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# Approximation of the common minimum-norm fixed point of a finite family of asymptotically nonexpansive mappings

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# Abstract

We introduce an iterative process which converges strongly to the common minimum-norm fixed point of a finite family of asymptotically nonexpansive mappings. As a consequence, convergence result to a common minimum-norm fixed point of a finite family of nonexpansive mappings is proved. **MSC:** 47H09; 47H10; 47J05; 47J25

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## **1** Introduction

Let *K* and *D* be nonempty closed convex subsets of real Hilbert spaces  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively. The split feasibility problem is formulated as finding a point  $\bar{x}$  satisfying

$$\bar{x} \in K$$
 and  $A\bar{x} \in D$ , (1.1)

where *A* is bounded linear operator from  $H_1$  into  $H_2$ . A split feasibility problem in finite dimensional Hilbert spaces was first studied by Censor and Elfving [1] for modeling inverse problems which arise in medical image reconstruction, image restoration and radiation therapy treatment planing (see, *e.g.*, [1–3]).

It is clear that  $\bar{x}$  is a solution to the split feasibility problem (1.1) if and only if  $\bar{x} \in K$  and  $A\bar{x} - P_D A\bar{x} = 0$ , where  $P_D$  is the metric projection from  $H_2$  onto D. Set

$$\min_{x \in K} \varphi(x) := \min_{x \in K} \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - P_D Ax\|^2.$$
(1.2)

Then  $\bar{x}$  is a solution of (1.1) if and only if  $\bar{x}$  solves the minimization problem (1.2) with the minimum equal to zero. Now, assume that (1.1) is consistent (*i.e.*, (1.1) has a solution), and let  $\Omega$  denote the (closed convex) solution set of (1.1) (or equivalently, solution of (1.2)). Then, in this case,  $\Omega$  has a unique element  $\bar{x}$  if and only if it is a solution of the following variational inequality:

$$\bar{x} \in K$$
,  $\langle \nabla \varphi(\bar{x}), x - \bar{x} \rangle = \langle A^*(I - P_D)A\bar{x}, x - \bar{x} \rangle \ge 0$ ,  $x \in K$ , (1.3)

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where  $A^*$  is the adjoint of A. In addition, inequality (1.3) can be rewritten as

$$\bar{x} \in K, \quad \langle \bar{x} - \gamma A^* (I - P_D) A \bar{x} - \bar{x}, x - \bar{x} \rangle \le 0, \quad x \in K,$$

$$(1.4)$$

where  $\gamma > 0$  is any positive scalar. Using the nature of projection, (1.4) is equivalent to the fixed point equation

$$\bar{x} = P_K \left( \bar{x} - \gamma A^* (I - P_D) A \bar{x} \right). \tag{1.5}$$

Recall that a point  $\bar{x} \in K$  is said to be a fixed point of T if  $T(\bar{x}) = \bar{x}$ . We denote the set of fixed points of T by F(T), *i.e.*,  $F(T) := \{\bar{x} \in K : T\bar{x} = \bar{x}\}$ . Therefore, finding a solution to the split feasibility problem (1.1) is equivalent to finding the minimum-norm fixed point of the mapping  $x \mapsto P_K(x - \gamma A^*(I - P_D)Ax)$ .

Motivated by the above split feasibility problem, we study the general case of finding the minimum-norm fixed point of an *asymptotically nonexpansive* self-mapping T on K; that is, we find a minimum-norm fixed point of T which satisfies

$$\bar{x} \in F(T)$$
 such that  $\|\bar{x}\| = \min\{\|x\| : x \in F(T)\}.$  (1.6)

Let *K* be a nonempty subset of a real Hilbert space *H*; a mapping  $T : K \to K$  is said to be *nonexpansive* if  $||Tx - Ty|| \le ||x - y||$  for all  $x, y \in K$  and it is called *asymptotically nonexpansive* if there exists a sequence  $\{k_n\} \subset [1, \infty)$  with  $k_n \to 1$ , as  $n \to \infty$ , such that

$$\left\|T^{n}x - T^{n}y\right\| \le k_{n}\|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in K, \text{ and } n \ge 1.$$

$$(1.7)$$

The class of asymptotically nonexpansive mappings was introduced as a generalization of the class of nonexpansive mappings by Goebel and Kirk [4] who proved that if K is a nonempty closed convex bounded subset of a real uniformly convex Banach spaces which includes Hilbert spaces as a special case and T is an asymptotically nonexpansive self-mapping of K, then T has a fixed point.

Let  $T: K \to K$  be a nonexpansive mapping. For a given  $u \in K$  and a given  $t \in (0,1)$ , define a contraction  $T_t: K \to K$  by

$$T_t x = (1-t)u + tTx, \quad x \in K.$$

By the Banach contraction principle, it yields a fixed point  $z_t \in K$  of  $T_t$ , *i.e.*,  $z_t$  is the unique solution of the equation

$$z_t = (1 - t)u + tTz_t.$$
 (1.8)

In [5], Browder proved that, as  $t \to 1$ ,  $z_t$  converges strongly to the nearest point projection of u onto F(T).

In [6], Halpern introduced an explicit iteration scheme  $\{x_n\}$  (which was referred to as *Halpern iteration*) defined by

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n u + (1 - \alpha_n) T x_n.$$
(1.9)

He proved that, as  $n \to \infty$ ,  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to the fixed point of a nonexpansive self-mapping *T* that is closest to *u* provided that  $\{\alpha_n\}$  satisfies (i)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$ , (ii)  $\sum \alpha_n = \infty$  and (iii)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\alpha_n}{\alpha_{n+1}} = 0$ . Wittmann [7] also showed that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by

$$x_0 = u \in K, \qquad x_{n+1} = a_{n+1}u + (1 - a_{n+1})Tx_n, \quad n \ge 1,$$
 (1.10)

converges strongly to the element of F(T) which is nearest to u under certain conditions on  $\{a_n\} \subset (0,1)$ .

Moreover, using the idea of Browder [5], Shioji and Takahashi [8] studied the following scheme for an approximating fixed point of an asymptotically nonexpansive mapping. Let T be an asymptotically nonexpansive mapping from K into itself with F(T) nonempty. Then they proved that the sequence generated by

$$x_0 = u \in K,$$
  $x_n = a_n u + (1 - a_n) \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{j=0}^n T^j x_n, \quad n \ge 1,$  (1.11)

where  $\{a_n\} \subset (0,1)$  satisfies certain conditions, converges strongly to the element of F(T) which is nearest to *u*. Shioji and Takahashi [8] also studied an explicit scheme for asymptotically nonexpansive mappings. They showed that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by

$$x_0 = u \in K,$$
  $x_{n+1} = b_n u + (1 - b_n) \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{j=0}^n T^j x_n, \quad n \ge 1,$  (1.12)

where  $\{b_n\} \subset (0,1)$  satisfies certain conditions, converges strongly to the element of F(T) which is nearest to u.

Several authors have extended the above results either to a more general Banach spaces or to a more general class of mappings (see, *e.g.*, [9–18]).

It is worth mentioning that the methods studied above are used to approximate the fixed point of *T* which is closest to the point  $u \in K$ . These methods can be used to find the minimum-norm fixed point  $x^{\circ}$  of *T* if  $0 \in K$ . If, however,  $0 \notin K$ , any of the methods above fails to provide the minimum-norm fixed point of *T*.

In connection with the iterative approximation of the minimum-norm fixed point of a nonexpansive self-mapping *T*, Yang *et al.* [19] introduced an explicit scheme given by

$$x_{n+1} = \beta T x_n + (1 - \beta) P_K [(1 - \alpha_n) x_n], \quad n \ge 1.$$

They proved that under appropriate conditions on  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\beta$ , the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to the minimum-norm fixed point of *T* in real Hilbert spaces.

More recently, Yao and Xu [20] have also shown that the explicit scheme  $x_{n+1} = P_K((1 - \alpha_n)Tx_n)$ ,  $n \ge 1$ , converges strongly to the minimum-norm fixed point of a nonexpansive self-mapping *T* provided that  $\{\alpha_n\}$  satisfies certain conditions.

*A natural question arises whether we can extend the results of Yang et al.* [19] *and Yao and Xu* [20] *to a class of mappings more general than nonexpansive mappings or not.* 

Let *K* be a closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space *H* and let  $T_i : K \to K$ , i = 1, 2, ..., N be a finite family of asymptotically nonexpansive mappings.

It is our purpose in this paper to introduce an explicit iteration process which converges strongly to the common minimum-norm fixed point of  $\{T_i : i = 1, 2, ..., N\}$ . Our theorems improve several results in this direction.

## 2 Preliminaries

In what follows, we shall make use of the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1** Let *H* be a real Hilbert space. Then, for any given  $x, y \in H$ , the following inequality holds:

 $||x + y||^2 \le ||x||^2 + 2\langle y, x + y \rangle.$ 

**Lemma 2.2** [21] Let *E* be a real Hilbert space and  $B_R(0)$  be a closed ball of *H*. Then, for any given subset  $\{x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_N\} \subset B_r(0)$  and for any positive numbers  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_N$  with  $\sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha_i = 1$ , we have that

$$\|\alpha_0 x_0 + \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_N x_N\|^2 = \sum_{i=0}^N \alpha_i \|x_i\|^2 - \sum_{0 \le i,j \le N} \alpha_i \alpha_j \|x_i - x_j\|^2.$$

**Lemma 2.3** [22] Let K be a closed and convex subset of a real Hilbert space H. Let  $x \in H$ . Then  $x_0 = P_K x$  if and only if

 $\langle z - x_0, x - x_0 \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall z \in K.$ 

**Lemma 2.4** [23] Let H be a real Hilbert space, K be a closed convex subset of H and T:  $K \to K$  be an asymptotically nonexpansive mapping, then (I - T) is demiclosed at zero, i.e., if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in K such that  $x_n \to x$  and  $Tx_n - x_n \to 0$ , as  $n \to \infty$ , then x = T(x).

**Lemma 2.5** [24] Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers satisfying the following relation:

 $a_{n+1} \leq (1-\alpha_n)a_n + \alpha_n\delta_n, \quad n \geq n_0,$ 

where  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (0,1)$ , and  $\{\delta_n\} \subset R$  satisfying the following conditions:  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ , and  $\limsup_{n\to\infty} \delta_n \leq 0$ , as  $n \to \infty$ . Then  $\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.6** [25] Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers such that there exists a subsequence  $\{n_i\}$  of  $\{n\}$  such that  $a_{n_i} < a_{n_i+1}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then there exists a nondecreasing sequence  $\{m_k\} \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m_k \to \infty$  and the following properties are satisfied by all (sufficiently large) numbers  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ :

 $a_{m_k} \leq a_{m_k+1}$  and  $a_k \leq a_{m_k+1}$ .

In fact,  $m_k = \max\{j \le k : a_j < a_{j+1}\}.$ 

**Proposition 2.7** Let H be a real Hilbert space, let K be a closed convex subset of H, and let T be an asymptotically nonexpansive mapping from K into itself. Then F(T) is closed and convex.

*Proof* Clearly, the continuity of *T* implies that F(T) is closed. Now, we show that F(T) is convex. For  $x, y \in F(T)$  and  $t \in (0,1)$ , put z = tx + (1 - t)y. Now, we show that z = T(z). In fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| z - T^{n} z \right\|^{2} &= \left\| z \right\|^{2} - 2 \langle z, T^{n} z \rangle + \left\| T^{n} z \right\|^{2} \\ &= \left\| z \right\|^{2} - 2 \langle tx + (1 - t)y, T^{n} z \rangle + \left\| T^{n} z \right\|^{2} \\ &= \left\| z \right\|^{2} - 2t \langle x, T^{n} z \rangle - 2(1 - t) \langle y, T^{n} z \rangle + \left\| T^{n} z \right\|^{2} \\ &= \left\| z \right\|^{2} + t \left\| x - T^{n} z \right\|^{2} + (1 - t) \left\| y - T^{n} z \right\|^{2} - t \left\| x \right\|^{2} - (1 - t) \left\| y \right\|^{2} \\ &\leq \left\| z \right\|^{2} + t k_{n}^{2} \left\| x - z \right\|^{2} + (1 - t) k_{n}^{2} \left\| y - z \right\|^{2} - t \left\| x \right\|^{2} - (1 - t) \left\| y \right\|^{2} \\ &\leq \left\| z \right\|^{2} + t k_{n}^{2} \langle x - z, x - z \rangle + (1 - t) k_{n}^{2} \langle y - z, y - z \rangle \\ &- t \left\| x \right\|^{2} - (1 - t) \left\| y \right\|^{2} \\ &\leq \left( k_{n}^{2} - 1 \right) [t \left\| x \right\|^{2} + (1 - t) \left\| y \right\|^{2} + \left\| z \right\|^{2} ], \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.1)$$

and hence, since  $k_n \to 1$  as  $n \to \infty$ , we get that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||z - T^n z||^2 = 0$ , which implies that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} T^n z = z$ . Now, by the continuity of T, we obtain that  $z = \lim_{n\to\infty} T^n z = \lim_{n\to\infty} T(T^{n-1}z) = T(\lim_{n\to\infty} T^{n-1}z) = T(z)$ . Hence,  $z \in F(T)$  and that F(T) is convex.  $\Box$ 

## 3 Main result

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We now state and proof our main theorem.

**Theorem 3.1** Let K be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of a real Hilbert space H. Let  $T_i: K \to K$  be asymptotically nonexpansive mappings with sequences  $\{k_{n,i}\}$  for each i = 1, 2, ..., N. Assume that  $F := \bigcap_{i=1}^{N} F(T_i)$  is nonempty. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by

$$\begin{cases} x_1 \in K, & chosen \ arbitrarily, \\ y_n = P_K[(1 - \alpha_n)x_n], \\ x_{n+1} = \beta_{n,0}x_n + \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_{n,i}T_i^n y_n, \quad n \ge 1, \end{cases}$$
(3.1)

where  $\alpha_n \in (0,1)$  such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{(k_{n,i}^2-1)}{\alpha_n} = 0$ , for each  $i \in \{1,2,\ldots,N\}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ ,  $\{\beta_{n,i}\} \subset [a,b] \subset (0,1)$  for  $i = 1,2,\ldots,N$ , satisfying  $\beta_{n,0} + \beta_{n,1} + \cdots + \beta_{n,N} = 1$  for each  $n \ge 1$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to the common minimum-norm point of F.

*Proof* Let  $x^* \in P_F 0$ . Let  $k_n := \max\{k_{n,i} : i = 1, 2, ..., N\}$ . Then from (3.1) and asymptotical nonexpansiveness of  $T_i$ , for each  $i \in \{1, 2, ..., N\}$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_n - x^*\| &= \|P_C[(1 - \alpha_n)x_n] - P_K x^*\| \\ &\leq \|(1 - \alpha_n)x_n - x^*\| \\ &= \|\alpha_n(0 - x^*) + (1 - \alpha_n)(x_n - x^*)\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n \|x^*\| + (1 - \alpha_n)\|x_n - x^*\|, \end{aligned}$$
(3.2)

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| x_{n+1} - x^{*} \right\| &= \left\| \beta_{n,0} x_{n} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_{n,i} T_{i}^{n} y_{n} - x^{*} \right\| \\ &\leq \beta_{n,0} \left\| x_{n} - x^{*} \right\| + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_{n,i} \left\| T_{i}^{n} y_{n} - x^{*} \right\| \\ &\leq \beta_{n,0} \left\| x_{n} - x^{*} \right\| + (1 - \beta_{n,0}) k_{n} \left\| y_{n} - x^{*} \right\| \\ &\leq \beta_{n,0} \left\| x_{n} - x^{*} \right\| + (1 - \beta_{n,0}) k_{n} \left[ \alpha_{n} \right\| x^{*} \right\| + (1 - \alpha_{n}) \left\| x_{n} - x^{*} \right\| \right] \\ &\leq \left[ \beta_{n,0} + (1 - \beta_{n,0}) k_{n} (1 - \alpha_{n}) \right] \left\| x_{n} - x^{*} \right\| + \left[ (1 - \beta_{n,0}) k_{n} \alpha_{n} \right] \left\| x^{*} \right\| \\ &\leq \delta_{n} \left\| x^{*} \right\| + \left[ 1 - (1 - \epsilon) \delta_{n} \right] \left\| x_{n} - x^{*} \right\|, \end{aligned}$$
(3.3)

where  $\delta_n = (1 - \beta_{n,0})k_n\alpha_n$ , since there exists  $N_0 > 0$  such that  $\frac{(k_n - 1)}{\alpha_n} \le \epsilon k_n$  for all  $n \ge N_0$  and for some  $\epsilon > 0$  satisfying  $(1 - \epsilon)\delta_n \le 1$ . Thus, by induction,

$$||x_{n+1} - x^*|| \le \max\{||x_0 - x^*||, (1 - \epsilon)^{-1}||x^*||\}, \quad \forall n \ge N_0,$$

which implies that  $\{x_n\}$  and hence  $\{y_n\}$  is bounded. Moreover, from (3.2) and Lemma 2.1, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| y_{n} - x^{*} \right\|^{2} &= \left\| P_{K} \left[ (1 - \alpha_{n}) x_{n} \right] - P_{K} x^{*} \right\|^{2} \\ &\leq \left\| \alpha_{n} (0 - x^{*}) + (1 - \alpha_{n}) (x_{n} - x^{*}) \right\|^{2} \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_{n}) \left\| x_{n} - x^{*} \right\|^{2} - 2\alpha_{n} \langle x^{*}, y_{n} - x^{*} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.4)$$

Furthermore, from (3.1), Lemma 2.2 and asymptotical nonexpansiveness of  $T_i$ , for each i = 1, 2, ..., N, we have that

$$\|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 = \left\|\beta_{n,0}x_n + \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_{n,i}T_i^n y_n - x^*\right\|^2$$
  

$$\leq \beta_{n,0} \|x_n - x^*\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_{n,i} \|T_i^n y_n - x^*\|^2$$
  

$$- \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_{n,0}\beta_{n,i} \|x_n - T_i^n y_n\|^2$$
  

$$\leq \beta_{n,0} \|x_n - x^*\|^2 + (1 - \beta_{n,0})k_n^2 \|y_n - x^*\|^2$$
  

$$- \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_{n,0}\beta_{n,i} \|x_n - T_i^n y_n\|^2,$$

which implies, using (3.4), that

$$\|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 \le \beta_{n,0} \|x_n - x^*\|^2 + (1 - \beta_{n,0}) k_n^2 [(1 - \alpha_n) \|x_n - x^*\|^2 - 2\alpha_n \langle x^*, y_n - x^* \rangle ] - \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_{n,0} \beta_{n,i} \|x_n - T_i^n y_n\|^2$$

$$\leq (1 - \theta_n) \|x_n - x^*\|^2 - 2\theta_n \langle x^*, y_n - x^* \rangle + (k_n^2 - 1)M$$
$$- \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_{n,0} \beta_{n,i} \|x_n - T_i^n y_n\|^2$$
(3.5)

$$\leq (1 - \theta_n) \| x_n - x^* \|^2 - 2\theta_n \langle x^*, y_n - x^* \rangle + (k_n^2 - 1) M$$
(3.6)

for some M > 0, where  $\theta_n := \alpha_n (1 - \beta_{n,0})$  for all  $n \in N$ .

Now, we consider the following two cases.

Case 1. Suppose that there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\{\|x_n - x^*\|\}$  is non-increasing for all  $n \ge n_0$ . In this situation,  $\{\|x_n - x^*\|\}$  is convergent. Then from (3.5), we have that  $\sum_{i=1}^N \beta_{n,0}\beta_{n,i}\|x_n - T_i^ny_n\|^2 \to 0$ , which implies that

$$x_n - T_i^n y_n \to 0, \quad \text{as } n \to \infty,$$
 (3.7)

for each  $i \in \{1, 2, ..., N\}$ . Moreover, from (3.1) and (3.7) and the fact that  $\alpha_n \to 0$ , we get that

$$\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| = \beta_{n,1} \|T_1^n y_n - x_n\| + \dots + \beta_{n,N} \|T_N^n y_n - x_n\| \to 0,$$
(3.8)

and

$$\|y_n - x_n\| = \|P_C[(1 - \alpha_n)x_n] - P_k x_n\|$$
  

$$\leq \|-\alpha_n x_n\| \to 0,$$
(3.9)

as  $n \to \infty$  and hence

$$\|y_{n+1} - y_n\| \le \|y_{n+1} - x_{n+1}\| + \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + \|x_n - y_n\| \to 0,$$
(3.10)

as  $n \to \infty$ . Furthermore, from (3.7) and (3.9), we get that

$$\|y_n - T_i^n y_n\| \le \|y_n - x_n\| + \|x_n - T_i^n y_n\| \to 0, \quad \text{as } n \to \infty.$$
 (3.11)

Therefore, since

$$\|y_{n} - T_{i}y_{n}\| \leq \|y_{n} - y_{n+1}\| + \|y_{n+1} - T_{i}^{n+1}y_{n+1}\| + \|T_{i}^{n+1}y_{n+1} - T_{i}^{n+1}y_{n}\| + \|T_{i}^{n+1}y_{n} - T_{i}y_{n}\|, \leq \|y_{n} - y_{n+1}\| + \|y_{n+1} - T_{i}^{n+1}y_{n+1}\| + k_{n+1}\|y_{n+1} - y_{n}\| + \|T_{i}(T_{i}^{n}y_{n}) - T_{i}y_{n}\|,$$
(3.12)

we have from (3.10), (3.11), (3.12) and uniform continuity of  $T_i$  that

$$||y_n - T_i y_n|| \to 0$$
, as  $n \to \infty$ , for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . (3.13)

Let  $\{y_{n_k}\}$  be a subsequence of  $\{y_n\}$  such that

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty} \langle x^*, y_n - x^* \rangle = \lim_{k\to\infty} \langle x^*, y_{n_k} - x^* \rangle,$$

and  $y_{n_k} \rightarrow z$ . Then from (3.9), we have that  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow z$ . Therefore, by Lemma 2.3, we obtain that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle x^*, y_n - x^* \rangle = \lim_{k \to \infty} \langle x^*, y_{n_k} - x^* \rangle = \langle x^*, z - x^* \rangle \ge 0.$$
(3.14)

Now, we show that  $x_{n+1} \to x^*$ , as  $n \to \infty$ . But from (3.13) and Lemma 2.4, we get that  $z \in F(T_i)$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, ..., N\}$  and hence  $z \in \bigcap_{i=1}^N F(T_i)$ . Then from (3.6), we get that

$$\|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 \le (1 - \theta_n) \|x_n - x^*\|^2 - 2\theta_n \langle x^*, y_n - x^* \rangle + (k_n^2 - 1)M$$
(3.15)

for some M > 0. But note that  $\theta_n$  satisfies  $\lim_n \theta_n = 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_n = \infty$ . Thus, it follows from (3.15) and Lemma 2.5 that  $||x_n - x^*|| \to 0$ , as  $n \to \infty$ . Consequently,  $x_n \to x^*$ .

Case 2. Suppose that there exists a subsequence  $\{n_i\}$  of  $\{n\}$  such that

$$||x_{n_i} - x^*|| < ||x_{n_i+1} - x^*||$$

for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then by Lemma 2.6, there exists a nondecreasing sequence  $\{m_k\} \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m_k \to \infty$ ,  $\|x_{m_k} - x^{*}\| \le \|x_{m_{k+1}} - x^{*}\|$  and  $\|x_k - x^{*}\| \le \|x_{m_{k+1}} - x^{*}\|$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then from (3.5) and the fact that  $\theta_n \to 0$ , we have

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_{m_{k},0} \beta_{m_{k},i} \| x_{m_{k}} - T_{i}^{m_{k}} y_{m_{k}} \|^{2} \\ &\leq \| x_{m_{k}} - x^{*} \|^{2} - \| x_{m_{k}+1} - x^{*} \|^{2} + \theta_{m_{k}} \| x_{m_{k}} - x^{*} \|^{2} \\ &- 2\theta_{m_{k}} \langle x^{*}, y_{m_{k}} - x^{*} \rangle + (k_{m_{k}} - 1)M \to 0, \quad \text{as } k \to \infty. \end{split}$$

This implies that  $x_{m_k} - T_i^{m_k} y_{m_k} \to 0$ , as  $k \to \infty$ . Thus, following the method of Case 1, we obtain that  $x_{m_k} - y_{m_k} \to 0$  and  $y_{m_k} - T_i y_{m_k} \to 0$  as  $k \to \infty$  for each i = 1, 2, ..., N and hence there exists  $z' \in F$  such that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle x^*, y_n - x^* \rangle = \lim_{k \to \infty} \langle x^*, y_{n_k} - x^* \rangle = \langle x^*, z' - x^* \rangle \ge 0.$$
(3.16)

Then from (3.6), we get that

$$\|x_{m_{k}+1} - x^{*}\|^{2} \leq (1 - \theta_{m_{k}}) \|x_{m_{k}} - x^{*}\|^{2} - 2\theta_{m_{k}} \langle x^{*}, y_{m_{k}} - x^{*} \rangle + (k_{m_{k}}^{2} - 1)M.$$
(3.17)

Since  $||x_{m_k} - x^*|| \le ||x_{m_k+1} - x^*||$ , (3.17) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{m_k} \| x_{m_k} - x^* \|^2 &\leq \| x_{m_k} - x^* \|^2 - \| x_{m_{k+1}} - x^* \|^2 - 2\theta_{m_k} \langle x^*, y_{m_k} - x^* \rangle \\ &+ (k_{m_k}^2 - 1)M \\ &\leq -2\theta_{m_k} \langle x^*, y_{m_k} - x^* \rangle + (k_{m_k}^2 - 1)M. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, since  $\theta_{m_k} > 0$ , we have that

$$\|x_{m_k} - x^*\|^2 \le -2\langle x^*, y_{m_k} - x^* \rangle + \frac{(k_{m_k}^2 - 1)}{\theta_{m_k}}M.$$

Thus, from (3.16) and the fact that  $\frac{(k_{m_k}^2-1)}{\theta_{m_k}} \to 0$ , we obtain that  $||x_{m_k} - x^*|| \to 0$  as  $k \to \infty$ . This together with (3.17) gives  $||x_{m_k+1} - x^*|| \to 0$  as  $k \to \infty$ . But  $||x_k - x^*|| \le ||x_{m_k+1} - x^*||$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , thus we obtain that  $x_k \to x^*$ . Therefore, from the above two cases, we can conclude that  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $x^*$  of F which is the common minimum-norm fixed point of the family  $\{T_i, i = 1, 2, ..., N\}$  and the proof is complete.

If in Theorem 3.1 we assume that N = 1, then we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.2** Let K be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of a real Hilbert space H. Let  $T: K \to K$  be an asymptotically nonexpansive mapping with a sequence  $\{k_n\}$ . Assume that F(T) is nonempty. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by

$$\begin{cases} x_1 \in C, \quad chosen \ arbitrarily, \\ y_n = P_K[(1 - \alpha_n)x_n], \\ x_{n+1} = \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n)T^n y_n, \quad n \ge 1, \end{cases}$$

$$(3.18)$$

where  $\alpha_n \in (0,1)$  such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{(k_n^2-1)}{\alpha_n} = 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ ,  $\{\beta_n\} \subset [a,b] \subset (0,1)$  for each  $n \ge 1$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to the minimum-norm fixed point of T.

If in Theorem 3.1 we assume that each  $T_i$  is nonexpansive for i = 1, 2, ..., N, then the method of proof of Theorem 3.1 provides the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.3** Let K be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of a real Hilbert space H. Let  $T_i: K \to K$  be nonexpansive mappings with  $F := \bigcap_{i=1}^N F(T_i)$  nonempty. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by

$$\begin{cases} x_1 \in K, \quad chosen \ arbitrarily, \\ y_n = P_K[(1 - \alpha_n)x_n], \\ x_{n+1} = \beta_{n,0}x_n + \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_{n,i}T_iy_n, \quad n \ge 1, \end{cases}$$
(3.19)

where  $\alpha_n \in (0,1)$  such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ ,  $\{\beta_{n,i}\} \subset [a,b] \subset (0,1)$ , for i = 1, 2, ..., N, satisfying  $\beta_{n,0} + \beta_{n,1} + \cdots + \beta_{n,N} = 1$  for each  $n \ge 1$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to the common minimum-norm point of F.

If in Corollary 3.3 we assume that N = 1, then we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.4** Let K be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of a real Hilbert space H. Let  $T: K \to K$  be a nonexpansive mapping with F(T) nonempty. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by

$$\begin{cases} x_1 \in K, & chosen \ arbitrarily, \\ y_n = P_K[(1 - \alpha_n)x_n], \\ x_{n+1} = \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n)Ty_n, \quad n \ge 1, \end{cases}$$
(3.20)

where  $\alpha_n \in (0,1)$  such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ ,  $\{\beta_n\} \subset [a,b] \subset (0,1)$  for each  $n \ge 1$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to the minimum-norm point of F(T).

## **4** Applications

In this section, we study the problem of finding a minimizer of a continuously Fréchetdifferentiable convex functional which has the minimum norm in Hilbert spaces.

Let K be a closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space H. Consider the minimization problem given by

$$\min_{x \in K} \varphi(x), \tag{4.1}$$

and  $\varphi : K \to \mathbb{R}$  be a continuously Fréchet-differentiable convex functional. Let  $\Omega$ , the solution set of (4.1), be nonempty; that is,

$$\Omega := \left\{ z \in K : \varphi(z) = \min_{x \in K} \varphi(x) \right\} \neq \emptyset.$$
(4.2)

It is known that a point  $z \in K$  is a solution of (4.1) if and only if the following optimality condition holds:

$$z \in K, \quad \langle \nabla \varphi(z), x - z \rangle \ge 0, \quad x \in K,$$

$$(4.3)$$

where  $\nabla \varphi(x)$  is the gradient of  $\varphi$  at  $x \in K$ . It is also known that the optimality condition (4.3) is equivalent to the following fixed point problem:

$$z = T_{\gamma}(z), \quad \text{where } T_{\gamma} := P_K(I - \gamma \bigtriangledown \varphi), \tag{4.4}$$

for all  $\gamma > 0$ .

Now, we have the following corollary deduced from Corollary 3.2.

**Corollary 4.1** Let K be a closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space H. Let  $\varphi$  be a continuously Fréchet-differentiable convex functional on K such that  $T_{\gamma} := P_K(I - \gamma \bigtriangledown \varphi)$  is asymptotically nonexpansive with a sequence  $\{k_n\}$  for some  $\gamma > 0$ . Assume that the solution of the minimization problem (4.1) is nonempty. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by

$$\begin{cases} x_1 \in K, & chosen \ arbitrarily, \\ y_n = P_K[(1 - \alpha_n)x_n], \\ x_{n+1} = \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n)[P_K(I - \gamma \bigtriangledown \varphi)]^n y_n, \quad n \ge 1, \end{cases}$$

$$(4.5)$$

where  $\alpha_n \in (0,1)$  such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{(k_n^2-1)}{\alpha_n} = 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ ,  $\{\beta_n\} \subset [a,b] \subset (0,1)$  for each  $n \ge 1$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to the minimum-norm solution of the minimization problem (4.1).

**Remark 4.2** Our results extend and unify most of the results that have been proved for this important class of nonlinear mappings. In particular, Theorem 3.1 improves Theorem 3.2 of Yang *et al.* [19] and of Yao and Xu [20] to a more general class of a finite family of asymptotically nonexpansive mappings.

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