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## R.E. BRUCK, PROOF MINING AND A RATE OF ASYMPTOTIC REGULARITY FOR ERGODIC AVERAGES IN BANACH SPACES

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**Abstract.** We analyze a proof of Bruck to obtain an explicit rate of asymptotic regularity for Cesàro means in uniformly convex Banach spaces. Our rate only depends on a norm bound and a modulus  $\eta$  of uniform convexity. One ingredient for the proof by Bruck is a result of Pisier, which demonstrates that every uniformly convex (in fact, every uniformly nonsquare) Banach space has some Rademacher type q > 1 with a suitable constant  $C_q$ . We explicitly determine q and  $C_q$ , which only depend on the single value  $\eta(1)$  of our modulus. Beyond these specific results, we summarize how work of Bruck has inspired developments in the proof mining program, which applies tools from logic to obtain results in various areas of mathematics.

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#### 1. Introduction

Proof mining is the project of applying proof-theoretic transformations to obtain new quantitative and qualitative information from given proofs in areas of core mathematics such as nonlinear analysis, convex optimization and geodesic geometry (see, e.g., [1]). Bruck, who himself did fundamental work on quantitative issues of metric fixed point theory ([2]), was a major source of inspiration in this program both by providing in his research deep results which naturally asked for a more finitary quantitative treatment as well as by introducing fundamental new notions which were particularly suited for such a proof-theoretic enterprise.

In Section 2, we give a short survey on the important role which results of Bruck have had in the development of proof mining. The most recent proof-theoretic analysis of a work of Bruck was carried out in [3] which gives an explicit rate of metastability (in the sense of T. Tao) for a strong nonlinear ergodic theorem in uniformly convex Banach spaces due to [4] which in turn is crucially based on Bruck's seminal work on the nonlinear mean ergodic theorem [5] and the convex approximation property [6]. In [6], the asymptotic regularity of Cesàro means in uniformly convex Banach spaces was established using that uniformly convex Banach spaces

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X, which are thus B-convex, have a nontrivial Rademacher type q > 1. This latter fact was first established by Pisier in [7].

In Section 3, we extract from Pisier's proof explicit lower estimates > 1 for q and an upper estimate for the relevant constant  $C_q$  witnessing that the space has Rademacher type q in terms of a constant  $\delta > 0$  which witnesses that X is uniformly nonsquare. If X is uniformly convex and  $\eta$  is some modulus of uniform convexity, then  $\delta$  can be taken as  $\delta := \eta(1)$ .

In Section 4, we then give an explicit rate of asymptotic regularity in terms of  $\eta$ , q,  $C_q$  and so - by Section 3 - in terms of  $\eta$  alone. Note that we do not use here the optimal modulus  $\delta_X$  of uniform convexity but any function  $\eta$  witnessing the  $\forall \varepsilon \exists \delta$ -definition of uniform convexity. In Remark 4.2, we comment on an alternative way to obtain a rate of asymptotic regularity, which combines our work with a result of Zhu, Huang and Li [8].

## 2. Bruck and Proof Mining

The work of Bruck contains many important results which he proved by prima facie noneffective means but which do ask - e.g. by their general logical form - for additional computational information. One such example is his convergence result on an iteration scheme (for suitable sequences  $(\lambda_n)$ ,  $(\theta_n)$  in [0,1])

$$x_{n+1} = (1 - \lambda_n)x_n + \lambda_n T x_n - \lambda_n \theta_n (x_n - x_1)$$

for demicontinuous (single valued) pseudo-contractions  $T:C\to C$  on nonempty closed and convex subsets C of a Hilbert space X ([9, Theorem 4]). While the Mann iteration of T is not even asymptotically regular for pseudo-contractions (see [10]) and the Ishikawa iteration is asymptotically regular but strongly convergent only for compact C, Bruck's hybrid scheme converges strongly towards a fixed point of T if T has a fixed point, which e.g. is the case when C additionally is bounded (Bruck's scheme was also studied in Banach spaces; see, e.g., [11, 12, 13]). By a proof-theoretic analysis of Bruck's noneffective proof, Körnlein extracted in [14, 15] an explicit effective rate of metastability in the sense of T. Tao for this convergence result. This work is based in turn on [16], where the special case of Lipschitzian pseudo-contractions had been treated. In this situation, one has the asymptotic regularity of the iteration, i.e.,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}||x_n-Tx_n||=0,$$

even in general Banach spaces and with easier conditions on the scalars involved by a result from [17] from which a polynomial rate of asymptotic regularity was extracted in [16].

Another inspiration for proof mining came from Bruck's nonconstructive proof of the existence of sunny nonexpansive retractions [18] onto fixed point sets Fix(T) of nonexpansive mappings  $T:C\to C$  with  $C\subseteq X$ , where X is reflexive, C is bounded, closed, and convex (actually Bruck's conditions are still weaker), and T satisfies the so-called conditional fixed point property CFP. These conditions always hold, for example, for uniformly smooth spaces. The now common terminology 'sunny nonexpansive retraction' is due to Reich [19]. Bruck [18] refers to these mappings as 'nonexpansive ray retractions'. In [20], Bruck demonstrated that Fix(T) is a nonexpansive retract whenever the underlying space X is a reflexive strictly convex Banach space making use of Zorn's lemma. If X is uniformly smooth, then there is even a sunny nonexpansive retraction and there can – already in smooth spaces – only be at most one such sunny nonexpansive retraction [21]. The first more constructive way of approaching this unique

sunny nonexpansive retraction is Reich's [13] fundamental result that in uniformly smooth Banach spaces the sequence  $(x_n)$  defined by  $x_n$  being the fixed point of the strict contraction

$$T_n: C \to C$$
 with  $T_n(x) := \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)T(x) + \frac{1}{n}u$  for  $u \in C$ 

strongly converges to the sunny nonexpansive retraction onto Fix(T) applied to u. Reich's result actually is more general and, in particular, even applies to the aforementioned pseudocontractions (for more information on (sunny) nonexpansive retractions and retracts, see [22]). However, the convergence proof is highly noneffective and, in fact, one can show that even for simple situations (like  $X := \mathbb{R}$ ) there in general is no computable rate of convergence. In [23], a completely constructive proof for the metastable reformulation of the convergence of  $(x_n)$ (which – noneffectively – trivially is equivalent to the latter) is given together with an explicit rate of metastability (for X being both uniformly smooth and uniformly convex). A different aspect by which Bruck's research is particularly attractive in the course of the proof mining paradigm is his formulation of important classes of mappings such as the firmly nonexpansive mappings [18] and – together with Reich – the averaged (first defined in [24]) and strongly nonexpansive (SNE) mappings [25] as well as the strongly quasi-nonexpansive mappings [26]. All these classes beautifully fit the requirements for proof-theoretically well-behaved classes of nonlinear mappings and play a crucial rule in papers using the proof mining methodology, such as [27, 28, 29]. For example, the condition of being firmly nonexpansive is purely universal and hence 'tame' in the context of the functional interpretations used in proof mining. The same is true for averaged mappings once one has an averaging constant  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  together with a witness  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\alpha \in [\frac{1}{N}, 1 - \frac{1}{N}]$  given. In this case, extracted bounds will additionally depend on N (but not on  $\alpha$ ). Being SNE in its original formulation seemingly has a very high logical complexity, but, in fact, is equivalent to the existence of a number-theoretic function  $\omega$ satisfying a purely universal condition (see [28]):

$$\forall c, k \in \mathbb{N} \, \forall x, y \in C \\ \left( \|x - y\| \le c \wedge \|x - y\| - \|Tx - Ty\| < 2^{-\omega(k)} \to \|(x - y) - (Tx - Ty)\| \le 2^{-k} \right).$$

Then extractable bounds will depend additionally on  $\omega$ . Moreover, from any proof of the property SNE for a class of mappings which satisfy the logical conditions in the metamathematical bound extraction theorems in proof mining, one can extract such an SNE-modulus. This e.g. has been done for the class of firmly nonexpansive mappings in uniformly convex Banach spaces in [28] and for the averaged mappings in Hilbert space in [30]. The important property of SNEmappings being closed under composition results in a simple computation of an SNE-modulus for the compositions of SNE-mappings in terms of SNE-moduli for the individual mappings. All this plays a crucial role in the extraction of a polynomial rate of asymptotic regularity in [31] for Bauschke's solution of the zero displacement conjecture (see also the recent generalization of [31] in [30]) as well as the quantitative analysis of proximal point type algorithms in [32, 33, 34]. In the latter papers, it was crucially used that all firmly nonexpansive mappings in uniformly convex Banach spaces (and so all resolvents) have a common SNE-modulus and that all averaged mappings in Hilbert spaces with some control on the averaging constants have a common SNE-modulus as well. Also the property of being strongly quasi-nonexpansive is logically very well-behaved (when localized to some fixed point p of T) and gives rise to a corresponding modulus which witnesses this property quantitatively and which is used in the extraction of explicit rates of asymptotic regularity and metastability of algorithms which compute common fixed points of such mappings in geodesic settings, such as  $CAT(\kappa)$ -spaces with  $\kappa > 0$  (see [28]).

As mentioned in the introduction, in the course of extracting explicit rates for a strong nonlinear ergodic theorem due to [4], which was carried out in [3], we recently, in particular, analyzed two proofs from [5] and [6], respectively. The first proof concerns the existence of a convex continuous and unbounded function  $\gamma:[0,\infty)\to[0,\infty)$  such that  $\gamma(0)=0$  and for all  $x_1,x_2\in C$  and  $\lambda\in[0,1]$ 

$$\gamma(\|T(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2) - (\lambda Tx_1 + (1-\lambda)Tx_2)\|) \le \|x_1 - x_2\| - \|Tx_1 - Tx_2\|$$

and the second one proves the convex approximation property of B-convex Banach spaces using the fact that such spaces have Rademacher type q > 1 by a result due to Pisier [7]. The latter property was used in [6] to show that, in uniformly convex Banach spaces, the Cesàro means

$$x_n := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T^i x$$

of a nonexpansive map T satisfy the asymptotic regularity property  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - Tx_n|| = 0$ . In the remaining sections, we provide an explicit rate of convergence that only depends on some norm bound b and a given modulus of uniform convexity  $\eta$ .

## 3. ON THE RADEMACHER TYPE OF UNIFORMLY NONSQUARE BANACH SPACES

In this section, we analyze a proof of Pisier [7] to extract quantitative information on the Rademacher types of uniformly nonsquare Banach spaces. We then derive information on a probabilistic characterization of *B*-convexity, which is also due to Pisier [7]. This supplements the quantitative analysis of a proof by Bruck [6] that was carried out in [3].

Consider a sequence  $(\varepsilon_i)$  of independent random variables that take values  $\pm 1$  with probability 1/2. These are conveniently realized by Rademacher functions  $r_i$  on [0,1] (see, e.g., [35, 1]). For  $1 \le q < \infty$  and points  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  in a given Banach space X, we consider the expected value

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\left\|\sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i x_i\right\|^q\right) = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n \in \{-1, 1\}} \left\|\sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i x_i\right\|^q = \int_0^1 \left\|\sum_{i=1}^n r_i(t) x_i\right\|^q dt.$$

We now recall the definition of Rademacher type (see [36, Section 9.2] or [37, Definition 1.e.12]):

**Definition 3.1.** A Banach space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is said to have Rademacher type  $q \in [1, 2]$  with constant  $C_q$  if all finite sequences  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  in X validate

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i} x_{i}\right\|^{q}\right)^{1/q} \leq C_{q} \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|x_{i}\|^{q}\right)^{1/q}.$$
 (\*)

Let us also recall the notion of a uniformly nonsquare Banach space, which is due to James [38] and can be equivalently expressed as follows.

**Definition 3.2.** A Banach space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is uniformly nonsquare if there exists a  $\delta \in (0, 1]$  such that

$$\min\left\{\frac{\|x-y\|}{2}, \frac{\|x+y\|}{2}\right\} \le (1-\delta) \cdot \max\{\|x\|, \|y\|\}$$

holds for all  $x, y \in X$ .

We can now state our goal more precisely. Given  $\delta > 0$ , we want to determine q and  $C_q$  such that any Banach space that is uniformly nonsquare for  $\delta$  has Rademacher type q with constant  $C_q$ . Let us first give a quantitative version of the result that uniformly convex entails uniformly nonsquare:

**Lemma 3.1.** Consider a uniformly convex Banach space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  with a given modulus of convexity  $\eta: (0,2] \to (0,1]$ , which means that all  $\varepsilon \in (0,2]$  and  $x,y \in X$  validate

$$||x||, ||y|| \le 1 \text{ and } ||x-y|| \ge \varepsilon \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left|\left|\frac{x+y}{2}\right|\right| \le 1 - \eta(\varepsilon).$$

Then X is uniformly nonsquare, where we may take  $\delta := \eta(1)$  in Definition 3.2.

Also note that if Definition 3.2 holds for  $\delta$ , then  $1 - \delta$  is an upper bound for  $\lambda_2(X)$  from [7, p. VII.1].

*Proof.* (See also the proof of [39, Theorem 2.2.5]). Put  $\lambda := 1 - \eta(1) < 1$ . Since we may assume that X is non-trivial, let  $e \in X$  be such that ||e|| = 1. Then the fact that  $\eta$  is a modulus of convexity (applied to x := 0, y := e and  $\varepsilon := 1$ ) yields  $\eta(1) \le \frac{1}{2}$  and thus  $\lambda \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ . For any  $x, y \in X$ , we show

$$\min\{\|x - y\|, \|x + y\|\} \le 2\lambda \cdot \max\{\|x\|, \|y\|\}.$$

Without loss of generality, we assume  $\|x\| \ge \|y\|$ . If we have  $\|x\| = 0$ , then the claim holds trivially. We may thus assume  $\|x\| > 0$ , so that we can set  $\tilde{x} := x/\|x\|$  and  $\tilde{y} := y/\|x\|$  to get  $\|\tilde{x}\| = 1$  and  $\|\tilde{y}\| \le 1$ . Due to  $\lambda \ge 1/2$ , the claim holds if we have  $\|x - y\| \le \|x\|$ . In the remaining case we have  $\|\tilde{x} - \tilde{y}\| > 1$ , so that uniform convexity yields  $\|\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}\|/2 \le 1 - \eta(1) = \lambda$  and hence

$$||x+y|| = ||\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}|| \cdot ||x|| \le 2\lambda \cdot ||x||,$$

as required.

In order to connect with an equivalent definition of Rademacher type, we will use the following.

**Proposition 3.1** (Kahane-Kintchine inequality). For q > 1, there exists a constant  $K_q$  such that all finite sequences  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  in any Banach space X validate

$$\int_0^1 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n r_i(t) x_i \right\| dt \le \left( \int_0^1 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n r_i(t) x_i \right\|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \le K_q \cdot \int_0^1 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n r_i(t) x_i \right\| dt.$$

*Indeed, we may take*  $K_q := ((2q-1)/(q-1))^{q-1}$ .

*Proof.* The result coincides with Theorem 1.e.13 of [37] (where  $K_q$  is given in the proof).  $\Box$ 

Pisier in [7] used a different definition of Rademacher type q, which demands a constant  $c_q$  with

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i} x_{i}\right\|^{2}\right)^{1/2} \leq c_{q} \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|x_{i}\|^{q}\right)^{1/q}. \tag{**}$$

We have the following relation with Definition 3.1 ( $q \in [1,2]$ ).

**Lemma 3.2.** (1) If (\*) holds for  $C_q$ , then (\*\*) holds for  $c_q := K_2C_q$ . (2) If (\*\*) holds for  $c_q$ , then (\*) holds for  $C_q := c_q$ .

*Proof.* 1) Given (\*), we obtain from the Kahane-Kintchine inequality

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i} x_{i}\right\|^{2}\right)^{1/2} = \left(\int_{0}^{1} \left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} r_{i}(t) x_{i}\right\|^{2} dt\right)^{1/2} \leq K_{2} \cdot \int_{0}^{1} \left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} r_{i}(t) x_{i}\right\| dt \\
\leq K_{2} \cdot \left(\int_{0}^{1} \left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} r_{i}(t) x_{i}\right\|^{q} dt\right)^{1/q} = K_{2} \cdot \mathbb{E}\left(\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i} x_{i}\right\|^{q}\right)^{1/q} \\
\leq K_{2} \cdot C_{q} \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|x_{i}\|^{q}\right)^{1/q}.$$

2) Given (\*\*), we have

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i} x_{i}\right\|^{q}\right) = \int_{0}^{1} \left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} r_{i}(t) x_{i}\right\|^{q} dt \leq \left(\int_{0}^{1} \left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} r_{i}(t) x_{i}\right\|^{2} dt\right)^{q/2}$$

$$= \left(\mathbb{E}\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i} x_{i}\right\|^{2}\right)^{q/2} \leq c_{q}^{q} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{n} \|x_{i}\|^{q},$$

as

$$\left(\int_0^1 |f(t)|^q dt\right)^{1/q} \le \left(\int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt\right)^{1/2}$$

holds for square-integrable f and  $q \in [1,2]$ .

By analysing the proof of [7, Corollary 1], we obtain the following numerical estimate.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a uniformly nonsquare Banach space with  $\delta \in (0,1)$  witnessing this property. Define  $\lambda := 1 - \delta$ . Assume that  $\zeta \in (0,1)$  is so small and that  $p' \in [2, \infty)$  is so large that

$$\frac{1-\zeta}{1+2\sqrt{2\zeta}} \geq \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2\lambda^2+2} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \frac{1}{2^{1/p'}} \geq 1-\zeta.$$

Take p with  $1 = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'}$ . Then, for any  $q \in (1, p)$ , the space X has Rademacher type q with constant

$$C_q = 3 \cdot \frac{2^{1/q}}{2^{(1/q) - (1/p)} - 1}.$$

*Proof.* For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , Pisier [7] defined  $\mu_n(X)$  as the least real  $\mu \geq 0$  such that

$$\left(\int_0^1 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n r_i(t) x_i \right\|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \le \mu \cdot n \cdot \max_{1 \le i \le n} \|x_i\|$$

holds for any finite sequence  $(x_1, ..., x_n)$  in X. Similarly, he defined  $v_n(X)$  as the least  $v \ge 0$  with

$$\left(\int_0^1 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n r_i(t) x_i \right\|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \le v \cdot \sqrt{n} \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^2\right)^{1/2}.$$

The  $\lambda$  of the present theorem is an upper bound for  $\lambda_2(X)$  from [7], as noted after Lemma 3.1 above. Together with inequality (2) on page VII.10 of [7] (which needs to be corrected with the missing factor 1/n), we have

$$\mu_2(X) \le \frac{1}{2} \left\lceil \frac{4\lambda^2 + 4}{2} \right\rceil^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2\lambda^2 + 2} \in (0, 1).$$

For  $\zeta$  and p' as in the present theorem, the argument on pages VII.10-11 of [7] does now yield

$$v_2(X) \le 1 - \zeta \le \frac{1}{2^{1/p'}}.$$

By Lemma 4 of [7], it follows that X has Rademacher type q with a suitable constant  $C_q$ , for any q as in the present theorem. To determine  $C_q$ , we work out the proof of the cited lemma (which Pisier describes as analogous to the one of Lemma 2 from [7]). Assume that we have  $v_N(X) \leq 1/N^{1/p'}$  for some integer  $N \geq 2$  and real  $p' \geq 2$  (we only need N = 2 but state the original more general result). Given  $q \in (1,p)$  with 1 = (1/p) + (1/p'), we shall establish (\*\*) for suitable  $c_q$ . Due to Lemma 3.2, it will follow that the Rademacher property (\*) holds for  $C_q := c_q$ . Aiming at (\*\*), we consider an arbitrary sequence  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  in X. For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we put

$$A(k) := \left\{ j \in \{1, \dots, n\} : \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|x_i\|^q}{N^{k+1}} \right)^{1/q} < \|x_j\| \le \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|x_i\|^q}{N^k} \right)^{1/q} \right\}.$$

Write |A(k)| for the cardinality of A(k). We pick a bijection  $f: \{1, ..., |A(k)|\} \to A(k)$  and compute

$$\left(\int_{0}^{1} \left\| \sum_{i \in A(k)} r_{i}(t) x_{i} \right\|^{2} dt \right)^{1/2} = \left(\int_{0}^{1} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{|A(k)|} r_{i}(t) x_{f(i)} \right\|^{2} dt \right)^{1/2} \\ \leq \mu_{|A(k)|}(X) \cdot |A(k)| \cdot \max_{i \in A(k)} \|x_{i}\|.$$

Here the inequality holds by the definition of  $\mu_n(X)$ . The equality relies on the fact that the Rademacher functions represent independent copies of the same random variable, which allows us to omit the index shift from  $r_i$  to  $r_{f(i)}$ . For each  $i \in \{1, ..., n\}$  with  $x_i \neq 0$ , we have  $i \in A(k)$  for a unique integer  $k \geq 0$  (so that almost all A(k) are empty). Using the Kahane-Kintchine

inequality, we have

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i} x_{i}\right\|^{2}\right)^{1/2} = \left(\int_{0}^{1} \left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} r_{i}(t) x_{i}\right\|^{2} dt\right)^{1/2} \leq K_{2} \cdot \int_{0}^{1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left\|\sum_{i \in A(k)} r_{i}(t) x_{i}\right\| dt$$

$$\leq K_{2} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\int_{0}^{1} \left\|\sum_{i \in A(k)} r_{i}(t) x_{i}\right\|^{2} dt\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\leq K_{2} \cdot \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_{|A(k)|}(X) \cdot |A(k)|}{N^{k/q}}\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|x_{i}\|^{q}\right)^{1/q},$$

which is already close to (\*\*). We have  $|A(k)| \le N^{k+1}$ , as on page VII.5 of [7]. By Proposition 3 and Lemma 3 from the same reference, this yields the first inequality in

$$\mu_{|A(k)|}(X) \cdot |A(k)| \le \nu_N(X)^{k+1} \cdot N^{k+1} \le \frac{N^{k+1}}{N^{(k+1)/p'}} = N^{(k+1)/p}.$$

The second inequality and equality rely on  $v_N(X) \le 1/N^{1/p'}$  and 1 = (1/p) + (1/p'). One can conclude

$$K_2 \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_{|A(k)|}(X) \cdot |A(k)|}{N^{k/q}} \le K_2 \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{N^{1/p}}{N^{k \cdot (1/q - 1/p)}} = K_2 \cdot \frac{N^{1/q}}{N^{(1/q) - (1/p)} - 1} =: c_{N,q}.$$

We have thus established (\*\*) with  $c_{N,q}$  at the place of  $c_q$ . Under the assumptions of the theorem, we get the Rademacher property (\*) for  $C_q := c_{2,q}$ , as seen above. Now we only need to note that  $K_2 = 3$ .

In the next section, we need the following consequence of the Rademacher property.

**Proposition 3.2** ([36, Proposition 9.11]). Assume that  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space of Rademacher type  $q \in [1,2]$  with constant  $C_q$ . Then, for every finite sequence  $X_1, \ldots, X_n$  of independent mean zero Radon random variables in  $L_q(X)$ , one has

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i\right\|^q\right)^{1/q} \le 2C_q \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E}\left(\|X_i\|^q\right)\right)^{1/q}. \tag{+}$$

Together with the previous results, the proposition yields c and q as in condition (9) of [3].

**Remark 3.1.** We only need the special case of Proposition 3.2 in which each of the  $X_i$  assumes value  $(x_j - x)/q$  with probability  $\lambda_j$ , for a given convex combination  $x = \sum \lambda_j x_j$ . In this case, one can deduce the proposition by elementary manipulations of finite sums.

# 4. A RATE OF ASYMPTOTIC REGULARITY FOR ERGODIC AVERAGES IN UNIFORMLY CONVEX BANACH SPACES

For Hilbert spaces, there is an easy quadratic rate of asymptotic regularity for the sequence of Cesàro means, which is given (see, e.g., [40], which was further improved and simplified in

[41] and [42]) by

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T^i x - T \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T^i x \right) \right\| \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \operatorname{diam}(C) \quad \text{for} \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}.$$

The asymptotic regularity for the Cesàro means in uniformly convex Banach spaces was first proved in [6] (see, however, also the earlier paper [43] of Reich). Although this proof by Bruck is essentially constructive, the concrete rate of convergence hidden in the proof is left implicit. In this section, we extract the explicit rate that is specified in the following theorem. Let us emphasize that q and  $C_q$  can be chosen according to Theorem 3.1, where we may take  $\delta = \eta(1)$  due to Lemma 3.1. Thus our rate depends on  $\eta$  and b only, where  $\eta$  is a modulus of uniform convexity of the space in question and b > 0 is such that  $C \subseteq B_{b/2}(0) := \{x \in X : ||x|| \le b/2\}$ . We point out that the superscript of  $\xi$  denotes iterations, which are explained by  $\xi^0(t) := t$  and  $\xi^{p+1}(t) := \xi(\xi^p(t))$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space that is uniformly convex with modulus  $\eta$ . Consider a nonexpansive map  $T: C \to C$  on a nonempty subset  $C \subseteq B_{b/2}(0)$  that is closed and convex. Assume that X is of Rademacher type  $q \in (1,2]$  with constant  $C_q$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , pick  $\tilde{p} \in \mathbb{N}$  so large that we have  $2C_q \cdot \tilde{p}^{(1-q)/q} \leq \varepsilon/(9b)$ . Consider  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $p \geq 2b/\delta^2$  for

$$\delta := \xi^{\tilde{p}}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{9}\right) \quad with \quad \xi(t) := \frac{t}{12} \cdot \eta\left(\min\left\{2, \frac{t}{h}\right\}\right).$$

For any  $\alpha < \xi^{p-1}(\delta^2/2)$  with  $0 < \alpha < \varepsilon/3$  and arbitrary  $x \in C$ , we then have

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T^i x - T \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T^i x \right) \right\| \le \varepsilon \quad \text{for all} \quad n \ge \frac{b}{\alpha}.$$

The proof of the theorem will occupy us for the rest of this section. As noted before, we use a modulus  $\eta:(0,2]\to(0,1]$  that satisfies the condition in Lemma 3.1 but need not be optimal. We set

$$\eta_1(0) := 0$$
 and  $\eta_1(\varepsilon) := \sup \{ \eta(\varepsilon') | 0 < \varepsilon' \le \min\{2, \varepsilon\} \}$ 

to obtain a function  $\eta_1:[0,\infty)\to[0,1]$  that is increasing. Now let  $\tilde{\eta}:[0,\infty)\to[0,\infty)$  be given by

$$\tilde{\eta}(\varepsilon) := \frac{1}{2} \cdot \int_0^{\varepsilon} \eta_1(t) dt.$$

The point is that this makes  $\tilde{\eta}$  convex. Given that  $\varepsilon \in (0,2]$  entails  $0 < \tilde{\eta}(\varepsilon) \le \eta_1(\varepsilon)$ , we see that  $\tilde{\eta}$  is still a modulus of uniform convexity for X. We now consider the function  $\gamma: [0,\infty) \to [0,\infty)$  with

$$\gamma(arepsilon) := rac{b}{2} \cdot ilde{\eta}\left(rac{4arepsilon}{b}
ight).$$

Let us note that  $\gamma$  is continuous and strictly increasing with image  $[0,\infty)$ . We thus get a continuous and strictly increasing inverse  $\gamma^{-1}:[0,\infty)\to[0,\infty)$ . Furthermore, the function  $\gamma$  is convex. Our functions  $\tilde{\eta}$  and  $\gamma$  coincide with  $\eta$  and  $\gamma$  from Remark 2.3 and Definition 2.1 of [3], respectively (given that  $\eta_1(t) \leq 1$  entails  $\tilde{\eta}(\varepsilon) \leq \varepsilon/2$  and hence  $\gamma(\varepsilon) \leq \varepsilon$ ). By [3, Lemma 2.2] (essentially a result of Bruck [5]), we learn that T is of type  $(\gamma)$ , i.e.,

$$\gamma(\|T(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2) - (\lambda Tx_1 + (1-\lambda)Tx_2)\|) \le \|x_1 - x_2\| - \|Tx_1 - Tx_2\|$$

holds for any  $x_1, x_2 \in C$  and all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** For  $\tilde{q}:[0,\infty)\to[0,\infty)$  with  $\tilde{q}(\varepsilon):=\gamma^{-1}(3\varepsilon)+\varepsilon$  and for  $\xi$  as in Theorem 4.1, we have

$$t \in [0, \xi^p(\varepsilon)) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tilde{q}^p(t) \in [0, \varepsilon).$$

*Proof.* We use induction to reduce to the case of p=1. The claim is immediate for p=0. In the induction step, the case of p=1 (with  $\xi^p(\varepsilon)$  at the place of  $\varepsilon$ ) and the induction hypothesis yield

$$t \in \left[0, \xi^{p+1}(\varepsilon)\right) = \left[0, \xi(\xi^p(\varepsilon))\right) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tilde{q}(t) \in \left[0, \xi^p(\varepsilon)\right) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tilde{q}^{p+1}(t) = \tilde{q}^p(\tilde{q}(p)) \in [0, \varepsilon).$$

To establish the result for p = 1, we first observe that

$$\tilde{\eta}(\varepsilon) \geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \cdot \eta_1\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \cdot \eta\left(\min\left\{2, \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right\}\right)$$

as  $\eta_1$  is increasing. With  $2\varepsilon/b$  at the place of  $\varepsilon$ , we have

$$\xi(\varepsilon) = \frac{\varepsilon}{12} \cdot \eta\left(\min\left\{2, \frac{\varepsilon}{b}\right\}\right) \le \frac{b}{6} \cdot \tilde{\eta}\left(\frac{2\varepsilon}{b}\right) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \gamma\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right).$$

Since  $\tilde{q}$  is strictly increasing, it follows that  $t < \xi(\varepsilon)$  entails

$$ilde{q}(t) < ilde{q}\left(rac{1}{3} \cdot \gamma\left(rac{arepsilon}{2}
ight)
ight) = \gamma^{-1}\left(\gamma\left(rac{arepsilon}{2}
ight)
ight) + rac{1}{3} \cdot \gamma\left(rac{arepsilon}{2}
ight) < arepsilon.$$

Here the last inequality holds because we have  $\gamma(t) \leq t$ , as observed above.

The following is a final preparation for the proof of our main theorem.

**Lemma 4.2.** For  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ , we consider  $q_n : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  with  $q_n(\varepsilon) := \gamma^{-1}(2\varepsilon + (b/n)) + \varepsilon$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$n \geq \frac{b}{\varepsilon} \quad \Rightarrow \quad q_n^p(\varepsilon) \leq \tilde{q}^p(\varepsilon) \text{ for all } p \in \mathbb{N} .$$

*Proof.* Since  $n \geq b/\varepsilon$  entails  $2\varepsilon + (b/n) \leq 3\varepsilon$ , the result for p = 1 follows from the fact that  $\gamma^{-1}$  is increasing. We derive the general case by induction on p. As before, the case of p = 0 is immediate. In the induction step, the induction hypothesis and the fact that  $q_n$  is increasing yield  $q_n^{p+1}(\varepsilon) = q_n(q_n^p(\varepsilon)) \leq q_n(\tilde{q}^p(\varepsilon))$ . Since  $\tilde{q}$  is increasing with  $\varepsilon \leq \tilde{q}(\varepsilon)$ , we get  $\varepsilon \leq \tilde{q}^p(\varepsilon)$  by an auxiliary induction on p. Given  $n \geq b/\varepsilon$ , we thus have  $n \geq b/\tilde{q}^p(\varepsilon)$ . Now the result for p = 1 (with  $\tilde{q}^p(\varepsilon)$  at the place of  $\varepsilon$ ) yields

$$q_n(\tilde{q}^p(\varepsilon)) \leq \tilde{q}(\tilde{q}^p(\varepsilon)) = \tilde{q}^{p+1}(\varepsilon),$$

as needed to complete the induction step.

We now have all ingredients to show the result that was stated above:

**Proof of Theorem 4.1.** Let  $F_{\delta}(T) = \{x \in C : ||x - Tx|| \le \delta\}$  be the set of  $\delta$ -approximate fixed points of T. For  $S \subseteq X$ , we write

$$\operatorname{co}_p(S) := \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i \,\middle|\, x_i \in S \text{ and } \lambda_i \ge 0 \text{ with } \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_i = 1 \text{ for } n \le p \right\}$$

for the set of convex combinations of at most p elements. By  $co(S) := \bigcup_{p \in \mathbb{N}} co_p(S)$  we denote the convex hull. For arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we will show that the  $\delta$  that is specified in Theorem 4.1 validates

$$\operatorname{co}(F_{\delta}(T)) \subseteq F_{\varepsilon/3}(T).$$
 (++)

Before we prove this, we show how to deduce the theorem. First note that the closure of  $co(F_{\delta}(T))$  will still be contained in  $F_{\varepsilon/3}(T)$ , as the latter is closed. As in Theorem 4.1, we assume  $p \ge 2b/\delta^2$  and  $\alpha < \xi^{p-1}(\delta^2/2)$ . For  $\tilde{q}$  and  $q_n$  as above, Lemmas 4.1 and 4.2 yield

$$q_n^{p-1}(\alpha) \le \tilde{q}^{p-1}(\alpha) < \frac{\delta^2}{2}$$
 for all  $n \ge \frac{b}{\alpha}$ .

For  $x_n := T^n x$ , we clearly have  $||x_{n+1} - Tx_n|| = 0 \le \alpha$ . We have established all properties that are used in the proof of Theorem 1.3 from [6], which shows that any  $x \in C$  validates

$$\frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T^i x \in F_{\varepsilon}(T) \quad \text{for all} \quad n \ge \frac{b}{\alpha}.$$

This coincides with the conclusion of the desired Theorem 4.1. It remains to show that the  $\delta$  from the theorem satisfies (++). Due to the assumption that X has Rademacher type q with constant  $C_q$ , we can apply Proposition 3.2. As noted above, this yields condition (9) of [3], with X and  $2C_q$  at the place of  $X^2$  and c. Essentially by [3, Lemma 2.6] (based on the proof of [6, Theorem 1.1]), we have  $co(M) \subseteq co_{\tilde{p}}(M) + B_{\varepsilon/9}$  for any  $M \subseteq B_{b/2}$ , provided that we have  $2C_q \cdot \tilde{p}^{(1-q)/q} \le \varepsilon/(9b)$  as in Theorem 4.1. The function  $\tilde{q}$  is continuous and strictly increasing with image  $[0,\infty)$ , as the same holds for  $\gamma^{-1}$ . Let  $\sigma = \tilde{q}^{-1} : [0,\infty) \to [0,\infty)$  be its inverse. As in the proof of Theorem 1.2 in [6], one can show

$$\delta \leq \sigma^{\tilde{p}}(\varepsilon/9) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \operatorname{co}(F_{\delta}(T)) \subseteq F_{\varepsilon/3}(T).$$

To obtain (++) for  $\delta = \xi^{\tilde{p}}(\varepsilon/9)$  as in Theorem 4.1, we show  $\xi^{i}(t) \leq \sigma^{i}(t)$  by induction on  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let us first note that Lemma 4.1 yields  $\tilde{q}(\xi(s)) \leq s$ , as  $\tilde{q}$  is continuous. Since  $\sigma = \tilde{q}^{-1}$  is increasing, we can conclude  $\xi(s) \leq \sigma(s)$ . Given  $s := \xi^{i}(t) \leq \sigma^{i}(t)$ , we thus obtain

$$\xi^{i+1}(t) = \xi(\xi^i(t)) \le \sigma(\xi^i(t)) \le \sigma(\sigma^i(t)) = \sigma^{i+1}(t),$$

as needed for the induction step. This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

As promised in the introduction, we now discuss an alternative rate of the asymptotic regularity.

**Remark 4.1.** As shown by Bruck (see [6, Theorem 2.1]), the above function  $\gamma$  can be transformed into a continuous, strictly increasing, and convex  $\tilde{\gamma}: [0,\infty) \to [0,\infty)$  with  $\tilde{\gamma}(0) = 0$  such that

$$\widetilde{\gamma}\left(\left\|T\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n}\lambda_{i}x_{i}\right)-\sum_{i=1}^{n}\lambda_{i}Tx_{i}\right\|\right) \leq \max_{1\leq i,j\leq n}\left(\left\|x_{i}-x_{j}\right\|-\left\|Tx_{i}-Tx_{j}\right\|\right)$$

holds for any convex combination  $\sum \lambda_i x_i$ . By a result of Zhu, Huang and Li, the conclusion of our Theorem 4.1 holds for all n above a certain  $n_0$  that depends on such a  $\tilde{\gamma}$  (see Lemma 3.5 of [8], which works in a more general semigroup setting). In Section 2 of [3], we have proved how  $\tilde{\gamma}$  can be expressed in terms of b, c, q, and  $\eta$ , assuming that  $X^2$  has Rademacher type q with constant c (but note that the  $\tilde{\gamma}$  in [3] is not made convex). Now Section 3 of the present paper demonstrates how to express c and q in terms of  $\eta$ . This makes it possible to express the rate of

Zhu, Huang and Li in terms of  $\eta$  and b. A very rough comparison suggests that our rate from Theorem 4.1 is better, as it involves fewer iterations of  $\eta$  when q is close to 1. However, we have not established a precise comparison between the two rates.

To conclude, we observe how certain assumptions can be weakened.

**Remark 4.2.** First, note that the proof above involves  $x_n = T^n x$  with  $||x_{n+1} - Tx_n|| = 0$ . The argument does also go through for different  $x_n$  that satisfy  $||x_{n+1} - Tx_n|| \le \alpha$  for all n. Secondly, the assumption that  $C \subseteq B_{b/2}(0)$  is bounded can be secured when  $T: C' \to C'$  is defined on an unbounded set C' (still assumed to be closed and convex) and has a fixed point f = T(f), as pointed out in [3]. Indeed, for given  $x \in C'$ , we can then consider

$$C := C' \cap B_{\|x-f\|}(f) \subseteq B_{\|x-f\|+\|f\|}(0),$$

which is closed and convex with  $T(C) \subseteq C \ni x$ . In fact, it is enough to have a d > 0 such that T has arbitrarily good approximate fixed points in  $B_d(0)$ , i.e., such that  $B_d(0) \cap F_{\varepsilon}(T) \neq \emptyset$  holds for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Indeed, for any  $f \in F_{\varepsilon}(T)$ , we inductively obtain

$$||T^n f - f|| \le ||T^n f - T^{n-1} f|| + ||T^{n-1} f - f|| \le ||T f - f|| + (n-1) \cdot \varepsilon \le n \cdot \varepsilon.$$

Given  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  and for arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we now pick  $f \in B_d(0) \cap F_{\varepsilon/n}(0)$  to obtain

$$||T^n x|| \le ||T^n x - T^n f|| + ||T^n f - f|| + ||f|| \le ||x - f|| + \varepsilon + ||f|| \le ||x|| + 2 \cdot d + \varepsilon.$$

As  $\varepsilon > 0$  was arbitrary, we may now omit it, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This allows us to consider

$$R := \limsup_{n \to \infty} \|x - T^n x\| \le 2 \cdot (\|x\| + d).$$

As in the proof of [44, Theorem 1] (for the simple case where  $(a_{nk})$  is the identity matrix), the set

$$C := \left\{ y \in C' \left| \limsup_{n \to \infty} \|y - T^n x\| \le R \right. \right\} \subseteq B_{R + \|x\| + 2d}(0)$$

is closed and convex with  $T(C) \subseteq C \ni x$ . Note that the Browder-Göhde-Kirk fixed point theorem will now yield an actual fixed point in C. The fact that approximate fixed points can play the role of actual ones is also guaranteed by logical metatheorems from proof mining (see Corollaries 5.2 and 6.8 as well as the comment following Remark 5.9 of [45]).

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