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# Fixed Points for Multivalued Mappings in Uniformly Convex Metric Spaces

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The purpose of this paper is to ensure the existence of fixed points for multivalued nonexpansive weakly inward nonself-mappings in uniformly convex metric spaces. This extends a result of Lim (1980) in Banach spaces. All results of Dhompongsa et al. (2005) and Chaoha and Phon-on (2006) are also extended.

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## 1. Introduction

In 1974, Lim [1] developed a result concerning the existence of fixed points for multivalued nonexpansive self-mappings in uniformly convex Banach spaces. This result was extended to nonself-mappings satisfying the inwardness condition independently by Downing and Kirk [2] and Reich [3]. This result was extended to weak inward mappings independently by Lim [4] and Xu [5]. Recently, Dhompongsa et al. [6] presented an analog of Lim-Xu's result in CAT(0) spaces. In this note, we extend the result to uniformly convex metric spaces which improve results of both Lim-Xu and Dhompongsa et al. In addition, we also give a new proof of a result of Lim [7] by using Caristi's theorem [8]. Finally, we give some basic properties of fixed point sets for quasi-nonexpansive mappings for these spaces.

## 2. Preliminaries

A concept of convexity in metric spaces was introduced by Takahashi [9].

*Definition 2.1.* Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $I = [0, 1]$ . A mapping  $W : X \times X \times I \rightarrow X$  is said to be a *convex structure* on  $X$  if for each  $(x, y, \lambda) \in X \times X \times I$  and  $z \in X$ ,

$$d(z, W(x, y, \lambda)) \leq \lambda d(z, x) + (1 - \lambda)d(z, y). \quad (2.1)$$

A metric space  $(X, d)$  together with a convex structure  $W$  is called a *convex metric space* which will be denoted by  $(X, d, W)$ .

*Definition 2.2.* A convex metric space  $(X, d, W)$  is said to be *uniformly convex* [10] if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that for all  $r > 0$  and  $x, y, z \in X$  with  $d(z, x) \leq r$ ,  $d(z, y) \leq r$  and  $d(x, y) \geq r\varepsilon$ ,

$$d\left(z, W\left(x, y, \frac{1}{2}\right)\right) \leq r(1 - \delta). \quad (2.2)$$

Obviously, uniformly convex Banach spaces are uniformly convex metric spaces. By using the (CN) inequality [11], it is easy to see that CAT(0) spaces are also uniformly convex.

For  $x, y \in X$ ,  $C \subset X$ , and  $\lambda \in I$ , we denote  $W(x, y, \lambda) := \lambda x \oplus (1 - \lambda)y$ ,  $[x, y] := \{\lambda x \oplus (1 - \lambda)y : \lambda \in I\}$ ,  $(x, y) := [x, y] \setminus \{x\}$ , and  $\lambda x \oplus (1 - \lambda)C := \{\lambda x \oplus (1 - \lambda)z : z \in C\}$ . So we can define the *inward set*  $I_C(x)$  of  $x$  as follows:

$$I_C(x) := \{x\} \cup \{z : (x, z] \cap C \neq \emptyset\}. \quad (2.3)$$

Let  $C$  be a nonempty subset of a metric space  $X$ . Then  $C$  is called *convex* if for  $x, y \in C$ ,  $[x, y] \subset C$ . We will denote by  $\mathcal{F}(C)$  the family of nonempty closed subsets of  $C$ , by  $\mathcal{K}(C)$  the family of nonempty compact subsets of  $C$ , and by  $\mathcal{KC}(C)$  the family of nonempty compact convex subsets of  $C$ . Let  $H(\cdot, \cdot)$  be the Hausdorff distance on  $\mathcal{F}(X)$ . That is,

$$H(A, B) = \max \left\{ \sup_{a \in A} \text{dist}(a, B), \sup_{b \in B} \text{dist}(b, A) \right\}, \quad A, B \in \mathcal{F}(X). \quad (2.4)$$

*Definition 2.3.* A multivalued mapping  $T : C \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(X)$  is said to be *inward* on  $C$  if for some  $p \in C$ ,

$$\lambda p \oplus (1 - \lambda)Tx \subset I_C(x) \quad \forall x \in C, \forall \lambda \in [0, 1], \quad (2.5)$$

and *weakly inward* on  $C$  if for some  $p \in C$ ,

$$\lambda p \oplus (1 - \lambda)Tx \subset \overline{I_C(x)} \quad \forall x \in C, \forall \lambda \in [0, 1], \quad (2.6)$$

where  $\overline{A}$  denotes the closure of a subset  $A$  of  $X$ . In a Banach space setting, if  $C$  is convex, then so is  $I_C(x)$ . Therefore, the conditions above can be replaced by  $Tx \subset I_C(x)$  and  $Tx \subset \overline{I_C(x)}$ , respectively.

*Definition 2.4.* A multivalued mapping  $T : C \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(X)$  satisfying

$$H(Tx, Ty) \leq kd(x, y), \quad x, y \in C, \quad (2.7)$$

is called a *contraction* if  $k \in [0, 1)$  and *nonexpansive* if  $k = 1$ . A point  $x$  is a fixed point of  $T$  if  $x \in Tx$ .

Given a metric space  $X$ , one way to describe a metric space ultrapower  $\tilde{X}$  of  $X$  is to first embed  $X$  as a closed subset of a Banach space  $E$  (see, e.g., [12, page 129]). Let  $\tilde{E}$  denote a Banach space ultrapower of  $E$  relative to some nontrivial ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$  (see, e.g., [13]). Then take

$$\tilde{X} := \{\tilde{x} = [\{x_n\}] \in \tilde{E} : x_n \in X \forall n\}. \quad (2.8)$$

One can then let  $\tilde{d}$  denote the metric on  $\tilde{X}$  inherited from the ultrapower norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{U}}$  in  $\tilde{E}$ . If  $X$  is complete, then so is  $\tilde{X}$  since  $\tilde{X}$  is a closed subset of the Banach space  $\tilde{E}$ . In particular, the metric  $\tilde{d}$  on  $\tilde{X}$  is given by

$$\tilde{d}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \lim_{\mathcal{U}} \|x_n - y_n\| = \lim_{\mathcal{U}} d(x_n, y_n), \quad (2.9)$$

with  $\{u_n\} \in [\{x_n\}]$  if and only if  $\lim_{\mathcal{U}} \|x_n - u_n\| = 0$ .

If  $(X, d, W)$  is a convex metric space, we consider a metric space ultrapower  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{d})$  of  $(X, d)$  and define a function  $\tilde{W} : \tilde{X} \times \tilde{X} \times I \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  by

$$\tilde{W}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \lambda) = [W(x_n, y_n, \lambda)]. \quad (2.10)$$

In order to show that the function  $\tilde{W}$  is well defined, we need the following condition. For each  $p, x, y \in X$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$d((1 - \lambda)p \oplus \lambda x, (1 - \lambda)p \oplus \lambda y) \leq \lambda d(x, y), \quad (2.11)$$

which is equivalent to

$$d((1 - \lambda)p \oplus \lambda x, (1 - \lambda)q \oplus \lambda y) \leq \lambda d(x, y) + (1 - \lambda)d(p, q), \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $p, q, x, y \in X$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

By using condition (2.12), it is easy to see that  $\tilde{W}$  is a convex structure on  $\tilde{X}$ . This implies that  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{d}, \tilde{W})$  is a convex metric space.

*Example 2.5.* Every Banach space satisfies condition (2.11).

*Example 2.6.* Condition (2.11) is satisfied for spaces of hyperbolic type (for more details of these spaces see [14]). This is also true for CAT(0) spaces and  $\mathbb{R}$ -trees.

*Example 2.7.* Let  $H$  be a hyperconvex metric space. Then there exists a nonexpansive retract  $R : l_{\infty}(H) \rightarrow H$  (see, e.g., [15] for more on this). For any  $x, y \in H$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we let

$$tx \oplus (1 - t)y = R(tx + (1 - t)y). \quad (2.13)$$

Since  $l_{\infty}(H)$  is a Banach space,  $H$  also satisfies condition (2.11).

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a nontrivial ultrafilter on the natural number  $\mathbb{N}$ . If  $(X, d, W)$  is a uniformly convex metric space satisfying condition (2.11), then the metric space ultrapower

$(\tilde{X}, \tilde{d}, \tilde{W})$  relative to  $\mathcal{U}$  is also uniformly convex. Indeed, let any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and let  $\delta$  be a positive number corresponding to the uniform convexity of  $X$ . Let  $r > 0$  and  $\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{z} \in \tilde{X}$  be such that

$$\tilde{d}(\tilde{z}, \tilde{x}) \leq r, \quad \tilde{d}(\tilde{z}, \tilde{y}) \leq r, \quad \tilde{d}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) \geq r\varepsilon. \quad (2.14)$$

Then there are some representatives  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  of  $\tilde{x}$  and  $\tilde{y}$  and a set  $I \in \mathcal{U}$  such that

$$d(z_n, x_n) \leq r, \quad d(z_n, y_n) \leq r, \quad d(x_n, y_n) \geq r\varepsilon \quad \forall n \in I. \quad (2.15)$$

For such  $n$ ,  $d(z_n, W(x_n, y_n, 1/2)) \leq r(1 - \delta)$ . This implies  $\tilde{d}(\tilde{z}, \tilde{W}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, 1/2)) \leq r(1 - \delta)$ .

Recall that a subset  $C$  of a metric space  $X$  is said to be (uniquely) *proximal* if each point  $x \in X$  has a (unique) nearest point in  $C$ . A convex metric space  $X$  is said to have *property (C)* if every decreasing sequence of nonempty bounded closed convex subsets of  $X$  has nonempty intersection. In [10], Shimizu and Takahashi proved that property (C) holds in complete uniformly convex metric spaces. This implies that every nonempty closed convex subset of a complete uniformly convex metric space is uniquely proximal. Indeed, let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a complete uniformly convex metric space  $X$ , and  $x_0 \in X$ .

Let  $N = \{x \in C : d(x_0, x) = \text{dist}(x_0, C)\}$ . For each  $n$ , we define

$$C_n := \left\{ y \in C : d(x_0, y) \leq \text{dist}(x_0, C) + \frac{1}{n} \right\}. \quad (2.16)$$

Then  $(C_n)$  is a decreasing sequence of nonempty bounded closed convex subsets of  $C$ . Moreover,

$$N = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n,$$

which is nonempty by the above observation. The uniqueness follows from the uniform convexity of  $X$ .

### 3. Main results

We first establish the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $X$  be a complete uniformly convex metric space satisfying condition (2.11),  $C$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $X$ ,  $x \in X$ , and  $p(x)$  the unique nearest point of  $x$  in  $C$ . Then*

$$d(x, p(x)) < d(x, y) \quad \forall y \in \overline{I_C(p(x))} \setminus \{p(x)\}. \quad (3.1)$$

*Proof.* Let  $y \in \overline{I_C(p(x))} \setminus \{p(x)\}$ . Then there is a sequence  $(y_n)$  in  $I_C(p(x))$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$ . Choose  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(p(x), y_n] \cap C \neq \emptyset$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . For such  $n$ , let  $z_n \in (p(x), y_n] \cap C$  and write  $z_n = (1 - \alpha_n)p(x) \oplus \alpha_n y_n$ ,  $\alpha_n \in (0, 1]$ . Then

$$d(x, p(x)) \leq d(x, z_n) \leq (1 - \alpha_n)d(x, p(x)) + \alpha_n d(x, y_n). \quad (3.2)$$

This implies

$$d(x, p(x)) \leq d(x, y). \quad (3.3)$$

If  $d(x, p(x)) = d(x, y)$ , we let  $u = (1/2)p(x) \oplus (1/2)y$ . By the uniform convexity of  $X$ , we have  $d(x, u) < d(x, p(x))$ . On the other hand, for each  $n \geq n_0$ , let  $u_n = (1/2)p(x) \oplus (1/2)y_n$ . We will show that  $u_n \in I_C(p(x))$ .

Case 1.  $\alpha_n = 1/2$ . We are done.

Case 2.  $1/2 < \alpha_n$ . Let  $v_n = (1 - 1/2\alpha_n)p(x) \oplus (1/2\alpha_n)z_n$ . This implies

$$d(p(x), v_n) = \frac{1}{2\alpha_n}d(p(x), z_n) = \frac{1}{2}d(p(x), y_n) = d(p(x), u_n), \quad (3.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(v_n, y_n) &\leq d(v_n, z_n) + d(z_n, y_n) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2\alpha_n}\right)d(p(x), z_n) + (1 - \alpha_n)d(p(x), y_n) \\ &= \left(\alpha_n - \frac{1}{2}\right)d(p(x), y_n) + (1 - \alpha_n)d(p(x), y_n) = \frac{1}{2}d(p(x), y_n) = d(u_n, y_n). \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Therefore

$$d(v_n, y_n) \leq d(u_n, y_n). \quad (3.6)$$

We claim that  $u_n = v_n$ . If not, let  $w_n = (1/2)u_n \oplus (1/2)v_n$ .

From (3.4), (3.6), and the uniform convexity of  $X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(p(x), w_n) &< d(p(x), u_n), \\ d(w_n, y_n) &< d(u_n, y_n). \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

This implies

$$d(p(x), y_n) \leq d(p(x), w_n) + d(w_n, y_n) < d(p(x), u_n) + d(u_n, y_n) = d(p(x), y_n), \quad (3.8)$$

which is a contradiction. Hence  $u_n = v_n \in [p(x), z_n]$  and so  $u_n \in I_C(p(x))$  by the convexity of  $C$ .  
Case 3.  $\alpha_n < 1/2$ . let  $v_n = (1 - 2\alpha_n)p(x) \oplus 2\alpha_n u_n$ . By the same arguments in the proof of Case 2, we can show that  $z_n \in (p(x), u_n]$ . This means  $u_n \in I_C(p(x))$ .

By condition (2.11),  $\lim_n u_n = u$ , which implies  $u \in \overline{I_E(p(x))} \setminus \{p(x)\}$ . By the same arguments in the first part of the proof,  $d(x, p(x)) \leq d(x, u)$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $d(x, p(x)) < d(x, y)$  as desired.  $\square$

From [6, Lemma 3.4], we observe that the space is not necessarily assumed to be a CAT(0) space since the proof is only involved with condition (2.11) which is weaker than the (CN) inequality (see [11, Lemma 3]). Therefore, we can obtain the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $X$  be a complete convex metric space satisfying condition (2.11),  $C$  a nonempty closed subset of  $X$ , and  $T : C \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(X)$  a contraction mapping satisfying, for all  $x \in C$ ,*

$$Tx \subset \overline{I_C(x)}. \quad (3.9)$$

*Then  $T$  has a fixed point.*

This lemma was first proved in Banach spaces by Lim [7], using transfinite induction, while we apply directly Caristi's theorem. For completeness, we include the details.

*Proof of Lemma 3.2.* Let  $0 \leq k < 1$  be the contraction constant of  $T$  and let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be such that  $\varepsilon + (k + 2\varepsilon)(1 + \varepsilon) < 1$ . Let  $M = \{(x, z) : z \in Tx, x \in C\}$  and define a metric  $\rho$  on  $M$  by  $\rho((x, z), (u, v)) = \max\{d(x, u), d(z, v)\}$ . It is easy to see that  $(M, \rho)$  is a complete metric space.

Now define  $\psi : M \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $\psi(x, z) = d(x, z)/\varepsilon$ . Then  $\psi$  is continuous on  $M$ . Suppose that  $T$  has no fixed points, that is,  $\text{dist}(x, Tx) > 0$  for all  $x \in C$ . Let  $(x, z) \in M$ . By (3.9), we can find  $z' \in I_C(x)$  satisfying  $d(z, z') < \varepsilon \text{dist}(x, Tx)$ . Now choose  $u \in (x, z'] \cap C$  and write  $u = (1 - \delta)x \oplus \delta z'$  for some  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ . For such  $\delta$ , we have

$$\delta\varepsilon + (1 - \delta) + (k + 2\varepsilon)\delta(1 + \varepsilon) < 1. \quad (3.10)$$

Since  $d(x, u) > 0$ , we can find  $v \in Tu$  satisfying

$$d(z, v) \leq H(Tx, Tu) + \varepsilon d(x, u) \leq (k + \varepsilon)d(x, u). \quad (3.11)$$

Now we define a mapping  $g : M \rightarrow M$  by  $g(x, z) = (u, v)$  for all  $(x, z) \in M$ . We claim that  $g$  satisfies

$$\rho((x, z), g(x, z)) < \psi(x, z) - \psi(g(x, z)) \quad \forall (x, z) \in M. \quad (3.12)$$

Caristi's theorem [8] then implies that  $g$  has a fixed point, which contradicts to the strict inequality (3.12) and the proof is complete. So it remains to prove (3.12). In fact, it is enough to show that

$$\rho((x, z), (u, v)) < \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(d(x, z) - d(u, v)). \quad (3.13)$$

But  $d(z, v) \leq d(x, u)$ , it only needs to prove that  $d(x, u) < (1/\varepsilon)(d(x, z) - d(u, v))$ .

Now,

$$d(x, u) = \delta d(x, z') \leq \delta(d(x, z) + \varepsilon \text{dist}(x, Tx)) \leq \delta(d(x, z) + \varepsilon d(x, z)) \leq \delta(1 + \varepsilon)d(x, z). \quad (3.14)$$

Therefore

$$d(x, u) \leq \delta(1 + \varepsilon)d(x, z). \quad (3.15)$$

It follows that

$$d(z, v) \leq (k + \varepsilon)d(x, u) \leq (k + \varepsilon)\delta(1 + \varepsilon)d(x, z). \quad (3.16)$$

We now let  $y = (1 - \delta)x \oplus \delta z$ , then by the condition (2.11),

$$\begin{aligned} d(u, v) &\leq d(u, y) + d(y, z) + d(z, v) \leq \delta d(z, z') + (1 - \delta)d(x, z) + (k + \varepsilon)\delta(1 + \varepsilon)d(x, z) \\ &\leq \delta\varepsilon d(x, z) + ((1 - \delta) + (k + \varepsilon)\delta(1 + \varepsilon))d(x, z). \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

Thus

$$d(u, v) \leq (\delta\varepsilon + (1 - \delta) + (k + \varepsilon)\delta(1 + \varepsilon))d(x, z). \quad (3.18)$$

Inequalities (3.15), (3.18), and (3.10) imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon d(x, u) + d(u, v) &\leq \varepsilon\delta(1 + \varepsilon)d(x, z) + (\delta\varepsilon + (1 - \delta) + (k + \varepsilon)\delta(1 + \varepsilon))d(x, z) \\ &= (\delta\varepsilon + (1 - \delta) + (k + 2\varepsilon)\delta(1 + \varepsilon))d(x, z) < d(x, z). \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

Therefore  $d(x, u) < (1/\varepsilon)(d(x, z) - d(u, v))$  as desired.  $\square$

By Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2 with the same arguments in the proof of Theorem 3.3 of [6], we can obtain the following theorem which extends [4, Theorem 8] by Lim and [6, Theorem 3.3] by Dhompongsa et al.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $X$  be a complete uniformly convex metric space satisfying condition (2.11),  $C$  a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of  $X$ , and  $T : C \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(X)$  a nonexpansive weakly inward mapping. Then  $T$  has a fixed point.*

As an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.3, we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $X$  be a complete uniformly convex metric space satisfying condition (2.11),  $C$  a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of  $X$ , and  $T : C \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(C)$  a nonexpansive mapping. Then  $T$  has a fixed point.*

In fact, this corollary is a special case of [10, Theorem 2] in which condition (2.11) was not assumed. An interesting question is whether condition (2.11) in Theorem 3.3 can be dropped.

Let  $C$  be a nonempty subset of a metric space  $X$ . Recall that a single-valued mapping  $t : C \rightarrow C$  and a multivalued mapping  $T : C \rightarrow 2^C \setminus \emptyset$  are said to be *commuting* if  $ty \in Ttx$  for all  $y \in Tx$  and  $x \in C$ . If  $t : C \rightarrow C$  is nonexpansive with  $C$  being bounded closed convex and  $X$  complete uniformly convex satisfying condition (2.11), then  $\text{Fix}(t)$  is nonempty by the above corollary. Moreover, by a standard argument, we can show that it is also closed and convex. So we can obtain a common fixed point theorem in uniformly convex metric spaces as [6, Theorem 4.1] (see also [16, Theorem 4.2] for a related result in Banach spaces).

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $X$  be a complete uniformly convex metric space satisfying condition (2.11), let  $C$  be a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of  $X$ , and let  $t : C \rightarrow C$  and  $T : C \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(C)$  be nonexpansive. Assume that for some  $p \in \text{Fix}(t)$ ,*

$$\alpha p \oplus (1 - \alpha)Tx \text{ is convex } \quad \forall x \in C, \forall \alpha \in [0, 1]. \quad (3.20)$$

*If  $t$  and  $T$  are commuting, then there exists a point  $z \in C$  such that  $tz = z \in Tz$ .*

#### 4. Fixed point sets of quasi-nonexpansive mappings

Let  $X$  be a metric space. Recall that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be *quasi-nonexpansive* if  $d(f(x), p) \leq d(x, p)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $p \in \text{Fix}(f)$ . In this case, we will assume that  $\text{Fix}(f) \neq \emptyset$ . In [17], Chaoha and Phon-on showed that if  $X$  is a CAT(0) space, then  $\text{Fix}(f)$  is closed convex. Furthermore, they gave an explicit construction of a continuous function defined on  $X$  whose fixed point set is any prescribed closed subset of  $X$ . In this section, we extend these results to uniformly convex metric spaces.

We begin by proving the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $X$  be a uniformly convex metric space, and let  $x, y, z \in X$  for which*

$$d(x, z) + d(z, y) = d(x, y). \quad (4.1)$$

*Then  $z \in [x, y]$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $u \in [x, y]$  be such that  $d(x, u) = d(x, z)$ . Then  $d(x, y) = d(x, u) + d(u, y)$  and also  $d(z, y) = d(u, y)$  by (4.1). We will show that  $z = u$ . Suppose not, we let  $v = (1/2)z \oplus (1/2)u$  and  $r = d(x, u) = d(x, z)$ . Since  $d(z, u) > 0$ , choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  so that  $d(z, u) > r\varepsilon$ . By the uniform convexity of  $X$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$d(x, v) \leq r(1 - \delta) < r = d(x, z). \quad (4.2)$$

By using the same arguments, we can show that  $d(y, v) < d(y, z)$ . Therefore

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, v) + d(y, v) < d(x, z) + d(y, z) = d(x, y), \quad (4.3)$$

which is a contradiction.  $\square$

By using the above lemma with the proof of Theorem 1.3 of [17], we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $X$  be a convex subset of a uniformly convex metric space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  a quasi-nonexpansive mapping whose fixed point set is nonempty. Then  $\text{Fix}(f)$  is closed convex.*

In [17], the authors constructed a continuous function defined on a CAT(0) space  $X$  whose fixed point set is any prescribed closed subset of  $X$  by using the following two implications of the (CN) inequality:

$$d((1-t)x \oplus ty, (1-s)x \oplus sy) = |t-s|d(x, y) \quad \forall x, y \in X, t, s \in [0, 1], \quad (4.4)$$

$$d((1-t)x \oplus ty, (1-t)x \oplus tz) \leq d(y, z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X, t \in [0, 1]. \quad (4.5)$$

In fact, condition (4.4) holds in uniformly convex metric spaces as the following lemma shows.

**Lemma 4.3.** *Condition (4.4) holds in uniformly convex metric spaces.*

*Proof.* We first note that the conclusion holds if  $s = 0$  or  $t = 0$ . We now let  $X$  be a uniformly convex metric space,  $x, y \in X$ , and  $t, s \in (0, 1]$ . Let  $u = (1-t)x \oplus ty$  and  $z = (1-s)x \oplus sy$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $t < s$ . Let  $v = (1-t/s)x \oplus (t/s)z$ , then

$$d(x, v) = \frac{t}{s}d(x, z) = td(x, y), \quad (4.6)$$

$$d(v, y) \leq \left(1 - \frac{t}{s}\right)d(x, y) + \frac{t}{s}d(z, y) = (1-t)d(x, y).$$

If  $u \neq v$ , we let  $w = (1/2)u \oplus (1/2)v$ . Then by the uniform convexity of  $X$ , we can show that  $d(x, w) < d(x, u)$  and  $d(y, w) < d(y, u)$ . This implies

$$d(x, y) < d(x, u) + d(y, u) = d(x, y), \quad (4.7)$$

which is a contradiction, hence  $u = v$ . Therefore

$$d(z, u) = d(z, v) = \left(1 - \frac{t}{s}\right)d(x, z) = |s-t|d(x, y). \quad (4.8)$$

$\square$

It is unclear that condition (4.5) holds for uniformly convex metric spaces. However, the following theorem is a generalization of [17, Theorem 2.1], we omit the proof because it is similar to the one given in [17].



**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of a uniformly convex metric space  $X$  satisfying condition (4.5). Then there exists a continuous function  $f : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $\text{Fix}(f) = \overline{A}$ .*

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