  $\mu_k - d \downarrow \epsilon_0$ ,  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \psi(\mu_k - d) \leq \psi(\epsilon_0)$ . By Proposition 12, (a) and (c), we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|T^{pm_k}x - T^{pm_k+p}x\| = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|T^{pn_k+p+1}x - T^{pn_k+1}x\| = 0.$$

Thus  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|T^{pm_k}x - T^{pn_k+1}x\| \leq \psi(\epsilon_0) + \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1})$ .  
 $\text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}) + \epsilon_0 \leq \psi(\epsilon_0) + \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1})$ .

Therefore  $\epsilon_0 \leq \psi(\epsilon_0)$ , a contradiction. Hence the claim follows. Now by Proposition 11, b),

$$\|T^{pn}x - T^{pn+1}x\| \rightarrow \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}).$$

Combining this with the claim, by Lemma 6, we have the following: For every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $\|T^{pm}x - T^{pn}x\| \leq \epsilon$ ,  $m > n > n_1$ . Hence  $\{T^{pn}x\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $A_i$  and converges to a  $z_i \in A_i$ . By Proposition 9, b) and c),  $z_i$  is a best proximity point of  $T$  in  $A_i$  and also unique periodic point of  $T$  in  $A_i$ . Further,  $T^j z_i = z_{i+j}$  is a best proximity point in  $A_{i+j}$ .

Now we prove that, for any  $y \in A_i$ ,  $y \neq x$  satisfying the inequality (4), the sequence  $\{T^{pn}y\}$  converges to the same  $z_i \in A_i$ .

Let  $\{T^{pn}y\}$  converge to  $\eta \in A_i$ . By what we have proved,  $\|\eta - T\eta\| = \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1})$ . Also,  $T^p \eta = \eta$  and  $\|T^{p+1}\eta - T\eta\|$ . Claim:  $\|z_i - T\eta\| = \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1})$ . Suppose  $\|z_i - T\eta\| > \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1})$ . Then

$$\|z_i - T\eta\| - \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}) > 0,$$

$$\|Tz_i - T^2\eta\| \leq \psi(\|z_i - T\eta\| - \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1})) + \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&< \|z_i - T\eta\| - \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}) + \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}) \\
&= \|T^p z_i - T^{p+1}\eta\| \\
&\leq \|Tz_i - T^2\eta\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we arrive at a contradiction. Therefore  $\|z_i - T\eta\| = \text{dist}(A_i, A_{i+1}) = \|\eta - T\eta\|$ . Since the underlying space is uniformly convex Banach space and the sets are convex, we have  $\eta = z_i$ .  $\square$

**Remark 16.** *It is easy to see that Theorems 5 and 7 are corollaries to Theorem 15.*

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