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On the equivalence between some kinds of implicit and explicit iterations with applications

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Abstract

The purpose of this article is to study the equivalence between some kinds of implicit and explicit iterative approximations. As applications, we utilize our results to study the approximation problems arising in nonexpansive semigroup, variational inclusions and equilibrium problem.

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1 Introduction

Definition 1.1 Let (X, d) be a metric space and let $S: X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping. S is said to be ψ -weakly contractive (weak contraction, for short) [1], if there exists a continuous and strictly increasing function $\psi: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ with $\psi(t) > 0, \forall t \in (0, +\infty)$ and $\psi(0) = 0$ such that

$$d(Sx, Sy) \leq d(x, y) - \psi(d(x, y)), \quad \forall x, y \in X. \quad (1.1)$$

From Definition 1.1, it is easy to see that if $\psi(t) = (1 - h)t, h \in (0, 1)$, then S is a contractive mapping with the contractive constant h .

In 2001, Rhoades [2] proved the following interesting fixed point theorem:

Theorem 1.2 (Rhoades [2]) Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let $T: X \rightarrow X$ be a weakly contractive mapping. Then T has a unique fixed point in X . Moreover, for any given $x \in X$, the iterative sequence $\{T^n x\}$ converges strongly to this fixed point.

This theorem is one of the generalization of *Banach contraction Theorem*.

Let E be a Banach space and let C be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of E . A mapping $T: C \rightarrow C$ is said to be *nonexpansive*, if

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \|x - y\|, \quad \text{for all } x, y \in C. \quad (1.2)$$

Denote by $F(T)$ the fixed point set of T . It is well-known that if E is uniformly smooth C is bounded and $T: C \rightarrow C$ is nonexpansive then $F(T)$ is nonempty (see, Göhde [3]).

Recently, many convergence theorems to fixed points of nonexpansive mappings have been established.

In 1967, Browder [4] and Halpern [5] proved some strong convergence theorems in Hilbert spaces for implicit and explicit iteration, respectively. Later these theorems have been extended in several directions. In 1980, Reich [6] proved the following:

Theorem 1.3 (Reich [6]) Let E be a uniformly smooth Banach space, C be a bounded, closed and convex subset of E and let $T: C \rightarrow C$ be a nonexpansive mapping. Fix $u \in C$ and define a net $\{\gamma_t\}$ in C by

$$\gamma_t = tu + (1 - t)T\gamma_t, \quad t \in (0, 1). \tag{1.3}$$

Then $\{\gamma_t\}$ converges strongly to Pu as $t \rightarrow 0+$, where P is the unique sunny nonexpansive retraction from C onto $F(T)$. (The relative definitions are given in Section 2.)

In the sequel, this theorem is called *Reich's convergence theorem*.

In 2004 Xu [7] proved the following

Theorem 1.4 (Xu [7]) Let E be a uniformly smooth Banach space and let C be a bounded, closed and convex subset of E . Let $T: C \rightarrow C$ be a nonexpansive mapping with $F(T) \neq \emptyset$, P be the unique sunny nonexpansive retraction from C onto $F(T)$ and let $f: C \rightarrow C$ be a contractive mapping with a contractive constant $h \in (0, 1)$. Let $\{x_t\}$ be the net in C which is defined by

$$x_t = tf(x_t) + (1 - t)Tx_t, \quad t \in (0, 1). \tag{1.4}$$

Then as $t \rightarrow 0+$, $\{x_t\}$ converges strongly to the unique point $z \in C$ satisfying $P \nabla f(z) = z$.

On the other hand, in 2002, Xu proved the following.

Theorem 1.5 (Xu [8,9]) Let E, C, T, P be as in Theorem 1.3. Let $\{y_n\}$ be the sequence in C defined by $y_1 \in C$ and

$$y_{n+1} = \alpha_n u + (1 - \alpha_n)Ty_n, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \tag{1.5}$$

where $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence in $(0, 1)$ which satisfies the following conditions:

(C1) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$;

(C2) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$;

(C3) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\alpha_{n+1}}{\alpha_n} = 1$.

Then $\{y_n\}$ converges strongly to Pu .

In the sequel, this theorem is called *Xu's convergence theorem*.

Moreover, in 2000, Moudafi [10] introduced the concept of *viscosity approximation* and proved the following result

Theorem 1.6 (Moudafi [10]) Let H be a real Hilbert space, C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H , $T: C \rightarrow C$ be a nonexpansive mapping with $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ and $f: C \rightarrow C$ be a contractive mapping. Let $\{x_n\}$ be the sequence defined by:

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n f(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n)Tx_n, \quad \forall n \geq 1. \tag{1.6}$$

Then $\{x_n\}$ converge strongly to a fixed point of T in Hilbert space H .

In the sequel, this theorem is called *Moudafi's viscosity convergence theorem*.

Moudafi's viscosity convergence theorem is very important, because it can be applied to convex optimization, linear programming, monotone inclusions and elliptic differential equations (see [11]).

In 2004, Xu [7] extended Moudafi's results to a uniformly smooth Banach space. Song and Chen [12-14] also obtained some strong convergence theorems about viscosity approximations in more general Banach space. More recently, Suzuki [11] and Petrusel and Yao [15] replace a contraction f in (1.6) by a Meir-Keeler contraction [16] and a generalized contraction [15], respectively, to approximate a common fixed point for an infinite family of nonexpansive mappings.

The purpose of this article is to study the equivalence between some kinds of implicit and explicit iterative approximations. As applications, we utilize our results to study some approximation problems arising in nonexpansive semigroup, variational inclusions and equilibrium problems.

2 Preliminaries

In this section, we give some preliminaries which will be needed in proving our main results.

Throughout this article, we assume that E is a real Banach space, E^* is the dual of E . The space E is said to be *smooth* or said to have a *Gâteaux differentiable norm*, if the limit $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x+ty\| - \|x\|}{t}$ exists for each $x, y \in U = \{x \in E: \|x\| = 1\}$. The space E is said to have a *uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm*, if for each $y \in U$, the limit is attained uniformly in $x \in U$. The space E is said to be *uniformly smooth* or said to have a *uniformly Fréchet differentiable norm*, if the limit is attained uniformly in $x, y \in U$.

Let C and K be subsets of E . Recall that A mapping $P: C \rightarrow K$ is called *sunny*, if $P(Px + t(x - Px)) = Px$ for any $x \in C$ with $Px + t(x - Px) \in C$ and $t \geq 0$.

Let C be a convex subset of E and K be a subset of C . A mapping $P: C \rightarrow K$ is called *retraction from C onto K* , if $P^2 = P$.

Lemma 2.1 (Reich [17]) Let E be a smooth Banach space, and $J: E \rightarrow E^*$ be the *normalized duality mapping*. Let C be a convex subset of E , K be a subset of C and let P be a retraction from C onto K . Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) $\langle x - Px, J(Px - y) \rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in C$ and $y \in K$;
- (2) P is sunny and nonexpansive.

Hence there is at most one sunny nonexpansive retraction from C onto K .

Remark 2.2 We note that if E is a real Hilbert space and K is a closed and convex subset of C , then the metric projection and the sunny nonexpansive retraction from C onto K coincide, i.e., when $T: C \rightarrow C$ is a nonexpansive mapping, the sunny nonexpansive retraction from C onto $F(T)$ is the metric projection.

Proposition 2.3 (Suzuki [11]) Let E be a smooth Banach space and let C be a closed and convex subset of E . Let K be a subset of C and let P be the unique sunny nonexpansive retraction from C onto K . Let $f: C \rightarrow C$ be a mapping and $z \in K$ be a point. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) z is a fixed point of $P \nabla f$;
- (2) z is a solution to the following variational inequality:

$$\langle fz - z, J(z - y) \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in K.$$

Proposition 2.4 (Song [14]) Let E be a Banach space and let C be a convex subset of E . Let $T: C \rightarrow C$ be a nonexpansive mapping and let $g: C \rightarrow C$ be a weakly contractive mapping. Then the following conclusions hold:

- (1) $T \nabla g$ is weakly contractive;

(2) for each $t \in (0, 1)$, the mapping $x \alpha tg(x) + (1 - t)Tx$ is weakly contractive and the net $\{x_t\}$ defined by

$$x_t = tg(x_t) + (1 - t)Tx_t$$

is well-defined.

Lemma 2.5 (Alber and Guerre-Delabriere [1]) Let $\{\lambda_n\}$ and $\{\beta_n\}$ be two sequences of nonnegative real numbers and let $\{\alpha_n\}$ be a sequence of positive numbers satisfying the conditions $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\beta_n}{\alpha_n} = 0$. Let the recursive inequality

$$\lambda_{n+1} \leq \lambda_n - \alpha_n \psi(\lambda_n) + \beta_n, \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

be given where $\psi: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ is a continuous and strictly increasing function with $\psi(0) = 0$. Then $\{\lambda_n\}$ converges to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

3. Equivalence between some implicit and explicit iterative schemes

We first give the following result.

Theorem 3.1 Let E be a uniformly smooth Banach space and let C be a bounded, closed and convex subset of E . Let $T: C \rightarrow C$ be a nonexpansive mapping with $F(T) \neq \emptyset$, P be the unique sunny nonexpansive retraction from C onto $F(T)$ and let $g: C \rightarrow C$ be a ψ -weakly contractive mapping. Let $\{x_t\}$ be the net in C defined by

$$x_t = tg(x_t) + (1 - t)Tx_t, \quad t \in (0, 1). \tag{3.1}$$

Then $\{x_t\}$ converges strongly to the unique point $z \in C$ satisfying $P \nabla g(z) = z$ as $t \rightarrow 0+$.

Proof. Since P is nonexpansive and g is ψ -weakly contractive, by Proposition 2.4 (1), $P \nabla g: C \rightarrow C$ is ψ -weakly contractive. From Theorem 1.2, there exists a unique $z \in C$ such that $z = P \nabla g(z)$.

Now we define a net $\{\gamma_t\}$ as follows:

$$\gamma_t = tg(z) + (1 - t)T\gamma_t, \quad t \in (0, 1).$$

By virtue of Theorem 1.3, $\gamma_t \rightarrow P \nabla g(z) = z$, as $t \rightarrow 0+$. Moreover, for each $t \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_t - \gamma_t\| &\leq t \|g(x_t) - g(\gamma_t) + g(\gamma_t) - g(z)\| + (1 - t) \|Tx_t - T\gamma_t\| \\ &\leq t\{\|x_t - \gamma_t\| - \psi(\|x_t - \gamma_t\|)\} \\ &\quad + t\{\|\gamma_t - z\| - \psi(\|\gamma_t - z\|)\} + (1 - t) \|x_t - \gamma_t\| \\ &= \|x_t - \gamma_t\| - t\psi(\|x_t - \gamma_t\|) + t\{\|\gamma_t - z\| - \psi(\|\gamma_t - z\|)\}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\psi(\|x_t - \gamma_t\|) + \psi(\|\gamma_t - z\|) \leq \|\gamma_t - z\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0+.$$

Since ψ is continuous and strictly increasing, we have

$$\|x_t - \gamma_t\| \rightarrow 0, \|\gamma_t - z\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0+. \tag{3.2}$$

Therefore we have

$$\|x_t - z\| \leq \|x_t - \gamma_t\| + \|\gamma_t - z\| \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0+.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

Theorem 3.2 Let E, C, T, P, g be the same as in Theorem 3.1. Then Theorems 1.3, 1.4, and 3.1 are equivalent.

Proof. Theorem 1.3 \Rightarrow Theorem 3.1 has been proved in Theorem 3.1. Now we proved that Theorem 3.1 \Rightarrow Theorem 1.4 \Rightarrow Theorem 1.3.

In fact, in Theorem 3.1 take $g: C \rightarrow C$ to be a contractive mapping, then the conclusion of Theorem 1.4 can be obtained from Theorem 3.1. As well as in Theorem 1.4 take f as a constant valued mapping, then the conclusion Theorem 1.3 can be obtained from Theorem 1.4 immediately. This completes the proof of Theorem 3.2.

Remark 3.3 From Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, it follows that the convergence of the implicit iterative sequences defined by (1.3), (1.4), and (3.1) are equivalent.

Next we consider the equivalence between some explicit iterative sequences

In 2004, Xu [7] proved the following result:

Theorem 3.4 (Xu [7]) Let E be a uniformly smooth Banach space and let C be a bounded, closed and convex subset of E . Let $T: C \rightarrow C$ be a nonexpansive mapping with $F(T) \neq \emptyset$, P be the unique sunny nonexpansive retraction from C onto $F(T)$ and let $f: C \rightarrow C$ be a contractive mapping. Let $\{x_n\}$ be the sequence in C which is defined by

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n f(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n)Tx_n, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \tag{3.3}$$

where $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence in $(0, 1)$ satisfying the conditions (C1), (C2) and (C3) in Theorem 1.5. Then $\{x_n\}$ converges strongly to the unique point $z \in C$ satisfying $P \nabla f(z) = z$.

It is easy to see that Theorem 3.4 is a generalization of Moudafi's Theorem 1.6.

Now we give the following result.

Theorem 3.5 Let E, C, T, P be the same as in Theorem 3.4. Let $g: C \rightarrow C$ be a ψ -weakly contractive mapping. Let $\{x_n\}$ be the sequence in C which is defined by

$$x_{n+1} = a_n g(x_n) + (1 - a_n)Tx_n, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \tag{3.4}$$

where $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence in $(0, 1)$ satisfying the conditions (C1), (C2), and (C3) in Theorem 1.5. Then $\{x_n\}$ converges strongly to the unique point $z \in C$ satisfying $P \nabla g(z) = z$;

Proof. Since P is nonexpansive and g is a ψ -weak contraction, by Proposition 2.4 (1), $P \nabla g: C \rightarrow C$ is weakly contractive. From Theorem 1.2, there exists a unique $z \in C$ such that $z = P \nabla g(z)$.

Now we define a sequence $\{y_n\}$ as follows:

$$y_{n+1} = \alpha_n g(z) + (1 - \alpha_n)Ty_n, \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

By Theorem 1.5, $y_n \rightarrow P \nabla g(z) = z$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Moreover, for each $n \geq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - y_{n+1}\| &\leq \alpha_n \|g(x_n) - g(y_n) + g(y_n) - g(z)\| + (1 - \alpha_n) \|Tx_n - Ty_n\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n \{ \|x_n - y_n\| - \psi(\|x_n - y_n\|) \} \\ &\quad + \alpha_n \{ \|y_n - z\| - \psi(\|y_n - z\|) \} + (1 - \alpha_n) \|x_n - y_n\| \\ &= \|x_n - y_n\| - \alpha_n \psi(\|x_n - y_n\|) + \alpha_n \{ \|y_n - z\| - \psi(\|y_n - z\|) \}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Letting $\lambda_n = \|x_n - y_n\|$, $\beta_n = \alpha_n \{ \|y_n - z\| - \psi(\|y_n - z\|) \}$ in Lemma 2.5, from the assumptions, we know that all the conditions in Lemma 2.5 are satisfied. It follows from Lemma 2.5 and (3.5) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - \gamma_n\| = 0.$$

Therefore we have

$$\|x_n - z\| \leq \|x_n - \gamma_n\| + \|\gamma_n - z\| \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

The conclusion of Theorem 3.5 is proved.

Theorem 3.6 Let E, C, T, P, g be the same as in Theorem 3.5. Then Theorems 3.5, 3.4, and 1.5 are equivalent.

Indeed, the conclusion that Theorem 1.5 \Rightarrow Theorem 3.5 has been proved in Theorem 3.5. Now we proved that Theorem 3.5 \Rightarrow Theorem 3.4 \Rightarrow Theorem 1.5. In fact, in Theorem 3.5 take $g: C \rightarrow C$ to be a contractive mapping, the conclusion of Theorem 3.4 can be obtained from Theorem 3.5 immediately. Again in Theorem 3.4 take $f: C \rightarrow C$ to be a constant-valued mapping, the conclusion of Theorem 1.5 can be obtained from Theorem 3.4 immediately.

Remark 3.7 From Theorem 3.5, it follows that the convergence of the explicit iterative sequences defined by (1.5), (3.4), and (3.3) are equivalent.

4. Equivalence between some more general implicit and explicit iterative schemes

In this section we study the equivalence between some more general implicit and explicit iterative schemes. Following Suzuki [11], we introduce the following concepts.

Definition 4.1 (1) Let E be a Banach space and let C be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of E . Let $\{S_n\}: C \rightarrow C$ be an infinite family of nonexpansive mappings and $\{\alpha_n\}$ be a sequence in $(0, 1)$ satisfying the condition (C1) in Theorem 1.5. The tuple $(E, C, \{S_n\}, \{\alpha_n\})$ is said to have *Browder's property*, if for each $u \in C$ the implicit iterative sequence $\{\gamma_n\}$ defined by

$$\gamma_n = \alpha_n u + (1 - \alpha_n) S_n \gamma_n, \quad n \geq 1, \tag{4.1}$$

converges strongly.

(2) Let $\{\alpha_n\}$ be a sequence in $(0, 1)$ satisfying the conditions (C1) and (C2) in Theorem 1.4. Then the tuple $(E, C, \{S_n\}, \{\alpha_n\})$ is said to have *Halpern's property*, if for each $u \in C$ the explicit iterative sequence $\{y_n\}$ defined by $y_1 \in C$ and

$$\gamma_{n+1} = \alpha_n u + (1 - \alpha_n) S_n \gamma_n, \quad n \geq 1, \tag{4.2}$$

converges strongly.

It is well known that if E is a Hilbert space, C is a bounded subset of E and $\{S_n\} = \{S\}$ is a constant sequence of nonexpansive mappings, then the tuple $(E, C, \{S_n\}, \{\frac{1}{n}\})$ has both Browder's and Halpern's property.

Lemma 4.2 (Suzuki [11])

(1) Let $(E, C, \{S_n\}, \{\alpha_n\})$ have the "Browder's property". For each $u \in C$, let $\{\gamma_n\}$ be the sequence in C defined by (4.1). Denote $Pu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n$, then P is a nonexpansive mapping from C to C ;

(2) Let $(E, C, \{S_n\}, \{\alpha_n\})$ have the "Halpern's property". For each $u \in C$, let $\{\gamma_n\}$ be the sequence in C defined by (4.2). Denote $Pu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n$, then the following hold:

- (i) Pu does not depend on the initial point $y_1 \in C$;
- (ii) P is a nonexpansive mapping from C into C .

Theorem 4.3 Let $(E, C, \{S_n\}, \{\alpha_n\}, P)$ has the “Browder’s property”. Let $g: C \rightarrow C$ be a ψ -weakly contractive mapping. Define a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in C by

$$x_n = \alpha_n g(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) S_n x_n, \quad n \geq 1. \tag{4.3}$$

Then $\{x_n\}$ converges strongly to the unique point $z \in C$ satisfying $P \circ gz = z$.

Proof. By Proposition 2.4, the existence and uniqueness of $\{x_n\}$ and $z = P \circ gz$ are assured. Define a sequence $\{\gamma_n\}$ in C by

$$\gamma_n = \alpha_n g(z) + (1 - \alpha_n) S_n \gamma_n, \quad n \geq 1.$$

By the assumptions, $\gamma_n \rightarrow P \circ fz$ which equals to z . And for each $n \geq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n - \gamma_n\| &\leq \alpha_n \{ \|g(x_n) - g(\gamma_n)\| + \|g(\gamma_n) - g(z)\| \} + (1 - \alpha_n) \|S_n x_n - S_n \gamma_n\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n \{ \|x_n - \gamma_n\| - \psi(\|x_n - \gamma_n\|) \} \\ &\quad + \alpha_n \{ \|\gamma_n - z\| - \psi(\|\gamma_n - z\|) \} + (1 - \alpha_n) \|x_n - \gamma_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

Simplifying it, we have

$$\psi(\|x_n - \gamma_n\| + \|\gamma_n - z\|) \leq \|\gamma_n - z\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

In view of the property of ψ , this implies that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - \gamma_n\| = 0$. Hence we have

$$\|x_n - z\| \leq \|x_n - \gamma_n\| + \|\gamma_n - z\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 4.3.

Remark 4.4 It follows from Theorem 4.3 that the implicit iterative sequences (4.1) and (4.3) are equivalent.

Theorem 4.5 Let $(E, C, \{S_n\}, \{\alpha_n\}, P)$ have the “Halpern’s property”. Let $g: C \rightarrow C$ be a ψ -weakly contractive mapping. Define a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in C by $x_1 \in C$ and

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n g(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) S_n x_n, \quad n \geq 1. \tag{4.4}$$

Then $\{x_n\}$ converges strongly to the unique point $z \in C$ satisfying $P \circ gz = z$.

Proof. By Proposition 2.4 (1), $P \circ g$ is a ψ -weak contraction from C to C . Hence there exists a unique $z \in C$ such that $z = P \circ gz$. Now we define a sequence $\{\gamma_n\}$ by

$$\gamma_{n+1} = \alpha_n g(z) + (1 - \alpha_n) S_n \gamma_n, \quad n \geq 1. \tag{4.5}$$

By Lemma 4.2

$$\gamma_n \rightarrow P \circ g(z) = z.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - \gamma_{n+1}\| &\leq \alpha_n \|g(x_n) - g(\gamma_n) + g(\gamma_n) - g(z)\| + (1 - \alpha_n) \|S_n x_n - S_n \gamma_n\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n \{ \|x_n - \gamma_n\| - \psi(\|x_n - \gamma_n\|) \} \\ &\quad + \alpha_n \{ \|\gamma_n - z\| - \psi(\|\gamma_n - z\|) \} + (1 - \alpha_n) \|x_n - \gamma_n\| \\ &= \|x_n - \gamma_n\| - \alpha_n \psi(\|x_n - \gamma_n\|) + \alpha_n \{ \|\gamma_n - z\| - \psi(\|\gamma_n - z\|) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking $\lambda_n = \|x_n - \gamma_n\|$, $\beta_n = \alpha_n \{ \|\gamma_n - z\| - \psi(\|\gamma_n - z\|) \}$ in Lemma 2.5 and from the assumptions, we know that all the conditions in Lemma 2.5 are satisfied, and therefore we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - \gamma_n\| = 0,$$

which implies that

$$\|x_n - z\| \leq \|x_n - \gamma_n\| + \|\gamma_n - z\| \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 4.5.

Remark 4.6 From the above arguments, we get that the explicit iterative sequences (4.2) and (4.4) are equivalent.

5 Applications

In this section, we will utilize Theorems 4.3 and 4.5 to study some approximation problems and to state several deduced theorems.

5.1 Application to nonexpansive semigroup problems

Theorem 5.1 Let E be a uniformly convex Banach space having a weakly continuous normalized duality mapping $J: E \rightarrow E^*$, C be a closed and convex subset of E and let $\mathcal{T} := \{T(t) : t \geq 0\} : C \rightarrow C$ be a nonexpansive semigroup with $F(\mathcal{T}) := \bigcap_{t \geq 0} F(T(t)) \neq \emptyset$. Let $g: C \rightarrow C$ be a ψ -weakly contractive mapping and let $\{x_n\}$ be the implicit iterative sequence defined by:

$$x_n = \alpha_n g(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) T(t_n) x_n, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \tag{5.1}$$

where $\{\alpha_n\}$ and $\{t_n\}$ are sequences of real numbers such that $\alpha_n \in (0, 1)$ and $t_n > 0$ for all $n \geq 1$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{\alpha_n}{t_n}) = 0$. Then $x_n \rightarrow z = P \circ gz$, where P is the sunny nonexpansive retraction from C onto $F(\mathcal{T})$.

Proof. It follows from [[18], Theorem 3.3] that $(E, C, \{S_n\}, \{\alpha_n\}, P)$ has the ‘‘Browder’s property’’, where $S_n = T(t_n)$, for any $n \geq 1$. Hence the conclusion of Theorem 5.1 can be obtained immediately from Theorem 4.3.

Theorem 5.2 Let H be a real Hilbert space, C be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of H , $\mathcal{T} := \{T(t) : t \geq 0\} : C \rightarrow C$ be a nonexpansive semigroup with $F(\mathcal{T}) := \bigcap_{t \geq 0} F(T(t)) \neq \emptyset$ and the mapping $t \alpha \|T(t)x - y\|^2$ is measurable for each $x \in C$ and $y \in H$. Let $\{\sigma_n\}: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a sequence of measurable functions such that $\int_0^\infty \sigma_n(t) dt = 1$ for each $n \geq 1$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n(t) = 0$ for almost every $t \geq 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty |\sigma_n(t+s) - \sigma_n(t)| dt = 0$, for all $s \geq 0$ and there exists $\beta \in L^1_{loc}[0, \infty)$ such that $\sup_n \sigma_n(t) \leq \beta(t)$ for almost every $t \geq 0$, where $\beta \in L^1_{loc}[0, \infty)$ means a restriction of β on $[0, s]$ belongs to $L^1[0, s]$ for each $s > 0$. Let $g: C \rightarrow C$ be a weakly contractive mapping, $\{\alpha_n\}$ be a real sequence in $(0, 1)$ such that $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$ and let $\{\beta_n\}$ be a sequence in $0[1]$ such that $\beta_n \rightarrow 0$ and $\sum_{n=0}^\infty \beta_n = \infty$. Let x and y_0 be points of C and let $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ be the sequences which are defined by

$$x_n = \alpha_n g(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \int_0^\infty \sigma_n(t) T(t) x_n dt, \quad n \geq 1, \tag{5.2}$$

and

$$y_{n+1} = \beta_n g(x_n) + (1 - \beta_n) \int_0^\infty \sigma_n(t) T(t) y_n dt, \quad n \geq 1, \tag{5.3}$$

respectively. Then both $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ converge strongly to $z = P \circ gz$, where P is the metric projection from C onto $F(T)$.

Proof. By the assumption that $\mathcal{T} := \{T(t) : t \geq 0\} : C \rightarrow C$ is a nonexpansive semigroup, hence for each $n \geq 1$, $S_n := \int_0^\infty \sigma_n(t)T(t)dt : C \rightarrow C$ is a nonexpansive mapping. From [[19], Theorem 10], we know that $(H, C, \{S_n\}, \{\alpha_n\}, P)$ and $(H, C, \{S_n\}, \{\beta_n\}, P)$ have the Browder's and Halpern's property, respectively. Hence the conclusions of Theorem 5.2 follow immediately from Theorems 4.3 and 4.5.

Definition 5.3 Let $\rho_E : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be the modulus of smoothness of a Banach space E defined by

$$\rho_E(t) = \sup \left\{ \frac{1}{2}(\|x + y\| + \|x - y\|) - 1 : x \in S(E), \|y\| \leq t \right\}$$

where $S(E) = \{x \in E : \|x\| = 1\}$.

A Banach space E is said to be *uniformly smooth* if $\frac{\rho_E(t)}{t} \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow 0$. Let $q > 1$. A Banach space E is said to be *q-uniformly smooth*, if there exists a fixed constant $c > 0$ such that $\rho_E(t) \leq ct^q$. It is well-known that E is uniformly smooth if and only if the norm of E is uniformly Fréchet differentiable. If E is q -uniformly smooth, then $q \leq 2$ and E is uniformly smooth.

Lemma 5.4 (Xu [20]) Let E be a real 2-uniformly smooth Banach space with the best smooth constant K . Then the following inequality holds:

$$\|x + y\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 + 2\langle y, J(x) \rangle + 2\|Ky\|^2,$$

for any $x, y \in E$, where K is a positive constant. The minimal positive constant K satisfying the above inequality is said to be *the best smooth constant*.

5.2 Application to a system of variational inclusions

Theorem 5.5 Let E be a uniformly convex and 2-uniformly smooth Banach space with the best smooth constant K . Let $M_i : E \rightarrow 2^E$ be maximal monotone mappings and let $A_i : E \rightarrow E$ be γ_i -inverse-strongly accretive mappings, $i = 1, 2$. Let $T : E \rightarrow E$ be a λ -strict pseudocontraction with a fixed point. Define a mapping S by $Sx = (1 - \frac{\lambda}{K^2})x + \frac{\lambda}{K^2}Tx$, for all $x \in E$. Let $g : E \rightarrow E$ be a ψ -weak contraction. Assume that $\Omega = F(T) \cap F(Q) \neq \emptyset$, where $Q : E \rightarrow E$ is a mapping which is defined by

$$Q(x) = J_{(M_1, \rho_1)}(I - \rho_1 A_1)J_{(M_2, \rho_2)}(I - \rho_2 A_2)x, \quad x \in E,$$

and $J_{(M_i, \rho_i)} : E \rightarrow E$ is the resolvent operator associated with M_i defined by $J_{(M_i, \rho_i)}(x) = (I + \rho_i M_i)^{-1}(x)$, $x \in E$, where ρ is any positive number and I is the identity mapping. Let $x_1 = u$ and $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence defined by

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n g(x_n) + \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n - \alpha_n)[\mu Sx_n + (1 - \mu)Qx_n], \quad \forall n \geq 1, \quad (5.4)$$

where $\mu \in (0, 1)$, $\rho_i \in (0, \frac{\gamma_i}{K^2})$, $i = 1, 2$, and $\{\alpha_n\}$ and $\{\beta_n\}$ are sequences in $(0, 1)$. If the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) $0 < \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n < 1$;
- (ii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ and $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \alpha_n = \infty$,

then $\{x_n\}$ converges strongly to $x^* = P_\Omega g(x^*)$, where P_Ω is the sunny nonexpansive retraction from E onto Ω and (x^*, y^*) , where $\gamma^* = J_{(M_2, \rho_2)}(x^* - \rho_2 A_2 x^*)$ is a solution of the following system of quasivariational inclusions:

$$\begin{cases} 0 \in x^* - \gamma^* + \rho_1(A_1 \gamma^* + M_1 x^*), \\ 0 \in \gamma^* - x^* + \rho_2(A_2 x^* + M_2 \gamma^*). \end{cases} \quad (5.5)$$

Proof. By the assumptions, we know that the mappings S and Q are nonexpansive on E . From [21], the mapping $U := \mu S + (1 - \mu)Q$ is also nonexpansive on E . Since

$$\beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n - \alpha_n) [\mu S x_n + (1 - \mu)Q x_n] = (1 - \alpha_n) \left(\frac{\beta_n I}{1 - \alpha_n} + \left(1 - \frac{\beta_n}{1 - \alpha_n} \right) U \right) (x_n),$$

where $\frac{\beta_n I}{1 - \alpha_n} + \left(1 - \frac{\beta_n}{1 - \alpha_n} \right) U$ is a nonexpansive on C (see [21]), hence (4.4) can be rewritten as follows:

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n g(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \left(\frac{\beta_n I}{1 - \alpha_n} + \left(1 - \frac{\beta_n}{1 - \alpha_n} \right) U \right) (x_n), \quad \forall n \geq 1. \quad (5.6)$$

From [[22], Theorem 2.1], $(E, C, \{S_n\}, \{\alpha_n\}, P_\Omega)$ has the ‘‘Halpern’s property’’, where

$$S_n = \frac{\beta_n I}{1 - \alpha_n} + \left(1 - \frac{\beta_n}{1 - \alpha_n} \right) U, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Hence for any $u \in E$ the sequence $\{y_n\}$ defined by $y_1 = u \in E$ and

$$y_{n+1} = \alpha_n u + (1 - \alpha_n) S_n y_n, \quad \forall n \geq 1,$$

converges strongly to $x^* = P_\Omega u$ and (x^*, y^*) , where $\gamma^* = J_{M_2, \rho_2}(I - \rho_2 A_2)x^*$, is a solution to the system of quasivariational inclusions (5.5). Hence from Theorem 4.3, we know that $x_n \rightarrow x^* = P_\Omega g(x^*)$, and (x^*, y^*) , where $\gamma^* = J_{M_2, \rho_2}(I - \rho_2 A_2)x^*$, is a solution to the system of quasivariational inclusions (5.5).

This completes the proof of Theorem 5.5.

5.3 Application to equilibrium problem

Let H be a real Hilbert space, C be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of H and let $G : C \times C \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ be an *equilibrium function*, i.e., $G(u, u) = 0$, for any $u \in C$. The *equilibrium problem* is to find $x^* \in C$ such that $G(x^*, y) \geq 0$, for all $y \in C$. The solution set of equilibrium problem is denoted by $EP(G)$.

For solving equilibrium problem of a function $G : C \times C \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$, let us assume that G satisfies the following conditions:

- (A1) $G(x, x) = 0$;
- (A2) $G(x, y) + G(y, x) \leq 0, \forall x, y \in C$;
- (A3) for each $x, y, z \in C, \limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} G(tz + (1 - t)x, y) \leq G(x, y)$;
- (A4) for each $x \in C, y \mapsto G(x, y)$ is convex and lower semi-continuous.

Let $\{T_i\}$ be an infinite family of nonexpansive mappings on C and let $\{\lambda_i\}$ be a real sequence in $[0, 1]$. Following Shimoji and Takahashi [23], for any $n \geq 1$, we define a mapping

$W_n: C \rightarrow C$ by

$$\begin{cases} U_{n,n+1} = I, \\ U_{n,n} = \lambda_n T_n U_{n,n+1} + (1 - \lambda_n)I, \\ \vdots \\ U_{n,k} = \lambda_k T_k U_{n,k+1} + (1 - \lambda_k)I, \\ \vdots \\ U_{n,2} = \lambda_2 T_2 U_{n,3} + (1 - \lambda_2)I, \\ W_n = U_{n,1} = \lambda_1 T_1 U_{n,2} + (1 - \lambda_1)I. \end{cases} \tag{5.7}$$

Lemma 5.6 (Combettes and Hirstoaga [24]) Let $G : C \times C \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ be an equilibrium function which satisfies the conditions (A1)-(A4). For $r > 0$ and $x \in H$ define the mapping $S_r: H \rightarrow C$ by

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

then S_r is well defined and the following hold: (1) S_r is single-valued; (2) S_r is firmly nonexpansive, i.e., $\|S_r x - S_r y\|^2 \leq \langle S_r x - S_r y, x - y \rangle$, for all $x, y \in H$; (3) $F(S_r) = EP(G)$; (4) $EP(G)$ is closed and convex.

Theorem 5.7 Let H be a real Hilbert space, $\{T_i\}: H \rightarrow H$ be an infinite family of non-expansive mappings, $G_k: H \times H \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$ be functions which satisfy conditions (A1)-(A4) such that $\mathcal{F} := (\bigcap_{k=1}^N EP(G_k) \cap \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty F(T_n)) \neq \emptyset$, $A: H \rightarrow H$ be a strongly positive bounded linear operator with coefficient $\bar{\gamma} > 0$ and $\Phi: H \rightarrow H$ be a ψ -weak contraction. Moreover, let $\{r_{k,n}\}_{k=1}^N$ be positive sequences, $\{\alpha_n\}$ be a sequence in $0[1]$, and γ be a real number such that $0 < \gamma < \bar{\gamma}$. Assume that

- (i) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$;
- (ii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_{k,n} = \hat{r}_k$ for each $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

Let $\{x_n\}$ be the sequence defined by

$$x_n = \alpha_n \gamma \Phi(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n A) W_n S_{r_{1,n}}^1 S_{r_{2,n}}^2 \dots S_{r_{N,n}}^N x_n, \quad n \geq 1, \tag{5.8}$$

where W_n is the mapping generated by $\{T_i\}$ and $\{\lambda_n\}$ as in (5.7), and for each $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$ and each $n \geq 1$, $S_{r_{k,n}}^k$ is the mapping generated by G_k and $r_{k,n}$ as in Lemma 5.6. Then $\{x_n\}$ converges strongly $x^* = P_{\mathcal{F}}(I - (A - \gamma \Phi))x^*$.

Proof. Since for each $n \geq 1$ and for each $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$ the mappings W_n and $S_{r_{k,n}}^k$ all are nonexpansive on H . Define a mapping $V_n: H \rightarrow H$ by:

$$V_n x := \alpha_n \gamma \Phi(x) + (I - \alpha_n A) W_n S_{r_{1,n}}^1 S_{r_{2,n}}^2 \dots S_{r_{N,n}}^N x.$$

It is easy to see that for each $n \geq 1$, V_n is a ψ -weakly contractive mapping. Hence there exists a unique $x_n \in H$ such that $x_n = V_n x_n$. This shows that the sequence $\{x_n\}$ defined by (5.8) is well-defined. By the similar method as in [[25], Theorem 8], we can prove that $x_n \rightarrow x^*$, where x^* is the unique solution of the variational inequality

$$\langle (A - \gamma \Phi)x^*, x - x^* \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{F},$$

that is $x^* = P_{\mathcal{F}}(I - (A - \gamma\Phi))x^*$, or, equivalently x^* is the unique solution of the minimization problem:

$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{2} \langle Ax, x \rangle + h(x)$$

where h is the potential function for $\gamma\Phi$.

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