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A new iterative method for equilibrium problems and fixed point problems for infinite family of nonself strictly pseudocontractive mappings

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available at the end of the article**Abstract**

The purpose of this paper is to present an iterative method for finding a common element of the set of solutions for an equilibrium problem and the set of common fixed points for a countably infinite family of nonself λ_i -strictly pseudocontractive mappings $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ from a closed convex subset C into a Hilbert space H .

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1 Introduction and preliminaries

Let H be a real Hilbert space with the inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ and the norm $\| \cdot \|$, respectively. Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H , and let $G : C \times C \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$ be a bifunction. The equilibrium problem for G is to find $u^* \in C$ such that

$$G(u^*, v) \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in C. \quad (1.1)$$

The set of solutions of (1.1) is denoted by $EP(G)$. The equilibrium problem (1.1) includes as special cases numerous problems in physics, optimization, economics, transportation, and engineering.

Assume that the bifunction G satisfies the following standard properties.

Assumption A Let $G : C \times C \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$ be a bifunction satisfying conditions (A1)-(A4).

- (A1) $G(u, u) = 0, \forall u \in C$;
- (A2) $G(u, v) + G(v, u) \leq 0, \forall (u, v) \in C \times C$;
- (A3) For each $u \in C$, $G(u, \cdot) : C \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$ is lower semicontinuous and convex;
- (A4) $\limsup_{t \rightarrow +0} G((1-t)u + tz, v) \leq G(u, v), \forall (u, z, v) \in C \times C \times C$.

Recall that a mapping T in H is said to be λ -strictly pseudocontractive in the terminology of Browder and Petryshyn [1], if there exists a constant $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ such that

$$\|Tx - Ty\|^2 \leq \|x - y\|^2 + \lambda \|(I - T)x - (I - T)y\|^2$$

for all $x, y \in D(T)$, the domain of T , where I is the identity operator in H . Clearly, when $\lambda = 0$, T is nonexpansive, i.e.,

$$\|T(x) - T(y)\| \leq \|x - y\|.$$

It means that the class of λ -strictly pseudocontractive mappings strictly includes the class of nonexpansive mappings.

A single-valued mapping A in H is said to be monotone, if

$$\langle A(x) - A(y), x - y \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x, y \in D(A),$$

and λ -inverse strongly monotone, if there exists a positive constant λ such that

$$\langle A(x) - A(y), x - y \rangle \geq \lambda \|A(x) - A(y)\|^2, \quad \forall x, y \in D(A).$$

Therefore, any λ -inverse strongly monotone mapping is monotone and Lipschitz continuous with the Lipschitz constant $L_A = 1/\lambda$. It is well known [2] that if T is a nonexpansive mapping, then $I - T$ is $(1/2)$ -inverse strongly monotone. It is easy to verify that if T is λ -strictly pseudocontractive, then it is $(1 - \lambda)/2$ -inverse strongly monotone. Hence, $I - T$ is Lipschitz continuous with the Lipschitz constant $L = 2/(1 - \lambda)$.

Let $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ be a countably infinite family of nonself λ_i -strictly pseudocontractive mappings from C into H with the set of fixed points $F(T_i)$ (i.e., $F(T_i) = \{x \in C : x = T_i x\}$). Set $\mathcal{F} := \bigcap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i)$. Assume that

$$\mathcal{S} := \mathcal{F} \cap \text{EP}(G) \neq \emptyset.$$

The problem studied in this paper is to find an element

$$u^* \in \mathcal{S}. \tag{1.2}$$

If $T_i \equiv I$, $i \geq 1$, then problem (1.2) is reduced to (1.1) and shown in [3] and [4] to cover monotone inclusion problems, saddle point problems, variational inequality problems, minimization problems, the Nash equilibria in noncooperative games, vector equilibrium problems, as well as certain fixed point problems (see also [5]). For finding approximative solutions of (1.1), there exist several approaches: the regularization approach [6–10], the gap-function approach [8, 11–13], and iterative procedure approach [14–30].

In the case that $G \equiv 0$ and $T_i = I$, $i > 1$, (1.2) is a problem of finding a fixed point for a λ -strictly pseudocontractive mapping in C (see [31]).

In the case that $G \equiv 0$ and $T_i = I$, $i > N > 1$, (1.2) is a problem of finding a common fixed point for a finite family of λ_i -strictly pseudocontractive mappings T_i in C studied in [32], where the following algorithm is constructed:

Let $x_0 \in C$ and $\{\alpha_n\}$, $\{\beta_n\}$, $\{\gamma_n\}$ be three sequences in $[0, 1]$ satisfying $\alpha_n + \beta_n + \gamma_n = 1$ for all $n \geq 1$, and let $\{u_n\}$ be a sequence in C . Then the sequence $\{x_n\}$ generated by

$$x_n = \alpha_n x_{n-1} + \beta_n T_n x_n + \gamma_n u_n, \tag{1.3}$$

where $T_n = T_{n \bmod N}$, is called the implicit iteration process with mean errors for a finite family of strictly pseudocontractive mappings $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^N$. The sequence $\{x_n\}$ converges weakly to a common fixed point of the maps $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^N$.

If $T_i = I$, $i > 1$, then (1.2) is a problem of finding a fixed point for a λ -strictly pseudocontractive mapping in C , which is an equilibrium point for G (see [33]).

Theorem 1.1 [33] *Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H . Let G be a bifunction from $C \times C$ to $(-\infty, +\infty)$ satisfying (A1)-(A4), and let S be a nonexpansive mapping of C into H such that*

$$F(S) \cap \text{EP}(G) \neq \emptyset.$$

Let f be a contraction of H into itself, and let $\{x_n\}$ and $\{u_n\}$ be sequences generated by $x_1 \in H$ and

$$\begin{cases} G(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq 0, & \forall y \in C, \\ x_{n+1} = \alpha_n f(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) S u_n \end{cases}$$

for all $n \geq 0$, where $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [0, 1]$ and $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n &= 0, & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n &= \infty, & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_{n+1} - \alpha_n| &< \infty, \\ \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n &> 0, & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |r_{n+1} - r_n| &< \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Then $\{x_n\}$ and $\{u_n\}$ converge strongly to $z \in F(S) \cap \text{EP}(G)$, where $z = P_{F(S) \cap \text{EP}(G)} f(z)$.

If $T_i = I$, $i > N > 1$, then (1.2) is a problem of finding a common fixed point for a finite family of λ_i -strictly pseudocontractive mapping T_i from C into H , which is an equilibrium point for G . We have constructed regularization algorithms (see [10, 19, 29]). First algorithm is defined as follows. The regularization solution u_α is an element being a solution for the single equilibrium problem

$$\begin{cases} G_\alpha(u_\alpha, v) \geq 0 & \forall v \in C, u_\alpha \in C, \\ G_\alpha(u, v) := \sum_{i=0}^N \alpha^{\mu_i} G_i(u, v) + \alpha \langle u, v - u \rangle, & \alpha > 0, \\ G_0(u, v) = G(u, v), & G_i(u, v) = \langle A_i(u), v - u \rangle, & i = 1, \dots, N, \\ \mu_0 = 0 < \mu_i < \mu_{i+1} < 1, & i = 2, \dots, N-1, \end{cases} \quad (1.4)$$

where α is the regularization parameter.

Theorem 1.2 [19] *For each $\alpha > 0$, problem (1.4) has a unique solution u_α such that*

- (i) $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow +0} u_\alpha = u^*$, $u^* \in \mathcal{S}$.
- (ii) $\|u^*\| \leq \|y\|$, $\forall y \in \mathcal{S}$.
- (iii) $\|u_\alpha - u_\beta\| \leq (\|u^*\| + dN)^{\frac{|\alpha - \beta|}{\alpha}}$, $\alpha, \beta > 0$, where d is a positive constant.

In the second algorithm, the regularization solution is defined on the base of the inertial proximal point algorithm proposed by Alvarez and Attouch [34], where the sequence $\{z_n\}$ is defined by an equilibrium problem

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{c}_n \left(\sum_{i=0}^N \alpha_n^{\mu_i} F_i(z_{n+1}, v) + \alpha_n \langle z_{n+1}, v - z_{n+1} \rangle \right) + \langle z_{n+1} - z_n, v - z_{n+1} \rangle \\ - \gamma_n \langle z_n - z_{n-1}, v - z_{n+1} \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C, z_0, z_1 \in C, \end{aligned}$$

and $\{\tilde{c}_n\}$ and $\{\gamma_n\}$ are the sequences of positive numbers.

Theorem 1.3 [19] *Assume that the parameters \tilde{c}_n , γ_n and α_n are chosen such that*

- (i) $0 < c_0 < \tilde{c}_n$, $0 \leq \gamma_n < \gamma_0$,
- (ii) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = +\infty$, $b_n = \tilde{c}_n \alpha_n / (1 + \tilde{c}_n \alpha_n)$,
- (iii) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n b_n^{-1} \|z_n - z_{n-1}\| < +\infty$,
- (iv) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\alpha_n - \alpha_{n+1}|}{\alpha_n b_n} = 0$.

Then the sequence $\{z_n\}$ converges strongly to the element u^ , as $n \rightarrow +\infty$.*

In the case that $G \equiv 0$, Maingé [35] considered the following iteration method:

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n D x_n + \sum_{i \geq 1} w_{i,n} T_i x_n, \quad n \geq 0, \quad (1.5)$$

where $D : C \rightarrow C$ is a given contraction with constant $\rho \in [0, 1)$, $x_0 \in C$ is a starting point, $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (0, 1)$, $w_{i,n} \geq 0$ for all $i \geq 1$ and $\sum_{i \geq 1} w_{i,n} = 1 - \alpha_n$ with the following conditions:

- C1. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$.
- C2. For all $i \in \mathcal{N}_I := \{i : T_i \neq I\}$,
 - (a) $\frac{1}{w_{i,n}} |1 - \frac{\alpha_n}{\alpha_{n-1}}| \rightarrow 0$, or $\sum_n \frac{1}{w_{i,n}} |\alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1}| < \infty$,
 - (b) $\frac{1}{\alpha_n} |\frac{1}{w_{i,n}} - \frac{1}{w_{i,n-1}}| \rightarrow 0$, or $\sum_n |\frac{1}{w_{i,n}} - \frac{1}{w_{i,n-1}}| < \infty$,
 - (c) $\frac{1}{w_{i,n} \alpha_n} \sum_{k \geq 0} |w_{k,n} - w_{k,n-1}| \rightarrow 0$, or $\sum_n \frac{1}{w_{i,n}} \sum_{k \geq 0} |w_{k,n} - w_{k,n-1}| < \infty$.
- C3. $\frac{\alpha_n}{w_{i,n}} \rightarrow 0$ for all $i \in \mathcal{N}_I$.

Then the sequence $\{x_n\}$ given by (1.5) converges strongly to \bar{x} the unique fixed point of $P_{\mathcal{F}} \circ D$, where $P_{\mathcal{F}}$ is the metric projection from H onto \mathcal{F} .

For solving (1.2), Ceng and Yao [36] proposed the following algorithm:

Let $x_1 \in H$ be an arbitrary element and

$$\begin{cases} G(u_n, v) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle u_n - x_n, v - u_n \rangle, & \forall v \in C, \\ y_n = (1 - \gamma_n) x_n + \gamma_n W_n u_n, \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n - \beta_n) x_n + \alpha_n f(y_n) + \beta_n W_n y_n, \end{cases} \quad (1.6)$$

where $\{\alpha_n\}$, $\{\beta_n\}$, and $\{\gamma_n\}$ are three sequences in $(0,1)$ such that $\alpha_n + \beta_n \leq 1$, and the mapping W_n is defined by

$$\begin{cases} U_{n,n+1} = I, \\ U_{n,n} = \lambda_n T_n U_{n,n+1} + (1 - \lambda_n)I, \\ U_{n,n-1} = \lambda_{n-1} T_{n-1} U_{n,n} + (1 - \lambda_{n-1})I, \\ \dots \\ U_{n,k} = \lambda_k T_n U_{n,k+1} + (1 - \lambda_k)I, \\ U_{n,k-1} = \lambda_{k-1} T_{k-1} U_{n,k} + (1 - \lambda_{k-1})I, \\ \dots \\ U_{n,2} = \lambda_2 T_2 U_{n,3} + (1 - \lambda_2)I, \\ W_n = U_{n,1} = \lambda_1 T_1 U_{n,2} + (1 - \lambda_1)I. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 1.4 [36] *Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space H . Let $G : C \times C \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$ be a bifunction satisfying (A1)-(A4), and let $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ be a sequence of nonexpansive self-mappings on C such that*

$$S = \bigcap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i) \cap \text{EP}(G) \neq \emptyset.$$

Suppose that $\{\alpha_n\}$, $\{\beta_n\}$, and $\{\gamma_n\}$ are sequences in $(0,1)$ such that $\alpha_n + \beta_n \leq 1$, and $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ is a real sequence. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ and $\sum_{n=0}^\infty \alpha_n = \infty$;
- (ii) $0 < \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n < 1$;
- (iii) $0 < \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n < 1$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n| = 0$;
- (iv) $0 < \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |r_{n+1} - r_n| = 0$.

Let f be a contraction of C into itself and given $x_0 \in C$. Then the sequences $\{x_n\}$ and $\{u_n\}$ generated by (1.6), where $\{\lambda_n\}$ is a sequence in $(0, b]$ for some $b \in (0, 1)$, converge strongly to $x^ \in \bigcap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i) \cap \text{EP}(G)$, where $x^* = P_{\bigcap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i) \cap \text{EP}(G)} f(x^*)$.*

2 Main results

In this section, for solving problem (1.2), we present a new iterative method.

Let z_0 be an arbitrary element in a Hilbert space H , the sequence of iterations $\{z_n\}$ is defined by finding $u_n \in C$ such that

$$\begin{cases} G(u_n, y) + \langle u_n - z_n, y - u_n \rangle \geq 0, & \forall y \in C, \\ z_{n+1} = P_C(z_n - \beta_n[z_n - u_n + \sum_{i=1}^\infty \gamma_i A_i(z_n) + \alpha_n z_n]) \\ \quad = P_C(z_n - \beta_n[\sum_{i=1}^\infty \gamma_i A_i(z_n) + (1 + \alpha_n)z_n - u_n]), & n \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

where P_C is the metric projection of H onto C , and $\{\alpha_n\}$, $\{\beta_n\}$, and $\{\gamma_i\}$ are three sequences of positive numbers such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^\infty \gamma_i \frac{2}{1 - \lambda_i} = \gamma < \infty. \quad (2.2)$$

Also, we construct a regularization solution u_α for (1.2) by solving the following variational inequality problem: find $u_\alpha \in C$ such that

$$\begin{cases} \langle A_0(u_\alpha) + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma_i A_i(u_\alpha) + \alpha u_\alpha, v - u_\alpha \rangle \geq 0, & \forall v \in C, \\ A_i = I - T_i, & i \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.3)$$

where $T_0(x) = \{z \in C : G(z, v) + \langle z - x, v - z \rangle \geq 0 \ \forall v \in C\}$, $\{\gamma_i\}$ is a sequence of positive numbers satisfying (2, 2), and α is a small regularization parameter tending to zero.

We need the following important lemmas for the proof of our main results.

Lemma 2.1 [7] *Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H , and let G be a bifunction of $C \times C$ into $(-\infty, +\infty)$ satisfying (A1)-(A4). Let $r > 0$ and $x \in H$. Then there exists $z \in C$ such that*

$$G(z, v) + \frac{1}{r} \langle z - x, v - z \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in C.$$

Lemma 2.2 [7] *Assume that $G : C \times C \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$ satisfies conditions (A1)-(A4). For $r > 0$ and $x \in H$, define a mapping $T_r : H \rightarrow C$ as follows:*

$$T_r(x) = \left\{ z \in C : G(z, v) + \frac{1}{r} \langle z - x, v - z \rangle \geq 0 \ \forall v \in C \right\}. \quad (2.4)$$

Then the following statements hold:

- (i) T_r is single-valued;
- (ii) T_r is firmly nonexpansive, i.e., for any $x, y \in H$,

$$\|T_r(x) - T_r(y)\|^2 \leq \langle T_r(x) - T_r(y), x - y \rangle;$$

- (iii) $F(T_r) = \text{EP}(G)$;
- (iv) $\text{EP}(G)$ is closed and convex.

It is easy to see that T_r is a nonexpansive mapping.

Lemma 2.3 [37] *Let $\{a_n\}$, $\{b_n\}$, and $\{c_n\}$ be the sequences of positive numbers satisfying the conditions:*

- (i) $a_{n+1} \leq (1 - b_n)a_n + c_n$, $b_n < 1$,
- (ii) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n = +\infty$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{c_n}{b_n} = 0$.

Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} a_n = 0$.

Lemma 2.4 [38, 39] *Assume that T is a λ -strictly pseudocontractive mapping of a closed convex subset C of a Hilbert space H . Then $I - T$ is demiclosed at zero; that is, whenever $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in C weakly converging to some $x \in C$, and the sequence $\{(I - T)(x_n)\}$ strongly converges to zero, it follows that $(I - T)(x) = 0$.*

Now, we are in a position to introduce and prove the main results.

Theorem 2.5 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space H . Let $G : C \times C \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$ be a bifunction satisfying (A1)-(A4), and let $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ be a sequence of nonself λ_i -strictly pseudocontractive mappings from C into H such that

$$S = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i) \cap \text{EP}(G) \neq \emptyset.$$

Assume that $\{\gamma_i\}$ satisfies condition (2.2). Then for each $\alpha > 0$, problem (2.3) has a unique solution u_α such that

- (i) $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} u_\alpha = u^*$, $u^* \in S$ and $\|u^*\| \leq \|y\|$, $\forall y \in S$,
- (ii) $\|u_\alpha - u_\beta\| \leq \frac{|\alpha - \beta|}{\alpha} \|u^*\|$.

Proof First, we prove that problem (2.3) has a unique solution. Set

$$A := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma_i A_i.$$

Let x^* be a common fixed point of $\{T_i\}_{i \geq 1}$. Since

$$\gamma_i \|A_i(x)\| \leq \gamma_i \|A_i(x) - A_i(x^*)\| + \gamma_i \|A_i(x^*)\| \leq \gamma_i \frac{2}{1 - \lambda_i} \|x - x^*\|$$

and $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma_i \frac{2}{1 - \lambda_i} = \gamma < +\infty$, the mapping A is well defined, and $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma_i A_i(x)$ converges absolutely for each $x \in C$. It is easy to see that A is Lipschitz continuous with the Lipschitz constant $L_A = \gamma$ and monotone.

Set

$$G_i(u, v) = \langle \gamma_i A_i(u), v - u \rangle, \quad i \geq 1$$

and

$$G_0(u, v) = \langle A_0(u), v - u \rangle.$$

Then, problem (2.3) is equivalent to that: find $u_\alpha \in C$ such that

$$G_\alpha(u_\alpha, v) \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in C, \tag{2.5}$$

where

$$G_\alpha(u, v) = \tilde{G}(u, v) + \alpha \langle u, v - u \rangle$$

and

$$\tilde{G}(u, v) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} G_i(u, v) = \langle A_0(u) + A(u), v - u \rangle.$$

It is not difficult to verify that for each $i \geq 0$, $G_i(u, v)$ is a bifunction. Therefore, $\tilde{G}(u, v)(u, v)$ also is a bifunction, i.e., $\tilde{G}(u, v)(u, v)$ satisfies Assumption A. By using Lemma 2.2 with

$(1/r) = \alpha > 0$ and $x = 0$, we can conclude that problem (2.5) (consequently (2.3)) has a unique solution u_α for each $\alpha > 0$.

(i) Next, we prove that

$$\|u_\alpha\| \leq \|y\|, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{S}. \quad (2.6)$$

Since $y \in \mathcal{S}$, we have $A_i(y) = 0$, $i \geq 0$. Thus,

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \langle \gamma_i A_i(u_\alpha), y - u_\alpha \rangle + \alpha \langle u_\alpha, y - u_\alpha \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{S}. \quad (2.7)$$

Since

$$\langle \gamma_i A_i(u_\alpha), u_\alpha - y \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{S}, i \geq 0,$$

from (2.7), follows (2.6). Then, there exists a subsequence $\{u_{\alpha_k}\}$ of $\{u_\alpha\}$ that converges weakly to some element $u^* \in H$. Now, we have to prove that $u^* \in \mathcal{S}$. The $(1 - \lambda_l)/2$ -inverse strongly monotone property of A_l implies that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \gamma_l \frac{1 - \lambda_l}{2} \|A_l(u_{\alpha_k})\|^2 \\ &\leq \langle \gamma_l A_l(u_{\alpha_k}), u_{\alpha_k} - y \rangle \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle \gamma_i A_i(u_{\alpha_k}), u_{\alpha_k} - y \rangle \\ &\leq -\alpha_k \langle u_{\alpha_k}, u_{\alpha_k} - y \rangle \\ &\leq \alpha_k \langle y, y - u_{\alpha_k} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|A_l(u_{\alpha_k})\| = 0.$$

By virtue of Lemma 2.4, we have $u^* \in F(T_l)$. Since the closed convex set \mathcal{S} has only one element with the minimal norm, using (2.6) and the weak convergence of $\{u_\alpha\}$, we can conclude that all the sequence $\{u_\alpha\}$ converges strongly to u^* as $\alpha \rightarrow 0$.

(ii) By virtue of (2.4), (2.5) and the monotone property of A_i , we obtain

$$\alpha \langle u_\alpha, u_\beta - u_\alpha \rangle + \beta \langle u_\beta, u_\alpha - u_\beta \rangle \geq 0$$

or

$$\|u_\alpha - u_\beta\| \leq \frac{|\alpha - \beta|}{\alpha} \|u_\beta\| \leq \frac{|\alpha - \beta|}{\alpha} \|u^*\|$$

for each $\alpha, \beta > 0$. This completes the proof. \square

Remark Obviously, if $u_{\alpha_k} \rightarrow \tilde{u}$, where u_{α_k} is the solution of (2.4) with $\alpha = \alpha_k \rightarrow 0$, as $k \rightarrow +\infty$, then $\mathcal{S} \neq \emptyset$.

Theorem 2.6 *Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space H . Let $G : C \times C \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$ be a bifunction satisfying (A1)-(A4), and let $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ be a sequence of nonself λ_i -strictly pseudocontractive mappings from C into H such that*

$$S = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i) \cap \text{EP}(G) \neq \emptyset.$$

Assume that $\{\gamma_i\}$ satisfies condition (2.2), and α_n, β_n satisfy the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_n, \beta_n > 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\alpha_n - \alpha_{n+1}|}{\alpha_n^2 \beta_n} = 0, \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n \beta_n = \infty, \quad \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n \frac{(2 + \gamma + \alpha_n)^2}{\alpha_n} < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Then the sequence $\{z_n\}$ given by (2.1) converges strongly to $u^ \in S$, that is,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = u^* \in S.$$

Proof Clearly, iteration $\{z_n\}$ in (2.1) has the form

$$z_{n+1} = P_C \left(z_n - \beta_n \left[\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \gamma_i A_i(z_n) + \alpha_n z_n \right] \right), \quad z_0 \in C, n \geq 0, \quad (2.8)$$

where $\gamma_0 = 1$.

Let u_n be the solution of (2.3) when $\alpha = \alpha_n$. Then

$$u_n = P_C \left(u_n - \beta_n \left[\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \gamma_i A_i(u_n) + \alpha_n u_n \right] \right). \quad (2.9)$$

Set $\Delta_n = \|z_n - u_n\|$. Obviously,

$$\Delta_{n+1} = \|z_{n+1} - u_{n+1}\| \leq \|z_{n+1} - u_n\| + \|u_{n+1} - u_n\|.$$

From the nonexpansive property of P_C , the monotone and Lipschitz continuous properties of A_i , $i \geq 0$, (2.8), and (2.9), we have

$$\|z_{n+1} - u_n\| \leq \left\| z_n - u_n - \beta_n \left[\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \gamma_i (A_i(z_n) - A_i(u_n)) + \alpha_n (z_n - u_n) \right] \right\|,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| z_n - u_n - \beta_n \left[\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \gamma_i (A_i(z_n) - A_i(u_n)) + \alpha_n (z_n - u_n) \right] \right\|^2 \\ &= \|z_n - u_n\|^2 + \beta_n^2 \left\| \left[\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma_i (A_i(z_n) - A_i(u_n)) + \alpha_n (z_n - u_n) \right] \right\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -2\beta_n \left\langle \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \gamma_i (A_i(z_n) - A_i(u_n)) + \alpha_n(z_n - u_n), z_n - u_n \right\rangle \\ & \leq \|z_n - u_n\|^2 \left[1 - 2\beta_n\alpha_n + \beta_n^2 \left(2 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma_i \frac{2}{1 - \lambda_i} + \alpha_n \right)^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_{n+1} - u_n\| & \leq \Delta_n (1 - 2\beta_n\alpha_n + \beta_n^2 (2 + \gamma + \alpha_n)^2)^{1/2} \\ & \leq \Delta_n (1 - \beta_n\alpha_n)^{1/2} \\ & \leq \Delta_n \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\beta_n\alpha_n \right). \end{aligned}$$

Set

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{2}\alpha_n\beta_n, \\ c_n &= \frac{\alpha_n - \alpha_{n+1}}{\alpha_n} \|u^*\|. \end{aligned}$$

It is not difficult to check that b_n and c_n satisfy the conditions in Lemma 2.3 for sufficiently large n . Hence, $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \Delta_n^2 = 0$. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = u^*$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = u^* \in \mathcal{S}.$$

This completes the proof. \square

Remark The sequences $\alpha_n = (1 + n)^{-p}$, $0 < p < 1/2$, and $\beta_n = \gamma_0\alpha_n$ with

$$0 < \gamma_0 < \frac{1}{(2 + \gamma + \alpha_0)^2}$$

satisfy all the necessary conditions in Theorem 2.6.

3 Application

In this section, we show that algorithm (2.1) can be applied to find an element

$$u^* \in \mathcal{S} \cap VI(C, A^0), \quad (3.1)$$

where $VI(C, A^0)$ is the set of solutions of the following variational inequality problem:

$$\langle A^0(u), v - u \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in C, u \in C, \quad (3.2)$$

involving a monotone hemicontinuous mapping A^0 . If A^0 is a λ -inverse strongly monotone mapping, and $\{T_i\}_{i \geq 1}$ is a countably infinite family of nonexpansive self mappings in C , then problem (3.1) is recently studied in [40] and [41].

Let A^0 be a monotone hemicontinuous mapping. Then it is easy to see that $G^0(u, v) := \langle A^0(u), v - u \rangle$ is a bifunction, i.e., $G^0(u, v)$ satisfies Assumption A. Using Lemma 2.2, we

construct a nonexpansive mapping $T^0 : H \rightarrow C$ such that

$$T^0(x) := \{z \in C : G^0(z, v) + \langle z - x, v - z \rangle \geq 0 \ \forall v \in C\}.$$

Then, $F(T^0) = VI(C, A^0)$. So, T^0 as T_0 are nonexpansive. Consequently, both mappings T^0 and T_0 are $(1/2)$ -strictly pseudocontractive. Thus, the mapping $I - T^0$ is also Lipschitz continuous with the Lipschitz constant $L = 2$. Then, algorithm (2.1) has the form:

Let z_0 be an arbitrary element in a Hilbert space H , the sequence of iteration $\{z_n\}$ is defined by

$$\begin{cases} u_n \in C : G(u_n, y) + \langle u_n - z_n, y - u_n \rangle \geq 0, & \forall y \in C, \\ u_n^0 \in C : G^0(u_n^0, y) + \langle u_n^0 - z_n, y - u_n^0 \rangle \geq 0, & \forall y \in C, \\ z_{n+1} = P_C(z_n - \beta_n[z_n - u_n + z_n - u_n^0 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma_i A_i(z_n) + \alpha_n z_n]) \\ \quad = P_C(z_n - \beta_n[\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma_i A_i(z_n) + (2 + \alpha_n)z_n - u_n - u_n^0]), & n \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

Theorem 3.1 *Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space H . Let $G : C \times C \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$ be a bifunction satisfying (A1)-(A4), let $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of nonself λ_i -strictly pseudocontractive mappings from C into H , and let A^0 be a hemicontinuous monotone mapping from C into H such that*

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i) \cap EP(G) \cap VI(C, A^0) \neq \emptyset.$$

Assume that $\{\gamma_i\}$ satisfies condition (2.2), and α_n, β_n satisfy the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_n, \beta_n > 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\alpha_n - \alpha_{n+1}|}{\alpha_n^2 \beta_n} = 0, \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n \beta_n = \infty, \quad \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n \frac{(4 + \gamma + \alpha_n)^2}{\alpha_n} < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = u^* \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i) \cap EP(G) \cap VI(C, A^0),$$

where $\{z_n\}$ is defined by (3.3).

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