

THE WEAK* KARLOVITZ LEMMA FOR DUAL LATTICES

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We establish the Karlovitz lemma for a nonexpansive self mapping of a nonempty weak* compact convex set in a weak* orthogonal dual Banach lattice.

We say a Banach space has the weak fixed point property (w-fpp) if every nonexpansive self mapping of a nonempty weak compact convex subset has a fixed point. In the case of a dual space we say it has the w*-fpp if every nonexpansive self mapping of a nonempty weak* compact convex subset has a fixed point.

Let C be a nonempty weak (weak*) compact convex set and let $T : C \rightarrow C$ be a nonexpansive mapping. The weak (weak*) compactness and Zorn's lemma ensure the existence of *minimal* nonempty weak (weak*) compact convex subsets of C which are invariant under T . For brevity we will refer to such a set as a *weak (weak*) compact minimal invariant set for T* . It is readily verified that a space (dual space) has the w-fpp (w*-fpp) if and only if every such weak (weak*) compact minimal invariant set has precisely one element.

Fundamental for establishing the w-fpp for certain spaces has been the result of Brodskii and Mil'man [2], Garkarvi [3] and Kirk [7] that any such weak (weak*) compact minimal invariant set D is *diametral* in the sense that, for all $x \in D$

$$\sup_{y \in D} \|x - y\| = \text{diam } D := \sup_{x_1, x_2 \in D} \|x_1 - x_2\|.$$

Another useful observation has been the existence in any nonempty closed convex subset of C which is invariant under T of an *approximate fixed point sequence* for T , that is a sequence $(a_n) \subset C$ for which

$$\|a_n - Ta_n\| \rightarrow 0.$$

(Such a sequence may be constructed by choosing x_0 in the set and taking a_n to be the unique fixed point of the strict contraction $V_n x := (1 - 1/n)Tx + (1/n)x_0$, whose existence is ensured by the Banach contraction mapping theorem.)

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In the weak case deeper more recent results (for example, Maurey [9]; Borwein and Sims [1]; Lin [8]) have relied on the *Karlovitz' lemma*:

- (1) If C is a nonempty weak compact convex set, $D \subseteq C$ is a minimal invariant set for the nonexpansive map $T : C \rightarrow C$, and (a_n) is an approximate fixed point sequence for T in D , then

$$\lim_n \|x - a_n\| = \text{diam } D, \quad \text{for all } x \in D.$$

Proofs of this result (Karlovitz [5] and Goebel [4]) have involved an appeal to Mazur's theorem; that the weak and norm closures of a convex set coincide, and so left open the question of whether a similar result holds in the weak* case. This impediment to progress in the weak* case was attacked by Khamsi [6], who established a weak* Karlovitz lemma for stable duals and dual spaces with a shrinking strongly monotone Schauder basis.

The purpose of this note is to extend these results to a weak* Karlovitz lemma for weak* orthogonal dual Banach lattices.

By analogy with Borwein and Sims [1] we say that a dual lattice X is *weak* orthogonal* if whenever (x_n) converges *weak** to 0 we have

$$\lim_n \| |x_n| \wedge |x| \| = 0, \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

In general it may be convenient to interpret (x_n) as a net. However in smoothable dual spaces, in particular separable dual spaces, sequences suffice.

Proofs of the Brodskii-Mil'man result and the Karlovitz lemma have directly, or indirectly, relied on an idea captured in the following lemma which was first made explicit in the weak case by Maurey [9] while proving the w-fpp for c_0 and reflexive subspaces of $\mathcal{L}_1[0, 1]$.

LEMMA 1. *Let T be a nonexpansive mapping of a nonempty weak (weak*) compact convex set and let D denote a minimal invariant set for T . If $\psi : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a weak (weak*) lower semi-continuous convex mapping with $\psi(Tx) \leq \psi(x)$ for all $x \in D$, then ψ is constant on D .*

PROOF: Since D is weak (weak*) compact and ψ is weak (weak*) lower semi-continuous, ψ achieves its minimum on D . Let $x_0 \in D$ be such that $\psi(x_0) = \min \psi(D)$ and let $E = \{x \in D : \psi(x) = \psi(x_0)\}$; then E is a nonempty weak (weak*) closed convex set which is invariant under T . Thus, by minimality $E = D$, establishing the lemma. \square

To illustrate how the lemma may be used we prove the result of Brodskii-Mil'man in the weak* case. A substantially simplified version of the same argument establishes the corresponding result for weak compact sets.

THEOREM 2. *If D is a weak* compact minimal invariant set for a nonexpansive mapping T then D is diametral.*

PROOF: It suffices to verify that ψ defined by

$$\psi(x) := \sup\{\|x - y\| : y \in D\}$$

satisfies the hypotheses for Lemma 1, as then ψ is a constant on D with value equal to

$$\sup_{x \in D} \psi(x) = \sup_{x \in D} \sup_{y \in D} \|x - y\| = \text{diam}(D).$$

To complete the proof we first note that, since $\|\cdot\|$ is a dual norm, ψ is the supremum of weak* lower semi-continuous functions and so is itself weak* lower semi-continuous. Next, observe that

$$\psi(x) = \sup_{y \in \text{co } T(D)} \|x - y\|.$$

This follows, since by the minimality of D , we have $D = \overline{\text{co}}^{w*} T(D)$, so given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a $y_\varepsilon \in D$ with $\psi(x) - \varepsilon \leq \|x - y_\varepsilon\|$ and a net $y_\alpha \xrightarrow{w*} y_\varepsilon$ with $y_\alpha \in \text{co } T(D)$. Thus,

$$\psi(x) - \varepsilon \leq \|x - y_\varepsilon\| \leq \liminf_{\alpha} \|x - y_\alpha\|$$

and so there exists a $y \in \text{co } T(D)$ with $\psi(x) - 2\varepsilon \leq \|x - y\|$ establishing the claim.

It now follows by standard convexity arguments that

$$\psi(x) = \sup_{y \in T(D)} \|x - y\|,$$

from which it is readily seen that $\psi(Tx) \leq \psi(x)$, completing the proof. \square

The Karlovitz' lemma for a weak compact minimal invariant set D follows from the weak lower semi-continuity of the function $\psi(x) := \limsup_n \|x - a_n\|$, where (a_n) is an approximate fixed point sequence for T in D , which in turn follows since the epigraph of ψ is a norm closed convex set and hence also weak closed by Mazur's theorem.

As the following result shows, Karlovitz' lemma also holds for a weak* compact minimal invariant set D whenever functions of the above form are weak* lower semi-continuous.

LEMMA 3. *Let (a_n) be an approximate fixed point sequence for the nonexpansive mapping T in the weak* compact minimal invariant set D . If for each subsequence (y_k) of (a_n) the function*

$$\psi(x) := \limsup_k \|x - y_k\|,$$

is weak* lower semi-continuous on D , then

$$\lim_n \|x - a_n\| = \text{diam}(D), \quad \text{for all } x \in D.$$

PROOF: Let (y_k) be any subsequence of the approximate fixed point sequence (a_n) then lemma 1 applies to show that $\psi(x) := \limsup_k \|x - y_k\|$ is constant on D with value c say. Now let (y_{k_α}) be a subnet with $y_{k_\alpha} \xrightarrow{w^*} y_0$; then

$$c \geq \limsup_\alpha \|x - y_{k_\alpha}\| \geq \liminf_\alpha \|x - y_{k_\alpha}\| \geq \|x - y_0\|$$

and so

$$c \geq \sup_{x \in D} \|x - y_0\| = \text{diam}(D), \quad \text{by Theorem 2.}$$

Thus for each subsequence (y_k) of (a_n) we have

$$\limsup_k \|x - y_k\| = \text{diam}(D),$$

for all x in D and the result follows. □

Unfortunately in a dual space not all functions of the form $\psi(x) := \limsup_n \|x - y_n\|$, even when (y_n) is a norm one weak* null sequence, need be weak* lower semi-continuous.

EXAMPLE 4. In ℓ_∞ define ψ by

$$\psi(x) := \limsup_n \|x - y_n\|,$$

where

$$y_n(i) = \begin{cases} 0, & i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1, \\ -1, & i = n, \dots \end{cases}$$

Then for

$$x_n(i) := \begin{cases} 1, & i = 1, \dots, n, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

we have $x_n \xrightarrow{w^*} x_\infty := (1, 1, \dots, 1, \dots)$, while $\psi(x_n) = 1 \not\rightarrow \psi(x_\infty) = 2$, so ψ is not weak* lower semi-continuous.

The next example, due to Simon Fitzpatrick (private communication), shows that even in separable dual spaces such a ψ may not be weak* lower semi-continuous.

EXAMPLE 5. Equivalently renorm c_0 by

$$\|(x(i))\| = \sup\{|x(1) - x(i) + x(j)| : 1 \leq i \leq j\},$$

and let X be its dual space $(\ell_\infty, \|\cdot\|^*)$.

The natural basis vectors, $e_n := (\delta_{ni})_{i=1}^\infty$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$, form a norm one weak* null sequence in X and we define ψ by

$$\psi(x) := \limsup_n \|x - e_n\|^*.$$

Then taking $x_n := e_n - e_1$ we have $x_n \xrightarrow{w^*} -e_1$, while

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x_j) &= \limsup_n \|e_j - e_1 + e_n\|^* \\ &= 1 \\ \not\rightarrow \psi(-e_1) &= \limsup_n \|e_1 + e_n\|^* = 2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus ψ is not weak* lower semi-continuous.

On the other hand, we now show that in a weak* orthogonal dual lattice such a function ψ is always weak* lower semi-continuous.

LEMMA 6. *Let X be a weak* orthogonal dual Banach lattice and let $y_n \xrightarrow{w^*} 0$ with $\|y_n\| \leq 1$. Then*

$$\psi(x) := \limsup_n \|x - y_n\|,$$

is weak lower semi-continuous.*

PROOF: It suffices to show that for each λ the *sub-level set*

$$D_\lambda := \{x : \psi(x) \leq \lambda\}$$

is weak* closed. Thus, suppose $(x_\alpha) \subseteq D_\lambda$ with $x_\alpha \xrightarrow{w^*} x$, we must show that $x \in D_\lambda$. Now given $\varepsilon > 0$ we may by the weak* orthogonality choose α_0 ‘sufficiently large’ so that $\| |x| \wedge |x_{\alpha_0} - x| \| < \varepsilon/3$. Then, for all sufficiently large n we have $\|x_{\alpha_0} - y_n\| \leq \psi(x_{\alpha_0}) + \varepsilon/3$ and $\| |y_n| \wedge |x_{\alpha_0} - x| \| \leq \varepsilon/3$, and so, since

$$\begin{aligned} |x - y_n| &\leq |(x - y_n) + (x_{\alpha_0} - x)| + |x - y_n| \wedge |x_{\alpha_0} - x| \\ &= |x_{\alpha_0} - y_n| + |x - y_n| \wedge |x_{\alpha_0} - x| \\ &\leq |x_{\alpha_0} - y_n| + |x| \wedge |x_{\alpha_0} - x| + |y_n| \wedge |x_{\alpha_0} - x|, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - y_n\| &\leq (\psi(x_{\alpha_0}) + \varepsilon/3) + \varepsilon/3 + \varepsilon/3 \\ &\leq \lambda + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $\psi(x) = \limsup_n \|x - y_n\| \leq \lambda$, as required. □

We now obtain our main result as a corollary to Lemma 6 and Lemma 3, where by a suitable dilation and translation we may assume without loss of generality that (a_n) is weak* null with $\|a_n\| \leq 1$.

THEOREM 7. *Let X be a weak* orthogonal dual Banach lattice and let (a_n) be an approximate fixed point sequence for the nonexpansive mapping T in the weak* compact minimal invariant set D , then*

$$\lim_n \|x - a_n\| = \text{diam}(D), \quad \text{for all } x \in D.$$

Since the condition of Opial is a geometric analogue of weak orthogonality, Sims [10], we are led to ask: is a weak* Karlovitz' lemma true for dual spaces satisfying the weak* Opial condition?

We conclude by observing that this result combined with analogous arguments in the weak* case to those in Sims [10] establish the weak*-fpp for weak* orthogonal dual lattices, a result which in part subsumes the conclusions of Soardi [11], and Khamsi [6].

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