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EXTENSIONS OF NONEXPANSIVE MAPPINGS IN THE HILBERT BALL WITH  
THE HYPERBOLIC METRIC. PART I.

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**Abstract:** In an open unit disc  $\Delta \subset \mathbb{C}$  we have the Poincaré metric  $\rho_1$ . If  $T: X \rightarrow \Delta$  is a  $\rho_1$ -nonexpansive mapping of a subset  $X$  of  $\Delta$  into  $\Delta$ , then there exists a  $\rho_1$ -nonexpansive mapping  $\tilde{T}: \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$  such that its restriction to  $X$  is identical with  $T$ .

If in a complex Hilbert space  $H$  we take an open unit ball  $B$  with the hyperbolic metric, then for  $\dim H \geq 2$  the above fact is not true. Similarly as in  $\Delta^n$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

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Let  $B$  denote an open unit ball of a complex Hilbert space  $H$ .  $B$  can be furnished with the invariant hyperbolic metric  $\rho_1$  given by the formula

$$\rho_1(x, y) = \tanh^{-1} [(1 - (x, y))^{1/2}],$$

where

$$\rho(x, y) = \frac{(1 - \|x\|^2)(1 - \|y\|^2)}{|1 - (x, y)|^2}.$$

$B(x, r)$  denotes a closed ball in  $(B, \rho_1)$  centered at  $x$  and of radius  $r$ .

It has been recently shown ([2], [3], [5]) that several ideas from the theory of nonexpansive mappings in Banach spaces can be used to yield new results concerning holomorphic self-mappings of  $B$  which are  $\rho_1$ -nonexpansive. In particular, it is useful to observe that certain metrical properties of  $(B, \rho_1)$  are analogous to properties of Hilbert spaces. Therefore there is a natural question if the Kirszbraun-Valentine theorem ([6]) on the existence of nonexpansive extensions for nonexpansive mappings in an arbitrary Hilbert space is still true in  $(B, \rho_1)$ . In this paper we give the answer to this question.

We will consider first the case  $\dim H = 1$ . Then  $B$  is equal to the unit

disc  $\Delta$  on the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\rho_1$  is the Poincaré metric. The key role in our considerations will be played by the following

**Lemma 1.** Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3$  be points of  $\Delta$  satisfying inequalities  $\rho_1(b_k, b_j) \leq \rho_1(a_k, a_j)$  for  $k, j=1, 2, 3$ . Then there exist points  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  in  $\Delta$  such that

(i) the inequalities  $\rho_1(c_k, c_j) \leq \rho_1(a_k, a_j)$  ( $k, j=1, 2, 3, k \neq j$ ) are satisfied and at least two of them are actually equalities;

(ii) if the balls  $B(c_1, r_1), B(c_2, r_2), B(c_3, r_3)$  have a nonempty intersection, then

$$\bigcap_{k=1}^3 B(b_k, r_k) \neq \emptyset.$$

**Proof:** Without loss of generality we may assume that  $0=b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \text{Im}(b_3) \leq 0, \rho_1(0, b_2) < \rho_1(a_1, a_2)$  and  $\rho_1(0, b_3) < \rho_1(a_1, a_3)$ . It is easy to observe that there exists a point  $c_1 = i\alpha \in \Delta$  ( $0 < \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ) satisfying

$$\rho_1(c_1, b_2) = \rho_1(a_1, a_2), \quad \rho_1(c_1, b_3) \leq \rho_1(a_1, a_3)$$

or

$$\rho_1(c_1, b_2) \leq \rho_1(a_1, a_2), \quad \rho_1(c_1, b_3) = \rho_1(a_1, a_3).$$

Let us denote  $c_2 = b_2, c_3 = b_3$ . Obviously if  $\bigcap_{k=1}^3 B(c_k, r_k) \neq \emptyset$  then

$\bigcap_{k=1}^3 B(b_k, r_k) \neq \emptyset$  ([3]). Applying this construction at most twice we get the sought points  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ .

**Lemma 2.** If  $a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3$  are points of  $\Delta$  such that  $\rho_1(b_k, b_j) \leq \rho_1(a_k, a_j)$  ( $k, j=1, 2, 3$ ) and  $\bigcap_{k=1}^3 B(a_k, r_k) \neq \emptyset$  for some  $r_1, r_2, r_3 > 0$ , then  $\bigcap_{k=1}^3 B(b_k, r_k) \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proof:** By Lemma 1 we may assume that  $a_1 = b_1 = 0, 0 < a_2 = b_2 \in \mathbb{R}, a_3 = re^{i\alpha}, re^{i\beta}$ , where  $0 < r < 1$ . We have

$$(1-a_2^2)(1-r^2)(1+a_2^2r^2-2a_2r\cos\alpha)^{-1} = \sigma(a_2, a_3) \leq \sigma(b_2, b_3) = \\ = (1-b_2^2)(1-r^2)(1+b_2^2r^2-2b_2r\cos\beta)^{-1}$$

and therefore  $0 \leq \beta \leq \alpha \leq \pi$ . In  $\bigcap_{k=1}^3 B(a_k, r_k)$  we may find a point  $Re^{it\alpha}$ , where  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  ([3]). Hence the point  $Re^{it\beta}$  lies in  $\bigcap_{k=1}^3 B(b_k, r_k)$ .

Now we may prove the following

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\{B(x_\alpha, r_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in I}$ ,  $\{B(x'_\alpha, r'_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be two families of balls in the disc  $\Delta$ . If  $\rho_1(x'_\alpha, x'_\beta) \leq \rho_1(x_\alpha, x_\beta)$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in I$  and the intersection  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} B(x_\alpha, r_\alpha)$  is nonempty then so is the intersection  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} B(x'_\alpha, r'_\alpha)$ .

**Proof:** To prove this theorem it is sufficient to apply the Helly's Theorem ([4]) and Lemma 2.

The usual procedure based on the Kuratowski-Zorn Lemma gives the theorem on the existence of nonexpansive extension.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $T: X \rightarrow \Delta$  be a  $\rho_1$ -nonexpansive mapping of a subset  $X$  of  $\Delta$  into  $\Delta$ . There exists a  $\rho_1$ -nonexpansive mapping  $\tilde{T}: \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$  such that its restriction to  $X$  is identical with  $T$ .

Lemma 2, Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 fail to be true without assumption that  $\dim H=1$  as shown by the following example. In  $C^2$  we take points  $a_1 = (\alpha, 0)$ ,  $a_2 = (i\alpha, 0)$ ,  $a_3 = (-i\alpha, 0)$ ,  $b_1 = (\alpha', 0)$ ,  $b_2 = (0, \alpha)$ ,  $b_3 = (0, -\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha, \alpha' \in (0, 1)$  and  $\alpha' = \alpha[(1+\alpha^2)(1+\alpha^4)]^{-1/2}$ .

For  $r = \tanh^{-1} \alpha$  we have  $0 \in \bigcap_{k=1}^3 B(a_k, r_k)$  and  $\bigcap_{k=1}^3 B(b_k, r_k) = \emptyset$ .

Now let us consider the domain  $B^n = B \times \dots \times B$ . The hyperbolic metric  $\rho_n$  on this domain is defined by

$$\rho_n((x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n)) = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \rho_1(x_k, y_k)$$

for  $(x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in B^n$  ([1]). If we take  $H=C$ ,  $n=2$  and  $B \times B = \Delta \times \Delta$  then for the points  $a_1 = (0, 0)$ ,  $a_2 = (\alpha, 0)$ ,  $a_3 = (0, \alpha)$ ,  $b_1 = (0, 0)$ ,  $b_2 = (\alpha, 0)$ ,

$$b_3 = \left( \frac{\alpha(\alpha^2+1)}{2} + i \frac{\alpha[4-(\alpha^2+1)^2]^{1/2}}{2}, 0 \right)$$

and  $r = \frac{1}{2} \tanh^{-1} \alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha < 1$ ) we obtain  $\bigcap_{k=1}^3 B(a_k, r_k) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\bigcap_{k=1}^3 B(b_k, r_k) = \emptyset$ .

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