

Weak* fixed point property in ℓ_1

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A typical problem in the study of fixed point property for nonexpansive mappings is to characterize the spaces enjoying this property within a specific class of Banach spaces (see, e.g., [6, 5]).

We recall that the space X^* is said to have the weak* fixed point property (briefly, w^* -FPP) if for every nonempty, convex, w^* -compact subset C of X^* , every nonexpansive mapping (i.e., a mapping $T : C \rightarrow C$ such that $\|T(x) - T(y)\| \leq \|x - y\|$ for all $x, y \in C$) has a fixed point.

In this talk we study the w^* -fixed point property for the space ℓ_1 endowed with the weak* topologies generated by different preduals X . First, we provide some sufficient conditions for w^* -FPP in ℓ_1 based on the presence of particular subspaces in the predual X of ℓ_1 . Then, we completely characterize w^* -FPP in ℓ_1 in terms of the existence of specific quotients of the predual space X . A key tool of our results is a detailed study of the hyperplanes of the space c of convergent sequences ([1]). Moreover, also a particular class of ℓ_1 -preduals, the spaces of affine functions on Choquet simplex, plays an important role. Finally, we show that, in our characterizations, the existence of suitable quotients in the preduals X of ℓ_1 cannot be replaced by that of subspaces in X .

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