

## ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR OF RESOLVENTS ON COMPLETE GEODESIC SPACES WITH NEGATIVE CURVATURE

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**ABSTRACT.** The resolvent for a proper lower semicontinuous convex function is one of the most important notions in the theory of convex analysis. Asymptotic behavior of resolvents is an important subject and there are a lot of results in various settings of underlying spaces. In this paper, we consider asymptotic behavior of resolvents on complete geodesic spaces with negative curvature.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The resolvents for a proper lower semicontinuous convex function is one of the most important notions in the theory of convex analysis. The asymptotic behavior of resolvents is an important subject and there are a lot of results in various settings of underlying spaces. In a Hilbert space  $H$ , if  $f: H \rightarrow ]-\infty, \infty]$  is a proper lower semicontinuous convex function, then a resolvent  $J_\lambda$  is defined by

$$J_\lambda x = \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in H} \left\{ f(y) + \frac{1}{\lambda} \|y - x\|^2 \right\}$$

for all  $x \in H$ . We consider the limit  $J_\lambda x$  as  $\lambda$  tends to  $\infty$  and 0. The following are well-known facts. See [4], for instance.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $f: H \rightarrow ]-\infty, \infty]$  a proper lower semicontinuous convex function. If  $\{J_{\mu_n} x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded for some sequence  $\{\mu_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mu_n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\operatorname{argmin} f \neq \emptyset$  and*

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} J_\lambda x = P_{\operatorname{argmin} f} x.$$

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**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $f: H \rightarrow ]-\infty, \infty]$  a proper lower semicontinuous convex function. Then*

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow +0} J_\lambda x = P_{\overline{\text{dom } f}} x.$$

Furthermore, a complete CAT(0) space is a generalization of Hilbert spaces and under the same condition as a function  $f$  on a Hilbert space, a resolvent on a complete CAT(0) space is defined by

$$J_\lambda x = \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in X} \left\{ f(y) + \frac{1}{\lambda} d(y, x)^2 \right\}$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where the function  $d(\cdot, x)^2$  is called a perturbation function. Asymptotic behavior of this resolvent is considered by [1] and the same results as the case of Hilbert spaces are obtained. On the other hand, a complete CAT(-1) space is an example of CAT(0) spaces. On a complete CAT(-1) space, a resolvent with another perturbation is defined by [3]. Its perturbation function is  $\tanh d(x, \cdot) \sinh d(x, \cdot)$ . In this paper, we consider the asymptotic behavior of this resolvent defined on complete CAT(-1) spaces.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $X$  be a metric space. For  $x, y \in X$ , a mapping  $c: [0, l] \rightarrow X$  is called a geodesic with endpoints  $x, y$  if  $c$  satisfies  $c(0) = x$ ,  $c(l) = y$  and  $d(c(u), c(v)) = |u - v|$  for  $u, v \in [0, l]$ .  $X$  is called a geodesic space, if there exists a geodesic for any  $x, y \in X$ . Moreover, if a geodesic segment exists uniquely for each  $x, y \in X$ , then  $X$  is called a uniquely geodesic space. In what follows, we always assume that  $X$  is a uniquely geodesic space. We call the image of  $c$  a geodesic segment joining  $x$  and  $y$ , and denote it by  $[x, y]$ . Then, for  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $x, y \in X$ , there exists a unique point  $z \in [x, y]$  such that  $d(x, z) = (1 - t)d(x, y)$  and  $d(y, z) = td(x, y)$ . We denote it by  $tx \oplus (1 - t)y$ . A geodesic triangle  $\Delta(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  with vertices  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$  is the union of geodesic segments joining each pair of vertices. Let  $\mathbb{H}^2$  be a two dimensional unit sphere. A comparison triangle  $\overline{\Delta}(\overline{x}_1, \overline{x}_2, \overline{x}_3)$  in  $\mathbb{H}^2$  for  $\Delta(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  is a triangle such that  $d(x_i, x_j) = d_{\mathbb{H}^2}(\overline{x}_i, \overline{x}_j)$  ( $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ ). A point  $\overline{p} \in [\overline{x}_1, \overline{x}_2]$  is comparison point if  $d(\overline{x}_1, p) = d_{\mathbb{H}^2}(\overline{x}_1, \overline{p})$ .  $X$  is called a CAT(-1) space if for any  $p, q \in \Delta(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ , and their comparison points  $\overline{p}, \overline{q} \in \overline{\Delta}(\overline{x}_1, \overline{x}_2, \overline{x}_3)$ , the inequality

$$d(p, q) \leq d_{\mathbb{H}^2}(\overline{p}, \overline{q})$$

is satisfied for all triangles in  $X$ .

The following inequality is a direct result from the hyperbolic law of cosines and a characterization of a CAT(-1) space; see [2].

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a complete CAT(-1) space,  $x, y, z \in X$ , and  $t$  with  $0 < t < 1$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \cosh d(tx \oplus (1-t)y, z) \sinh d(x, y) \\ & \leq \cosh d(x, z) \sinh td(x, y) + \cosh d(y, z) \sinh(1-t)d(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

*In particular,*

$$\cosh d\left(\frac{1}{2}x \oplus \frac{1}{2}y, z\right) \cosh \frac{d(x, y)}{2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x, z) + \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(y, z).$$

This theorem is called the parallelogram law and from this result, we get the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a complete CAT(-1) space. Then for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,*

$$\cosh d\left(\frac{1}{2}x \oplus \frac{1}{2}y, z\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x, z) + \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(y, z) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\cosh \frac{d(x, y)}{2}}\right).$$

*Proof.* From Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \cosh d\left(\frac{1}{2}x \oplus \frac{1}{2}y\right) \\ & \leq \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x, z) + \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(y, z)}{\cosh \frac{d(x, y)}{2}} \\ & = \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x, z) + \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(y, z) \\ & \quad - \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x, z) + \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(y, z) \right\} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\cosh \frac{d(x, y)}{2}}\right) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x, z) + \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(y, z) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\cosh \frac{d(x, y)}{2}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

This is the desired result.  $\square$

Let  $X$  be a complete CAT(-1) space and  $C$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $X$ . Then for each point  $x \in X$ , there exists a unique point  $x_0 \in C$  such that  $d(x, x_0) = d(x, C)$ . A mapping  $P_C$  from  $X$  onto  $C$  such that  $P_C x = x_0$  is called a metric projection. We know the following fact about metric projections.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a complete CAT(-1) space,  $C$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $X$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $y \in C$ . Then,*

$$\cosh d(x, P_C x) \cosh d(P_C x, y) \leq \cosh d(x, y),$$

*where  $P_C$  is the metric projection from  $X$  onto  $C$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Since  $C$  is convex, we have  $d(x, P_C x) \leq d(x, tP_C x \oplus (1-t)y)$  and hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \cosh d(x, P_C x) \sinh d(P_C x, y) \\ & \leq \cosh d(x, tP_C x \oplus (1-t)y) \sinh d(P_C x, y) \\ & \leq \cosh d(x, P_C x) \sinh td(P_C x, y) + \cosh d(x, y) \sinh(1-t)d(P_C x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & \cosh d(x, P_C x) \{ \sinh d(P_C x, y) - \sinh td(P_C x, y) \} \\ & \leq \cosh d(x, y) \sinh(1-t)d(P_C x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\sinh d(P_C x, y) - \sinh td(P_C x, y) = 2 \cosh \frac{(1+t)d(P_C x, y)}{2} \sinh \frac{(1-t)d(P_C x, y)}{2},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \cosh d(x, P_C x) \cosh \frac{(1+t)d(P_C x, y)}{2} \sinh(1-t)d(P_C x, y) \\ & \leq 2 \cosh d(x, P_C x) \cosh \frac{(1+t)d(P_C x, y)}{2} \sinh \frac{(1-t)d(P_C x, y)}{2} \\ & = \cosh d(x, P_C x) \{ \sinh d(P_C x, y) - \sinh td(P_C x, y) \} \\ & \leq \cosh d(x, y) \sinh(1-t)d(P_C x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Dividing by  $\sinh(1-t)d(P_C x, y)$  and  $t \rightarrow 1$ , we have

$$\cosh d(x, P_C x) \cosh d(P_C x, y) \leq \cosh d(x, y).$$

This is the desired result.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be a complete  $\text{CAT}(-1)$  space,  $C$  a closed subset of  $X$ , and  $x \in X$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \cosh d(x, P_C x) \cosh d(P_C x, y) - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x, P_C x) \cosh d(P_C x, y)} \\ & \leq \cosh d(x, y) - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x, y)}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.3,

$$\cosh d(x, P_C x) \cosh d(P_C x, y) \leq \cosh d(x, y).$$

Thus

$$-\frac{1}{\cosh d(x, P_C x) \cosh d(P_C x, y)} \leq -\frac{1}{\cosh d(x, y)}.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \cosh d(x, P_C x) \cosh d(P_C x, y) - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x, P_C x) \cosh d(P_C x, y)} \\ & \leq \cosh d(x, y) - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x, y)}. \end{aligned}$$

This is the desired result.  $\square$

We consider a resolvent on a complete CAT(-1) space. Let  $f: X \rightarrow ]-\infty, \infty]$  be a proper lower semicontinuous convex function. Then for a positive real number  $\lambda$ , the resolvent for  $f$  of a perturbation  $\tanh(\cdot) \sinh(\cdot)$  with parameter  $\lambda$  is defined by

$$R_\lambda x = \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in X} \left\{ f(y) + \frac{1}{\lambda} \tanh d(x, y) \sinh d(x, y) \right\}.$$

It is proved that  $R_\lambda$  are well defined as a single-valued mapping; see [2,3]. Since  $f$  is proper, there exists a point  $y$  such that  $f(y) < \infty$ . That is,  $R_\lambda x \in \operatorname{dom} f = \{x \in X : f(x) < \infty\}$ . The following are properties of a resolvent  $R_\lambda$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $X$  be a complete CAT(-1) space and  $f: X \rightarrow ]-\infty, \infty]$  a proper lower semicontinuous convex function. For  $\lambda > 0$ , define  $R_\lambda: X \rightarrow X$  by*

$$R_\lambda x = \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in X} \left\{ f(y) + \frac{1}{\lambda} \tanh d(y, x) \sinh d(y, x) \right\}$$

for  $x \in X$ . Then for  $\lambda, \mu > 0$  with  $\lambda \leq \mu$ ,

$$\tanh d(R_\lambda x, x) \sinh d(R_\lambda x, x) \leq \tanh d(R_\mu x, x) \sinh d(R_\mu x, x),$$

which is equivalent to

$$d(R_\lambda x, x) \leq d(R_\mu x, x).$$

*Proof.* By the definition of the resolvent, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(R_\lambda x) + \frac{1}{\lambda} \tanh d(R_\lambda x, x) \sinh d(R_\lambda x, x) & \leq f(R_\mu x) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\lambda} \tanh d(R_\mu x, x) \sinh d(R_\mu x, x) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f(R_\mu x) + \frac{1}{\mu} \tanh d(R_\mu x, x) \sinh d(R_\mu x, x) & \leq f(R_\lambda x) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\mu} \tanh d(R_\lambda x, x) \sinh d(R_\lambda x, x). \end{aligned}$$

From these inequalities, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\lambda} \tanh d(R_\lambda x, x) \sinh d(R_\lambda x, x) + \frac{1}{\mu} \tanh d(R_\mu x, x) \sinh d(R_\mu x, x) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \tanh d(R_\mu x, x) \sinh d(R_\mu x, x) + \frac{1}{\mu} \tanh d(R_\lambda x, x) \sinh d(R_\lambda x, x). \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\mu} \right) \tanh d(R_\lambda x, x) \sinh d(R_\lambda x, x) \\ & \leq \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\mu} \right) \tanh d(R_\mu x, x) \sinh d(R_\mu x, x). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lambda \leq \mu$ , we obtain

$$\tanh d(R_\lambda x, x) \sinh d(R_\lambda x, x) \leq \tanh d(R_\mu x, x) \sinh d(R_\mu x, x),$$

which is the desired result.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $X$  be a complete CAT(-1) space and  $f: X \rightarrow ]-\infty, \infty]$  a proper lower semicontinuous convex function. For  $\lambda > 0$ , define  $R_\lambda: X \rightarrow X$  by*

$$R_\lambda x = \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in X} \left\{ f(y) + \frac{1}{\lambda} \tanh d(y, x) \sinh d(y, x) \right\}$$

for  $x \in X$ . Then for  $\lambda, \mu > 0$  with  $\lambda \leq \mu$ ,

$$f(R_\lambda x) \geq f(R_\mu x).$$

*Proof.* By the definition of the resolvent, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(R_\mu x) + \frac{1}{\mu} \tanh d(R_\mu x, x) \sinh d(R_\mu x, x) & \leq f(R_\lambda x) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\mu} \tanh d(R_\lambda x, x) \sinh d(R_\lambda x, x), \end{aligned}$$

and therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} & f(R_\mu x) - f(R_\lambda x) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\mu} \{ \tanh d(R_\lambda x, x) \sinh d(R_\lambda x, x) - \tanh d(R_\mu x, x) \sinh d(R_\mu x, x) \} \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

This is the desired result.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $X$  be a complete CAT(-1) space and  $f: X \rightarrow ]-\infty, \infty]$  a proper lower semicontinuous convex function. For  $\lambda > 0$ , define  $R_\lambda: X \rightarrow X$  by*

$$R_\lambda x = \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in X} \left\{ f(y) + \frac{1}{\lambda} \tanh d(y, x) \sinh d(y, x) \right\}$$

for  $x \in X$ . If  $\{R_{\mu_n} x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded for some sequence  $\{\mu_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mu_n \rightarrow \infty$ , Then for all increasing sequences  $\{\lambda_n\}$  such that  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\{R_{\lambda_n} x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded.

*Proof.* Since  $\{R_{\mu_n} x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded, There exists  $M > 0$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$d(R_{\mu_n} x, x) \leq M.$$

Let  $\{\lambda_n\}$  be an increasing sequence such that  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$ . Suppose  $\{R_{\lambda_n} x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is not bounded. Then there exists a subsequence  $\{\lambda_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{\lambda_n\}$  such that

$$d(R_{\lambda_{n_i}} x, x) > M.$$

for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then there exists  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\lambda_{n_1} \leq \mu_l$ . From Lemma 2.5, we have

$$M < d(R_{\lambda_{n_1}} x, x) \leq d(R_{\mu_l} x, x) \leq M.$$

This is a contradiction and we have the desired result.  $\square$

### 3. MAIN THEOREMS

First we consider the asymptotic behavior at infinity of a resolvent  $R_\lambda$  on CAT(-1) spaces.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $X$  be a complete CAT(-1) space and  $f: X \rightarrow ]-\infty, \infty]$  a proper lower semicontinuous convex function. For  $\lambda > 0$ , define  $R_\lambda: X \rightarrow X$  by*

$$R_\lambda x = \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in X} \left\{ f(y) + \frac{1}{\lambda} \tanh d(y, x) \sinh d(y, x) \right\}$$

for  $x \in X$ . If  $\{R_{\mu_n} x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded for some sequence  $\{\mu_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mu_n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\operatorname{argmin} f \neq \emptyset$  and

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} R_\lambda x = P_{\operatorname{argmin} f} x.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{\lambda_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an increasing sequence such that  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$  and denote  $R_{\lambda_n} x$  by  $x_n$ . First we show that  $\operatorname{argmin} f$  is nonempty. Since  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded by Lemma 2.7, there exist a subsequence  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  is  $\Delta$ -convergent to  $x_0$ . For all  $y \in X$ ,

$$f(x_{n_i}) + \frac{1}{\lambda_{n_i}} \tanh d(x_{n_i}, x) \sinh d(x_{n_i}, x) \leq f(y) + \frac{1}{\lambda_{n_i}} \tanh d(y, x) \sinh d(y, x).$$

Tending  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{n_i}) \leq f(y).$$

Since  $f$  is  $\Delta$ -lower semicontinuous,

$$f(x_0) \leq \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{n_i}).$$

Therefore  $f(x_0) \leq f(y)$  for all  $y \in X$ , and hence we obtain  $\operatorname{argmin} f \neq \emptyset$ .

Next we show  $x_n \rightarrow P_{\operatorname{argmin} f} x$ . Suppose  $n \leq m$ . From Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & f(x_n) + \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \left\{ \cosh d(x_n, x) - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x_n, x)} \right\} \\ & \leq f\left(\frac{1}{2}x_n \oplus \frac{1}{2}x_m\right) + \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \left\{ \cosh d\left(\frac{1}{2}x_n \oplus \frac{1}{2}x_m, x\right) - \frac{1}{\cosh d\left(\frac{1}{2}x_n \oplus \frac{1}{2}x_m, x\right)} \right\} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2}f(x_n) + \frac{1}{2}f(x_m) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x_n, x) + \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x_m, x) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\cosh \frac{d(x_n, x_m)}{2}}\right) \right\} \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x_n, x) + \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x_m, x)} \\ & \leq f(x_n) + \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x_n, x) + \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x_m, x) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\cosh \frac{d(x_n, x_m)}{2}}\right) \right\} \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \frac{1}{\cosh d(x_m, x)}, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 - \frac{1}{\cosh \frac{d(x_n, x_m)}{2}} \\ & \leq \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x_m, x) - \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x_n, x) \right\} + \left\{ \frac{1}{\cosh d(x_n, x)} - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x_m, x)} \right\} \\ & \leq \{ \cosh d(x_m, x) - \cosh d(x_n, x) \} + \left\{ \frac{1}{\cosh d(x_n, x)} - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x_m, x)} \right\} \\ & = \left\{ \cosh d(x_m, x) - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x_m, x)} \right\} - \left\{ \cosh d(x_n, x) - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x_n, x)} \right\} \\ & = \tanh d(x_m, x) \sinh d(x_m, x) - \tanh d(x_n, x) \sinh d(x_n, x). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\{ \tanh d(x_n, x) \sinh d(x_n, x) \}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is increasing and bounded, it is convergent. Moreover since it is a Cauchy sequence, there exists a sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$



such that  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  and

$$\tanh d(x_m, x) \sinh d(x_m, x) - \tanh d(x_n, x) \sinh d(x_n, x) \leq \alpha_n \rightarrow 0.$$

Then we have

$$1 - \frac{1}{\cosh \frac{d(x_n, x_m)}{2}} \leq \alpha_n.$$

This implies that  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence. By the completeness of  $X$ ,  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is convergent. Suppose  $x_n \rightarrow p$ . Then from the former part of this proof,  $p \in \operatorname{argmin} f$  and we show  $p = P_{\operatorname{argmin} f} x$ . For all  $y \in \operatorname{argmin} f$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & f(x_n) + \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \left\{ \cosh d(x_n, x) - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x_n, x)} \right\} \\ & \leq f\left(\frac{1}{2}x_n \oplus \frac{1}{2}y\right) + \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \left\{ \cosh d\left(\frac{1}{2}x_n \oplus \frac{1}{2}y, x\right) - \frac{1}{\cosh d\left(\frac{1}{2}x_n \oplus \frac{1}{2}y, x\right)} \right\} \\ & \leq f(x_n) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x_n, x) + \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(y, x) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\cosh \frac{d(x_n, y)}{2}}\right) - \frac{1}{\cosh d(y, x)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 & \leq 1 - \frac{1}{\cosh \frac{d(x_n, y)}{2}} \\ & \leq \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(y, x) - \frac{1}{\cosh d(y, x)} \right\} - \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \cosh d(x_n, x) - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x_n, x)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $d(x_n, x) \leq d(y, x)$  and tending  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain that

$$d(p, x) \leq d(y, x)$$

for all  $y \in \operatorname{argmin} f$ . This is the desired result. □

Next we consider the asymptotic behavior of  $R_\lambda$  at 0.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $X$  be a complete CAT(-1) space and  $f: X \rightarrow ]-\infty, \infty]$  a proper lower semicontinuous convex function. For  $\lambda > 0$ , define  $R_\lambda: X \rightarrow X$  by*

$$R_\lambda x = \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in X} \left\{ f(y) + \frac{1}{\lambda} \tanh d(y, x) \sinh d(y, x) \right\}$$

for  $x \in X$ . Then

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow +0} R_\lambda x = P_{\operatorname{dom} f} x.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{\lambda_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a decreasing sequence such that  $\lambda_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $\{z_m\} \subset X$  such that  $z_m \rightarrow P_{\text{dom } f}x$ . Put  $x_n = R_{\lambda_n}x$  and  $p = P_{\text{dom } f}x$ . From the Lemma 2.4,

$$\begin{aligned} & f(x_n) + \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \left\{ \cosh d(x_n, p) \cosh d(p, x) - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x_n, p) \cosh d(p, x)} \right\} \\ & \leq f(x_n) + \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \left\{ \cosh d(x_n, x) - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x_n, x)} \right\} \\ & \leq f(z_m) + \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \left\{ \cosh d(z_m, x) - \frac{1}{\cosh d(z_m, x)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \cosh d(x_n, p) \cosh d(p, x) & \leq \lambda_n (f(z_m) - f(x_n)) + \cosh d(z_m, x) \\ & \quad - \left\{ \frac{1}{\cosh d(z_m, x)} - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x_n, p) \cosh d(p, x)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

By the monotonicity of  $\{f(x_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , there exists  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \cosh d(x_n, p) \cosh d(p, x) & \leq \lambda_n (f(z_m) - \alpha) + \cosh d(z_m, x) \\ & \quad - \left\{ \frac{1}{\cosh d(z_m, x)} - \frac{1}{\cosh d(x_n, p) \cosh d(p, x)} \right\} \\ & \leq \lambda_n (f(z_m) - \alpha) + \cosh d(z_m, x) \\ & \quad - \left\{ \frac{1}{\cosh d(z_m, x)} - \frac{1}{\cosh d(p, x)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Dividing by  $\cosh d(p, x)$  and tending  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cosh d(x_n, p) & \leq \frac{\cosh d(z_m, x)}{\cosh d(p, x)} \\ & \quad - \left\{ \frac{1}{\cosh d(z_m, x)} - \frac{1}{\cosh d(p, x)} \right\} \frac{1}{\cosh d(p, x)}. \end{aligned}$$

Tending  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cosh d(x_n, p) \leq 1.$$

and therefore  $d(x_n, p) \rightarrow 0$ . Then we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_{\lambda_n}x = p.$$

Since  $\{R_{\lambda_n}x\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $p$  for any decreasing sequences converging to 0, we conclude  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} R_{\lambda}x = p$ , which is the desired result.  $\square$

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