

FIXED POINT THEORY FOR VOLTERRA CONTRACTIVE OPERATORS OF MATKOWSKI TYPE IN FRÉCHET SPACES

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Abstract. We first prove a fixed point theorem for contractive maps of Matkowski type defined on a closed subset of a Fréchet space. Also we establish new Leray-Schauder results for contractive type maps between Fréchet spaces. The proof relies on fixed point theory in Banach spaces and viewing a Fréchet space as the projective limit of a sequence of Banach spaces.

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1. Introduction

This paper presents new fixed point theorems for contractive type maps between Fréchet spaces. We begin by proving a fixed point theorem for contractive maps of Matkowski type defined on a closed subset of a Fréchet space. However in applications one would like to have a Leray-Schauder alternative in a Fréchet space setting. The usual Leray-Schauder alternatives in the non-normable situation are rarely of interest from an application viewpoint (this point seems to be overlooked by many authors) since the set constructed is usually open and bounded and so has empty interior. However it is possible to extend fixed point theory in Banach spaces to fixed point theory in Fréchet spaces and as a result in this paper we will obtain applicable Leray-Schauder alternatives in Fréchet spaces. In the literature [1, 2, 3, 6] one usually assumes the map F is defined on a subset X of a Fréchet space E and its restriction (again called F) is well defined on $\overline{X_n}$ (see Section 2). In general of course for Volterra operators the restriction is always defined on X_n and

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