

**ON NEW ITERATION FOR SET CONTRACTION MAPPINGS
AND EXISTENCE RESULTS FOR POWER SET
CONTRACTIONS MAPPINGS**

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Abstract: In this paper, we present a new iteration for set contraction mappings in a Banach space. In further, we introduce the concept of set stability for these class of mappings. Finally, we present some results on the existence of fixed points for power set contraction mappings, these results include in special case many results existing in literature like Darbo and generalized Darbo fixed point theorems.

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1. Introduction

In the last years, measure of noncompactness revealed to be very useful in resolving different differential and integral equations (see [2-4, 6, 13, 22] and many others). It is considered as a tool to get over the problem of lack of compactness in fixed point theorems. This appears clearly in the Darbo fixed point theorem [8] where we use condensing instead of compact mappings. That is remain to say that the Darbo fixed point theorem makes a combination of two classical theorems in the fixed point theory : Schauder fixed point theorem [21] and Banach Contraction Principal [1]. However, it does guarantee only the

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existence and not the unicity of fixed points or a way to reach them.

Our aim in this paper is to introduce an iteration that converges to the set of fixed points for set contraction mappings. Also, establish results of stability for these type of mappings. Finally, present some results on the existence of fixed points for power set contraction mappings, these results include in special case many results existing in literature.

2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, we suppose that $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is a real Banach space and \mathcal{M}_X the collection of all nonempty bounded subsets of X . $co(A)$ denotes the convex hull of a set A .

Let A be a bounded subset of a Banach space X . The Kuratowski measure of noncompactness [15] is defined by

$$\alpha(A) = \inf \{d > 0 : \\ A \text{ is covered by a finite number of sets with diameter } \leq d\}.$$

It is clear that $0 \leq \alpha(A) < \infty$.

If instead of sets we use balls we get the Hausdorff measure of noncompactness [2]

$$\beta(A) = \inf \{d > 0 : \\ A \text{ is covered by a finite number of balls with diameter } \leq d\}.$$

The relation between Kuratowski and Hausdorff measure of noncompactness is given by the following inequalities

$$\beta(A) \leq \alpha(A) \leq 2\beta(A).$$

Remark 1 ([4]).

1. The diameter of a set A is the number $\sup \{d(x, y) : x \in A, y \in A\}$ denoted by $diam(A)$. It is clear that

$$0 \leq \alpha(A) \leq diam(A) < +\infty.$$

If $diam(A) = 0$, then $\alpha(A) = 0$. But we know that $diam(A) = 0$ if and only if A is an empty set or consists of exactly one point and these both cases correspond to $\alpha(A) = 0$.

2. Let μ any measure of noncompactness, the following properties are satisfied in any complete metric space X and are a direct consequence of the definition:

- (a) $\mu(A) = 0 \Leftrightarrow A$ is a precompact set.
- (b) $\mu(A) = \mu(\overline{A})$, $\forall A \in \mathcal{B}_X$.
- (c) $\mu(A \cup B) = \max(\mu(A), \mu(B))$, $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{B}_X$.
- (d) $\mu(A \cap B) = \inf(\mu(A), \mu(B))$, $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{B}_X$.
- (e) $A \subset B \Rightarrow \mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$, $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{B}_X$.
- (f) If A is a finite set, then $\mu(A) = 0$.
- (g) μ is continuous with respect to Hausdorff metric.

3. The following properties are satisfied in any complete normed space:

- (a) $\mu(\lambda A) = |\lambda| \mu(A)$, where $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\lambda A = \{\lambda x : x \in A\}$.
- (b) $\mu(A + B) \leq \mu(A) + \mu(B)$, where $A + B = \{x + y : x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}$.
In particular, if $A = \{x_n\}$ and $B = \{y_n\}$ are two countable of sets of points in X , then

$$\mu(\{x_n\}) - \mu(\{y_n\}) \leq \mu(\{x_n - y_n\}).$$

- (c) For any $\lambda \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$\mu(\lambda A + (1 - \lambda) B) \leq \lambda \mu(A) + (1 - \lambda) \mu(B).$$

- (d) $\mu(\text{Conv}A) = \mu(A)$, $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{B}_X$.

Lemma 1 ([16]). Let A_n be a sequence of subsets of X such that A_n approaches a subset A_∞ in the Hausdorff metric. Then, if A_n are bounded, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = \mu(A_\infty)$

The concept of measure of noncompactness was the first time was introduced by Kuratowski in order to generalize the Cantor intersection theorem.

Theorem 1 (Kuratowski [14]). Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and $(A_n)_n$ be a decreasing sequence of nonempty, closed subsets of \mathcal{B}_X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = 0$. Then, the intersection set $A_\infty = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ is nonempty and compact.

In the following a new more simple proof of the previous theorem by using the continuity of measure of noncompactness.

Proof. To prove this, we use the property (d),

$$\mu \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \right) = \inf (\mu (A_i), i = 1, \dots, n) \leq \mu (A_n).$$

By taking the limits we get,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \right) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu (A_n) = 0.$$

Then,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \right) = 0.$$

Since the measure of noncompactness is continuous, then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \right) &= \mu \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \right) \\ &= \mu \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \right) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 2 (Banach Contraction Theorem [1]). *Let (Y, d) be a complete metric space and $f : Y \rightarrow Y$ be a map such that*

$$d(fx, fy) \leq kd(x, y)$$

for some $0 \leq k < 1$ and all x, y in Y . Then, f has a unique fixed point in Y .

Moreover, for any $x_0 \in Y$ the sequence of iterates $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ converges to the fixed point of f .

Theorem 3 (Schauder [21]). *Every continuous self-mapping on a compact subset of a Banach space has a fixed point.*

3. Main Results

3.1. Convergence Results

Theorem 4. *Let A be a nonempty closed, bounded and convex subset of X . If $N : A \rightarrow A$ is a continuous mapping such that*

$$\mu(NA) \leq k\mu(A), \quad k \in [0, 1),$$

then N has a fixed point in A .

Moreover, let the closed bounded convex sequence $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$, then for any A_1 , the sequence of subsets $A_{n+1} = co(NA_n)$ converges to the set of fixed points of N .

Proof. The existence part is given by Darbo fixed point theorem [2].

In the next we prove the convergence of the iteration $A_{n+1} = co(NA_n)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mu(A_{n+1}) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\| &= \|\mu(NA_n) - \mu(N\mathcal{F})\| \\ &\leq \|k\mu(A_n) - k\mu(\mathcal{F})\| \\ &\leq k\|\mu(A_n) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

In further,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mu(A_n) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\| &= \|\mu(NA_{n-1}) - \mu(N\mathcal{F})\| \\ &\leq k\|\mu(A_{n-1}) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Substituting (3.2) in (3.1), we get

$$\|\mu(A_{n+1}) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\| \leq k^2 \|\mu(A_{n-1}) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\|.$$

Repeating this process $n - 1$ time, we get

$$\|\mu(A_{n+1}) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\| \leq k^n \|\mu(A_1) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\|.$$

Since $k \in [0, 1[$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k^n = 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mu(A_{n+1}) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\| = 0.$$

Thus, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_{n+1}) = \mu(\mathcal{F})$ and using the fact that μ is continuous with respect to Hausdorff metric, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_{n+1} = \mathcal{F}$. □

Remark 2. *These results doesn't remind true for metric spaces unless if the metric verify the following inequality,*

$$d(kx, ky) \leq kd(x, y).$$

Corollary 1. Let X be a Banach space and a mapping $T : X \rightarrow X$ such that

$$\text{diam}(TA) \leq k \cdot \text{diam}(A).$$

Then, T has a unique fixed point in X .

Proof. Let the iteration $A_{n+1} = \text{conv}(TA_n)$ and by using the properties of diameter we get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{diam}(A_{n+1}) &= \text{diam}(\text{conv}(TA_n)) \\ &= \text{diam}(TA_n) \\ &\leq k \text{diam}(A_n). \end{aligned}$$

Repeating this process n -times we get

$$\text{diam}(A_{n+1}) \leq k^n \text{diam}(A_1).$$

Since $k \in [0, 1)$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k^n = 0$. Thus, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(A_{n+1}) = 0$ or using the fact that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_{n+1} = \mathcal{F}$, $\text{diam}(\mathcal{F}) = 0$.

We conclude that either the set of fixed points of \mathcal{F} is empty or contains only one point. However, it couldn't be empty since T is k -set contraction, hence \mathcal{F} contains only one point. \square

Remark 3. *The above corollary includes the Banach contraction principle as a special case. Indeed, suppose that T is a contraction mapping, then*

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq k \|x - y\|, \text{ for any } x, y \in X. \quad (3.3)$$

In further, we know that the diameter is the simplest measure of noncompactness and by definition for any bounded set A , $\text{diam}(A) = \sup_{x, y \in A} \|x - y\|$.

By taking supremum in Inequality 3.3. we get

$$\sup_{Tx, Ty \in TA} \|Tx - Ty\| \leq k \sup_{x, y \in A} \|x - y\|.$$

Then,

$$\text{diam}(TA) \leq k \text{diam}(A).$$

3.2. Stability Results

The concept of stability was introduced by Harder [9], Harder and Hicks [10, 11]. Roughly speaking a fixed point iteration procedure is numerically stable if by effecting small modifications in initial data involved in the computation process we get a small influence on the computed value of the fixed point. There are also other definitions of stability considered by several authors, for example : Berinde [5], Imoru and Olatinwo [12], Osilike [17], Osilike and Udomene [18], Rhoades [19,20] and many others.

Inspired by the definition given by Harder and Hicks, we introduce the following definition:

Definition 1. Let N be a k -set contraction mapping and (A_n) is a sequence of nonempty, closed, bounded and convex subset of X such that $A_{n+1} = co(NA_n)$ and converges to \mathcal{F} (the set of fixed points of N). Let $\epsilon_n = \|\mu(B_{n+1}) - \mu(f(N, A_n))\|$, where (B_n) is a sequence of nonempty, closed, bounded and convex subsets of X such that $B_{n+1} = co(NB_n)$. The mapping N is said to be N -set stable if the following assumption holds,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_n = 0 \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{n+1} = \mathcal{F}.$$

Theorem 5. Let N be a k -set contraction mapping and let the iteration $A_{n+1} = co(NA_n)$ where (A_n) is a sequence of nonempty, closed, bounded and convex subsets of X . Then, the mapping N is set stable.

Proof. Suppose that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_n = 0$, and let show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{n+1} = \mathcal{F}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mu(B_{n+1}) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\| &= \|\mu(B_{n+1}) - \mu(A_{n+1}) + \mu(A_{n+1}) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\| \\ &\leq \|\mu(B_{n+1}) - \mu(A_{n+1})\| + \|\mu(A_{n+1}) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\|, \end{aligned}$$

since,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mu(B_{n+1}) - \mu(A_{n+1})\| = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mu(A_{n+1}) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\| = 0, \text{ then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mu(B_{n+1}) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\| = 0.$$

On the other hand, suppose that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{n+1} = \mathcal{F}$ and let show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_n = 0$.

Let,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mu(B_{n+1}) - \mu(A_{n+1})\| &= \|\mu(B_{n+1}) - \mu(\mathcal{F}) + \mu(\mathcal{F}) - \mu(A_{n+1})\| \\ &\leq \|\mu(B_{n+1}) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\| + \|\mu(A_{n+1}) - \mu(\mathcal{F})\|. \end{aligned}$$

By taking the limit, we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mu(B_{n+1}) - \mu(A_{n+1})\| = 0.$$

This ends the proof. \square

3.3. Existence of Fixed Points for Power Set Contraction Mappings

We know that a contraction mapping N on a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ with contraction constant k , is also a contraction on X with a contraction constant k^n . Then, what we can say about a set contraction mappings?!!

Theorem 6. *Let A be a nonempty closed, bounded and convex subspace of a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ and $N : A \rightarrow A$ be a k -set contraction mapping on A . Then, N^n (for an integer $n > 0$) is a k^n -set contraction on A .*

Proof. Let A be a nonempty closed, bounded and convex subset of X , then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(N^n A) &= \mu(N(N^{n-1} A)) \\ &\leq k\mu(N^{n-1} A) \\ &\leq k^2\mu(N^{n-2} A) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq k^n\mu(A). \end{aligned}$$

Since $0 \leq k < 1$, hence $0 \leq k^n < 1$ and so N^n is a k^n -set contraction mapping. \square

Remark 4. *The inverse is not true that is if N^n is a k^n -set contraction mapping then N could be not a k -set contraction mapping.*

Example 1. Let $N : X \rightarrow X$, where X is a Banach space, be a mapping defined by $Nx = 1 - \frac{x}{2}$ for any $x \in X$.

Let $B(0, r)$ be an open ball with center 0 and radius $r \leq 1$. Then,

$$NB(0, r) = B\left(0, 1 - \frac{r}{2}\right).$$

It is easy to see that $B(0, 1 - \frac{r}{2}) \not\subseteq B(0, r)$, hence N isn't a k -set contraction mapping.

However, $N^2x = N(1 - \frac{x}{2}) = \frac{x}{2}$, then

$$N^2B(0, r) = B\left(0, \frac{r}{2}\right) \subseteq B(0, r).$$

Thus for any measure of noncompactness μ we have

$$\mu(N^2B(0, r)) \leq \frac{1}{2}\mu(B(0, r)),$$

hence N^2 is a k -set contraction mapping with $k = \frac{1}{2}$.

Theorem 7. *Let A be a nonempty closed, bounded and convex subspace of a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ and $N : A \rightarrow A$ be a mapping such that for any $n \geq 1$ we have $N^n(\text{conv}(A)) \subseteq \text{conv}(N^n A)$ and*

$$\mu(N^n A) \leq k_n \mu(A), \tag{3.4}$$

where $k_n \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow +\infty$. Then, N has at least one fixed point.

Proof. Let the iteration $A_n = \text{conv}(NA_{n-1})$, where (A_n) is a sequence of nonempty closed, bounded and convex subsets of X .

It is clear that $(A_n)_n$ is decreasing and by using the properties of the measure of noncompactness, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(A_n) &= \mu(\text{conv}(NA_{n-1})) \\ &\leq \mu(\text{conv}(NA_{n-1})) = \mu(NA_{n-1}) \\ &\leq \mu(N(\text{conv}(NA_{n-2}))) \\ &\leq \mu(N(\text{conv}(NA_{n-2}))) \\ &\leq \mu(N^2(A_{n-2})) \end{aligned}$$

Repeating this process many times we get

$$\mu(A_n) \leq \mu(N^n(A_0)).$$

Using Inequality 3.4. we get $\mu(A_n) \leq \mu(N^n(A_0)) \leq k_n \mu(A_0)$.

By taking the limit, we get $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = 0$, which implies that A_∞ is compact and hence N has at least one fixed point in A_∞ . □

Corollary 2. Let X be a Banach space and N be a mapping such that for each $n \geq 1$, there exists a constant k_n such that

$$\sup_{N^n x, N^n y \in N^n A} \|N^n x - N^n y\| \leq k_n \sup_{x, y \in A} \|x - y\| \text{ for all } A \in \mathcal{M}_X,$$

where, $k_n \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow +\infty$. Then, N has a unique fixed point.

Proof. Easy to see, since by definition $diam(A) = \sup_{x, y \in A} \|x - y\|$. \square

The above corollary includes the theorem given by Caccioppoli in [7] as a special case.

Theorem 8 (Caccioppoli). *Let N be a mapping such that for each $n \geq 1$, there exists a constant k_n such that*

$$\|N^n(x) - N^n(y)\| \leq k_n \|x - y\| \text{ for all } u, v \in X,$$

where, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n < \infty$. Then, N has a unique fixed point.

Proof. As we know the simplest measure of noncompactness is the diameter

$$diam = \sup_{u, v \in A} d(u, v).$$

Let,

$$d(N^n(u), N^n(v)) \leq k_n d(u, v).$$

Then,

$$\sup d(N^n(u), N^n(v)) \leq k_n \sup d(u, v).$$

This is equivalent to say that

$$\mu(N^n A) \leq k_n \mu(A).$$

However, since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n < \infty$, then $k_n \rightarrow 0$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Then from Theorem 7. N has at least one fixed point.

Suppose that p and q are two fixed points for N . Then,

$$d(p, q) = d(N^n(p), N^n(q)) \leq k_n d(p, q)$$

Using that $k_n \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty$. We obtain

$$0 \leq d(p, q) \leq 0,$$

thus $q = p$ and the fixed point is unique. \square

Theorem 9. *Let A be a bounded subset of a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ and $N : A \rightarrow A$ satisfies*

$$\mu(N^n A) \leq \eta(\mu(A)) \mu(A), \tag{3.5}$$

where, either $\eta : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [0, 1)$ is a decreasing function or $\eta : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ is a function such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \eta(t_n) = 1$ implies $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = 0$.

Then, N has a fixed point in A .

Proof. Let $A_{n+1} = \text{conv}(N^n A_n)$ such that (A_n) be a sequence of nonempty closed, bounded and convex subsets of a Banach space X . It is easy to see that (A_n) is a decreasing sequence.

In further, by using Condition 3.5. we get

$$\mu(A_{n+1}) \leq \eta(\mu(A_n)) \mu(A_n). \tag{3.6}$$

Suppose that $\eta : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ is a function such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \eta(t_n) = 1$ implies $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = 0$.

In further, since (A_n) is a decreasing sequence

$$1 \leq \frac{\mu(A_n)}{\mu(A_{n+1})} \leq \frac{1}{\eta(\mu(A_n))} \leq 1.$$

By taking limit, we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_{n+1}) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\eta(\mu(A_n))} = 1.$$

Hence, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \eta(\mu(A_n)) = 1$, which implies that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = 0$. Thus, A_∞ is compact and N has at least one fixed point in A_∞ .

Now, suppose that $\eta : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a decreasing function.

From Inequality 3.6. we have

$$0 \leq \frac{\mu(A_{n+1})}{\mu(A_n)} \leq \eta(\mu(A_n)).$$

Repeating this process and using the fact that η is a decreasing function, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{\mu(A_n)}{\mu(A_{n-1})} \leq \eta(\mu(A_{n-1})) \leq \eta(\mu(A_n)). \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$0 \leq \frac{\mu(A_1)}{\mu(A_0)} \leq \eta(\mu(A_0)) \leq \eta(\mu(A_n)).$$

In further, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \frac{\mu(A_{n+1})}{\mu(A_0)} &= \frac{\mu(A_{n+1})}{\mu(A_n)} \cdot \frac{\mu(A_n)}{\mu(A_{n-1})} \cdots \frac{\mu(A_1)}{\mu(A_0)} \\ &\leq \eta(\mu(A_n)) \cdot \eta(\mu(A_{n-1})) \cdots \eta(\mu(A_0)) \\ &= (\eta(\mu(A_n)))^n. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\eta(\mu(A_n)) \in [0, 1)$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\eta(\mu(A_n)))^n = 0$ and so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu(A_{n+1})}{\mu(A_0)} = 0$ that is $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_{n+1}) = 0$ since $\mu(A_0)$ is a finite constant.

Consequently, A_∞ is compact and N has a fixed point in A_∞ . \square

Theorem 10. *Let A be a nonempty closed, bounded and convex subspace of a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ and $N : A \rightarrow A$ be a mapping such that for any $n \geq 1$ we have $N^n(\text{conv}(A)) \subseteq \text{conv}(N^n A)$ and*

$$\mu(N^n A) \leq \varphi_n(\mu(A)), \quad (3.7)$$

where $\varphi_n : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ are continuous and $\varphi_n \rightarrow 0$, $n \rightarrow +\infty$ uniformly. Then, N has at least one fixed point in A .

Proof. Let $A_{n+1} = \text{conv}(N A_n)$ such that (A_n) be a sequence of nonempty closed, bounded and convex subsets of a Banach space X . then as we did in 3.3, we get

$$\mu(A_n) \leq \mu(N^n(A_0)).$$

By Condition 3.7. we obtain

$$\mu(A_n) \leq \varphi_n(\mu(A_0)).$$

By taking limits, we get

$$0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_n(\mu(A_0)) = 0.$$

Thus, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n) = 0$. Hence, A_∞ is compact and N has at least one fixed point in A_∞ . \square

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