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On Browder's convergence theorem and Halpern iteration process for *G*-nonexpansive mappings in Hilbert spaces endowed with graphs

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Abstract

In this paper, we prove Browder's convergence theorem for *G*-nonexpansive mappings in a Hilbert space with a directed graph. Moreover, we also prove strong convergence of the Halpern iteration process to a fixed point of *G*-nonexpansive mappings in a Hilbert space endowed with a directed graph. The main results obtained in this paper extend and generalize many well-known results in the literature.

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1 Introduction

Let (X, d) be a metric space. A mapping $T : X \to X$ is said to be contraction if there is 0 < k < 1 such that $d(Tx, Ty) \le kd(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$. A mapping T is said to be nonexpansive if $d(Tx, Ty) \le d(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$. We use the notation F(T) to stand for the set of all fixed points of T, *i.e.*, $x \in F(T)$ if and only if x = Tx.

The study of contractive-type mappings is a famous topic in a metric fixed point theory. Banach [1] proved a classical theorem, known as the Banach contraction principle, which is a very important tool for solving existence problems in many branches of mathematics and physics.

Theorem 1.1 ([1]) Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and $T: X \to X$ a contraction mapping. Then T has a unique fixed point.

There are many generalizations of the Banach contraction principle in the literature (see [2–4]).

Let G = (V(G), E(G)) be a directed graph where V(G) is a set of vertices of graph and E(G) be a set of its edges. Assume that G has no parallel edges. We denote by G^{-1} the directed graph obtained from G by reversing the direction of edges. That is,

$$E(G^{-1}) = \{(x, y) : (y, x) \in E(G)\}.$$



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If *x* and *y* are vertices in *G*, then a path in *G* from *x* to *y* of length $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ is a sequence $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^n$ of n + 1 vertices such that $x_0 = x$, $x_n = y$, $(x_{i-1}, x_i) \in E(G)$ for i = 1, 2, ..., n. A graph *G* is connected if there is a (directed) path between any two vertices of *G*.

In 2008, Jachymski [5] combined the concept of fixed point theory and graph theory to study fixed point theory in a metric space endowed with a directed graph. He introduced a concept of *G*-contraction and generalized the Banach contraction principle in a metric space endowed with a directed graph.

Definition 1.2 ([5]) Let (X, d) be a metric space and let G = (V(G), E(G)) be a directed graph such that V(G) = X and E(G) contains all loops, *i.e.*, $\Delta = \{(x, x) : x \in X\} \subseteq E(G)$.

We say that a mapping $f: X \to X$ is a *G*-contraction if *f* preserves edges of *G*, *i.e.*,

$$x, y \in X, \quad (x, y) \in E(G) \quad \Rightarrow \quad (f(x), f(y)) \in E(G)$$

$$(1.1)$$

and there exists $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ such that for any $x, y \in X$,

$$(x, y) \in E(G) \implies d(f(x), f(y)) \le \alpha d(x, y).$$

Using this concept, he proved in [5] the following theorem.

Theorem 1.3 ([5]) Let (X, d) be complete, and let a triple (X, d, G) have the following property:

for any
$$(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$
 if $x_n \to x$ and $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(G)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$

and there is a subsequence $(x_{k_n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ with $(x_{k_n}, x) \in E(G)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Let f be a G-contraction, and $X_f = \{x \in X : (x, f(x)) \in E(G)\}$. Then $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $X_f \neq \emptyset$.

The above theorem has been improved and extended in many ways, see [6-8] for examples.

Let *C* be a nonempty convex subset of a Banach space, G = (V(G), E(G)) be a directed graph such that V(G) = C and $T : C \to C$. Then *T* is said to be *G*-nonexpansive if the following conditions hold:

- (1) *T* is edge-preserving, *i.e.*, for any $x, y \in C$ such that $(x, y) \in E(G) \Rightarrow (Tx, Ty) \in E(G)$;
- (2) $||Tx Ty|| \le ||x y||$, whenever $(x, y) \in E(G)$ for any $x, y \in C$.

Example 1.4 Let *c* be the Banach space of convergent sequences and k > 1. Let G = (X, E(G)), where X = c and

$$E(G) = \{ ((x_n), (y_n)) \mid \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}, x_n, y_n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } y_n = x_n + 1, n \ge 2 \}.$$

Define a mapping $T: X \to X$ by

$$T(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots) = \begin{cases} (0, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots) & \text{if } x_n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}, \\ (kx_1, kx_2, kx_3, \dots) & \text{if } x_n \notin \mathbb{Z} \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}. \end{cases}$$

Note that T is G-nonexpansive, but it is not nonexpansive.

We note that E(G) in the above example is not convex in $C \times C$, while E(G) in the following example is convex.

Example 1.5 Let *c* be a closed unit ball of the space l_1 with the norm $||\{x_k\}|| = \sum_k |x_k|$. Let G = (C, E(G)) be the graph on *C* defined by

$$E(G) = \left\{ \left(\{x\}_k, \{y_k\} \right) : |x_k| + |y_k| \le 1 \text{ and } \left\| \{x_k\} - \{y_k\} \right\| \le \frac{3}{8} \right\}.$$

It is easy to show that E(G) is convex. Now let $T : C \to C$ be defined by

$$T(\lbrace x_k\rbrace) = \lbrace x_k^2 \rbrace, \quad \lbrace x_k\rbrace \in C.$$

We can easily show that *T* is *G*-nonexpansive. However, it is not nonexpansive because ||Tx - Ty|| > ||x - y|| where $\{x\} = \{\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, ...\}$ and $\{y\} = \{1, 0, 0, ...\}$.

The study of fixed point theorems for nonexpansive mappings and the structure of their fixed point sets on both Hilbert and Banach spaces were widely investigated by many authors (see [9-18]). In 1967, Browder [9] proved a strong convergence theorem to a fixed point of a nonexpansive mapping in a Hilbert space by using the Banach contraction principle.

Very recently, in 2015, Alfuraidan [10] proved a fixed point theorem for a *G*-nonexpansive mapping $T: C \rightarrow C$ in a Banach space *X* which satisfies the τ -Opial condition and *C* is a bounded convex τ -compact subset of *X*.

In this paper, we prove Browder's convergence theorem for a *G*-nonexpansive mapping in a Hilbert space endowed with a directed graph and we also prove a strong convergence theorem of the Halpern iteration process for this type of mappings.

2 Preliminaries

In this section, we give some basic and useful definitions and well-known results that will be used in the other sections.

Proposition 2.1 ([11]) Let X be a Hilbert space. For any $x, y \in X$. If ||x + y|| = ||x|| + ||y||, then there exists $t \ge 0$ such that y = tx or x = ty.

Definition 2.2 A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in a Hilbert space *X* is said to converge weakly to $x \in X$ if $\langle x_n, y \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle$ for all $y \in X$. In this case, we write $x_n \rightharpoonup x$.

The following useful result is due to [11].

Theorem 2.3 ([11]) Let X be a Banach space. Then X is reflexive if and only if every closed convex bounded subset C of X is weakly compact, i.e., every bounded sequence in C has a weakly convergent subsequence.

Let *C* be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space *X*. For every point $x \in X$, there exists a unique nearest point in *C*, denoted by $P_C x$, such that

 $||x - P_C x|| \le ||x - y|| \quad \text{for all } y \in C.$

 P_C is called the metric projection of *X* onto *C*.

The following lemma shows some useful properties of P_C on a Hilbert space.

Lemma 2.4 ([12], Lemma 3.1.2) Let C be a convex subset of a Hilbert space H and let $x \in H$ and $y \in C$. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) ||x y|| = d(x, C);
- (2) $(x y, y z) \ge 0$ for every $z \in C$.

Theorem 2.5 ([12]) Let X be a Hilbert space. Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence of X with $x_n \rightharpoonup x$. If $x \neq y$, then

$$\liminf_{n\to\infty} \|x_n-x\| < \liminf_{n\to\infty} \|x_n-y\|.$$

The following property is useful for our main results.

Property *G* Let *C* be a nonempty subset of a normed space *X* and let G = (V(G), E(G)), where V(G) = C, be a directed graph. Then *C* is said to have Property *G* if every sequence $\{x_n\}$ in *C* converging weakly to $x \in C$, there is a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that $(x_{n_k}, x) \in E(G)$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Definition 2.6 Let *C* be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space *H* and *G* = (V(G), E(G)) be a directed graph such that V(G) = C. Then *T* is said to be *G*-monotone if $\langle Tx - Ty, x - y \rangle \ge 0$ whenever $(x, y) \in E(G)$ for any $x, y \in C$.

In order to obtain our main result, we need some basic definitions of domination in graphs [19, 20].

Let G = (V(G), E(G)) be a directed graph. A set $X \subseteq V(G)$ is called a dominating set if every $v \in V(G) \setminus X$ there exists $x \in X$ such that $(x, v) \in E(G)$ and we say that x dominates v or v is dominated by x. Let $v \in V$, a set $X \subseteq V$ is dominated by v if $(v, x) \in E(G)$ for any $x \in X$ and we say that X dominates v if $(x, v) \in E(G)$ for all $x \in X$. In this paper, we always assume that E(G) contains all loops.

3 Main result

In this section, we prove a fixed point theorem for *G*-nonexpansive mapping in a Hilbert space endowed with a directed graph. First, we begin with the property of *G*-nonexpansive mapping and the structure of its fixed point set.

Lemma 3.1 Let X be a normed space and G = (V(G), E(G)) a directed graph with V(G) = X. Suppose $T : X \to X$ is a G-nonexpansive mapping. If X has a Property G, then T is continuous.

Proof Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in X such that $x_n \to x$. We will show that $Tx_n \to Tx$. To show this, let $\{Tx_{n_k}\}$ be a subsequence of $\{Tx_n\}$. Since $x_{n_k} \to x$, by Property G, there is a subsequence (x_{m_k}) such that $(x_{m_k}, x) \in E(G)$ for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Since T is G-nonexpansive and $(x_{m_k}, x) \in E(G)$, we obtain

$$||Tx_{m_k} - Tx|| \le ||x_{m_k} - x|| \to 0 \quad \text{as } k \to \infty.$$

Hence $Tx_{m_k} \to Tx$. By the double extract subsequence principle, we conclude that $Tx_n \to Tx$. Therefore *T* is continuous.

We now discuss the structure of the fixed point set of *G*-nonexpansive mappings.

Theorem 3.2 Let X be a normed space and C be a subset of X having Property G. Let G = (V(G), E(G)) be a directed graph such that V(G) = C and E(G) is convex. Suppose $T : C \to C$ is a G-nonexpansive mapping and $F(T) \times F(T) \subseteq E(G)$. Then F(T) is closed and convex.

Proof Suppose $F(T) \neq \emptyset$. Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in F(T) such that $x_n \to x$. Since *C* has Property *G*, there is a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that $(x_{n_k}, x) \in E(G)$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Since *T* is *G*-nonexpansive, we obtain

$$\|x - Tx\| \le \|x - x_{n_k}\| + \|x_{n_k} - Tx\|$$

= $\|x - x_{n_k}\| + \|Tx_{n_k} - Tx\|$
= $\|x - x_{n_k}\| + \|x_{n_k} - x\| \to 0.$

Therefore x = Tx, *i.e.*, $x \in F(T)$. This shows that F(T) is closed.

Next, we will show that F(T) is convex. Let $x, y \in F(T)$ and $\lambda \in [0,1]$. Then $(x, x), (x, y) \in E(G)$. Denote $z = \lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y$. Since E(G) is convex, we obtain

$$(x,z) = (\lambda x + (1-\lambda)x, \lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \in E(G).$$

Similarly, we also have $(y, z) \in E(G)$. Since *T* is *G*-nonexpansive, we obtain

$$\|x - Tz\| = \|Tx - Tz\| \le \|x - z\| = (1 - \lambda)\|x - y\|$$
(3.1)

and

$$\|y - Tz\| = \|Ty - Tz\| \le \|y - z\| = \lambda \|x - y\|.$$
(3.2)

Hence

$$||x - y|| = ||(x - Tz) + (Tz - y)||$$

$$\leq ||x - Tz|| + ||Tz - y||$$

$$\leq ||x - z|| + ||y - z|| = ||x - y||.$$

This implies that ||x - y|| = ||x - Tz|| + ||Tz - y|| = ||x - z|| + ||y - z|| and

$$||(x - Tz) + (Tz - y)|| = ||x - Tz|| + ||Tz - y||.$$

By (3.1) and (3.2), we can conclude that

$$||x - Tz|| = ||x - z||$$
 and $||y - Tz|| = ||y - z||$.

By Proposition 2.1, there exists $t \ge 0$ such that x - Tz = t(Tz - y), so

$$Tz = \beta x + (1 - \beta)y$$
, where $\beta = \frac{1}{1 + t}$.

Hence $x - Tz = (1 - \beta)(x - y) = \frac{1 - \beta}{1 - \lambda}(x - z)$, which implies that x - Tz = x - z. Therefore z = Tz, *i.e.*, $z \in F(T)$. Thus F(T) is convex.

Proposition 3.3 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H and G = (V(G), E(G)) a directed graph such that V(G) = C. If T is G-nonexpansive, then I - T is G-monotone, where I is the identity mapping on C.

Proof Let $x, y \in C$ be such that $(x, y) \in E(G)$. By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and *G*-nonexpansiveness of *T*, we have

$$0 \le ||Tx - Ty|| ||x - y|| - \langle Tx - Ty, x - y \rangle$$

$$\le ||x - y||^2 - \langle Tx - Ty, x - y \rangle$$

$$= \langle x - y, x - y \rangle - \langle Tx - Ty, x - y \rangle$$

$$= \langle (x - y) - (Tx - Ty), x - y \rangle$$

$$= \langle (I - T)x - (I - T)y, x - y \rangle.$$

Hence I - T is *G*-monotone.

Next, we prove a Browder's fixed point theorem for a *G*-nonexpansive mapping.

Theorem 3.4 Let C be a bounded closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H and let G = (V(G), E(G)) a directed graph such that V(G) = C and E(G) is convex. Suppose C has Property G. Let $T : C \to C$ be a G-nonexpansive. Assume that there exists $x_0 \in C$ such that $(x_0, Tx_0) \in E(G)$. Define $T_n : C \to C$ by

 $T_n x = (1 - \alpha_n) T x + \alpha_n x_0$

for each $x \in C$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, where $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence in (0,1) such that $\alpha_n \to 0$. Then the following hold:

- (i) T_n has a fixed point $u_n \in C$;
- (ii) $F(T) \neq \emptyset$;
- (iii) if $F(T) \times F(T) \subseteq E(G)$ and Px_0 is dominated by $\{u_n\}$, then the sequence $\{u_n\}$ converges strongly to $w_0 = Px_0$ where P is the metric projection onto F(T).

Proof (i) Let x_0 be such that $(x_0, Tx_0) \in E(G)$. We first show that T_n is *G*-contraction for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x, y \in C$ such that $(x, y) \in E(G)$. Since *T* is *G*-nonexpansive, we obtain

$$||T_n x - T_n y|| = (1 - \alpha_n) ||Tx - Ty|| \le (1 - \alpha_n) ||x - y||.$$

Since *T* is edge-preserving, $(Tx, Ty) \in E(G)$. By convexity of E(G), we have

$$(T_n x, T_n y) = ((1 - \alpha_n)Tx + \alpha_n x_0, (1 - \alpha_n)Ty + \alpha_n x_0) \in E(G).$$

Therefore T_n is *G*-contraction. For any sequence $\{x_n\}$ in *C* such that $x_n \to x$ and $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(G)$, by Property *G* of *C*, there is a subsequence (x_{n_k}) such that $(x_{n_k}, x) \in E(G)$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Since E(G) is convex and $(x_0, x_0) \in E(G)$, we have

$$(x_0, T_n x_0) = ((1 - \alpha_n) x_0 + \alpha_n x_0, (1 - \alpha_n) T x_0 + \alpha_n x_0) \in E(G).$$

Therefore all conditions of Theorem 1.3 are satisfied, so T_n has a fixed point, *i.e.*, $u_n = T_n u_n$.

(ii) We will show that $F(T) \neq \emptyset$. Since $\{u_n\}$ is bounded, by Theorem 2.3, there is a subsequence $\{u_{n_i}\}$ of $\{u_n\}$ such that $u_{n_i} \rightharpoonup v$ for some $v \in C$. Suppose $Tv \neq v$. By Property *G*, without loss of generality, we may assume that $(u_{n_i}, v) \in E(G)$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $u_{n_i} - Tu_{n_i} \rightarrow 0$ as $i \rightarrow \infty$, by Theorem 2.5, we have

$$\liminf_{i \to \infty} \|u_{n_i} - \nu\| < \liminf_{i \to \infty} \|u_{n_i} - T\nu\|$$
$$= \liminf_{i \to \infty} \|u_{n_i} - Tu_{n_i} + Tu_{n_i} - T\nu\|$$
$$= \liminf_{i \to \infty} \|Tu_{n_i} - T\nu\|$$
$$\leq \liminf_{i \to \infty} \|u_{n_i} - \nu\|,$$

which is a contradiction. Hence Tv = v.

(iii) Next, assume that $F(T) \times F(T) \subseteq E(G)$ and $\{Px_0\}$ is dominated by $\{u_n\}$. We will show that $u_n \to w_0 = Px_0$. Let $\{u_{n_i}\}$ be a subsequence of $\{u_n\}$, we denote $v_i = u_{n_i}$. For each *i*, v_i is a fixed point of T_{n_i} . Hence we have

$$\alpha_{n_i}\nu_i + (1 - \alpha_{n_i})(\nu_i - T\nu_i) = \alpha_{n_i}x_0$$

Since w_0 is a fixed point of *T*, we have

$$\alpha_{n_i}w_0 + (1 - \alpha_{n_i})(w_0 - Tw_0) = \alpha_{n_i}w_0.$$

If we subtract these two equations and take the inner product of the difference with $v_i - w_0$, we obtain

$$\alpha_{n_i} \langle v_i - w_0, v_i - w_0 \rangle + (1 - \alpha_{n_i}) \langle U v_i - U w_0, v_i - w_0 \rangle = \alpha_{n_i} \langle x_0 - w_0, v_i - w_0 \rangle,$$
(3.3)

where U = I - T and I is the identity map. Since Px_0 is dominated by $\{u_n\}$, we obtain $(v_i, w_0) \in E(G)$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. By Proposition 3.3, U is G-monotone, so $\langle Uv_i - Uw_0, v_1 - w_0 \rangle \ge 0$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. This together with (3.1) shows

$$\alpha_{n_i}\|\nu_i-w_0\|^2\leq \alpha_{n_i}\langle x_0-w_0,\nu_i-w_0\rangle.$$

Hence

$$\|v_{i} - w_{0}\|^{2} \leq \langle x_{0} - w_{0}, v_{i} - w_{0} \rangle$$

= $\langle x_{0} - w_{0}, v - w_{0} \rangle + \langle x_{0} - w_{0}, v_{i} - v \rangle.$

By Lemma 2.4, we know that $\langle x_0 - w_0, v - w_0 \rangle \le 0$, so we get

$$\|v_i - w_0\|^2 \le \langle x_0 - w_0, v_i - v \rangle \to 0 \quad \text{as } i \to \infty,$$

because $v_i \rightarrow v$. Hence $v_i \rightarrow w_0 = Px_0$. By the double extract subsequence principle, we can conclude that $u_n \rightarrow w_0 = Px_0$.

Next, we give an example which supports Theorem 3.4.

Example 3.5 Let $H = \mathbb{R}$ and $C = [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ with the usual norm ||x - y|| = |x - y| and let G = (V(G), E(G)) be such that V(G) = C, $E(G) = \{(x, y) : x, y \in [0, \frac{3}{8}] \text{ such that } |x - y| \le \frac{1}{8}\}$. Define $T : C \to C$ by

$$Tx = \begin{cases} \frac{8}{6}x^2 & \text{if } x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}), \\ \frac{25}{64} & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

Proof We see that $F(T) = \{0\}$. Choose $x_0 = \frac{1}{8}$, so $(x_0, Tx_0) \in E(G)$. It is easy to see that E(G) is convex. Let $(x, y) \in E(G)$. Then $x, y \in [0, \frac{3}{8}]$ and $|x - y| \le \frac{1}{8}$. So, we have $|Tx - Ty| = \frac{8}{6}|x^2 - y^2| \le \frac{8}{6}|x + y||x - y| \le |x - y| \le \frac{1}{8}$, which implies that $(Tx, Ty) \in E(G)$ and $||Tx - Ty|| \le ||x - y||$. Thus T is G-nonexpansive. Next, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define $T_n : C \to C$ by

$$T_n x = \frac{1}{8(n+5)} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+5}\right) T x$$

Then the unique fixed point of T_n is $u_n = \frac{3n+15-\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3n^2+28n+67}}{8(n+4)}$. By using elementary calculus, we can show that $u_n \le \frac{1}{8}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus $(u_n, Px_0) = (u_n, 0) \in E(G)$, *i.e.*, Px_0 is dominated by $\{u_n\}$ and $u_n \to 0 = Px_0$ as $n \to \infty$.

It is noted that T is not nonexpansive because

$$\left\| T\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - T\left(\frac{3}{8}\right) \right\| = \left\| \frac{25}{64} - \frac{3}{16} \right\| = \frac{13}{64} > \frac{1}{8} = \left\| \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{8} \right\|.$$

Open question It is noted that the set C in the above example has no Property G but we still have the Browder convergence theorem for a G-nonexpansive mapping T. Is it possible to obtain Theorem 3.4 with a property which is weaker than the Property G or without the Property G?

As a consequence of Theorem 3.4, by putting $E(G) = C \times C$, we obtain the Browder convergence theorem.

Corollary 3.6 ([9]) Let C be a bounded closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H and let T be a nonexpansive mapping of C into itself. Let x_0 be an arbitrary point of C and define $T_n: C \to C$ by

$$T_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)Tx + \frac{1}{n}x_0$$

for each $x \in C$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then the following hold:

- T_n has a unique fixed point u_n in C;
- the sequence {u_n} converges strongly to Px₀ ∈ F(T), where P is the metric projection onto F(T).

4 Convergence of Halpern iteration process

In this section, we prove strong convergence of Halpern iteration process for *G*-nonexpansive mappings in a Hilbert space endowed with a graph.

Definition 4.1 ([13]) Let *C* be a nonempty convex subset of a linear space and $T : C \to C$ a mapping. Let $u \in C$ and $\{\alpha_n\}$ be a sequence in [0, 1]. Then a sequence $\{x_n\}$ defined by

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in C, \\ x_{n+1} = \alpha_n u + (1 - \alpha_n) T x_n, \quad n \ge 0, \end{cases}$$
(4.1)

is called the Halpern iteration.

In 1992, Wittmann [14] proved the strong convergence of the Halpern iteration for a nonexpansive mapping in a Hilbert space and $\{\alpha_n\}$ satisfies

$$\alpha_n \in [0,1], \qquad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty, \qquad \lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_{n+1} - \alpha_n| < \infty.$$
(4.2)

The following is also useful for proving our main result.

Lemma 4.2 ([16]) Let (s_n) be a sequence of non-negative real numbers satisfying

 $s_{n+1} \leq (1-\alpha_n)s_n + \alpha_n\beta_n + \gamma_n, \quad n \geq 0,$

where (α_n) , (β_n) , and (γ_n) satisfy the conditions:

- 1. $(\alpha_n) \subset [0,1], \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$, or equivalently, $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 \alpha_n) = 0$;
- 2. $\limsup_{n\to\infty} \beta_n \leq 0;$
- 3. $\gamma_n \ge 0$ for all $n \ge 0$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \gamma_n < \infty$.

Then $\lim_{n\to\infty} s_n = 0$.

Definition 4.3 Let G = (V(G), E(G)) be a directed graph. A graph *G* is called transitive if for any $x, y, z \in V(G)$ such that (x, y) and (y, z) are in E(G), then $(x, z) \in E(G)$.

The following result is needed for proving strong convergence of Halpern iteration process for *G*-nonexpansive mapping in Hilbert spaces endowed with a directed graph.

Proposition 4.4 Let C be a convex subset of a vector space X and G = (V(G), E(G)) a directed graph such that V(G) = C and E(G) is convex. Let G be transitive and $T : C \to C$ be edge-preserving. Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence defined by (4.1), where $u = x_0$ and $(x_0, Tx_0) \in E(G)$. If $\{x_n\}$ dominates x_0 , then (x_n, x_{n+1}) , (x_0, x_n) , and (x_n, Tx_n) are in E(G) for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof We prove by induction. Since E(G) is convex, (x_0, x_0) and (x_0, Tx_0) are in E(G), we have $(x_0, x_1) \in E(G)$. Then $(Tx_0, Tx_1) \in E(G)$, since *T* is edge-preserving. Because *G*

is transitive, we have $(x_0, Tx_1) \in E(G)$. By convexity of E(G) and $(x_0, Tx_1), (Tx_0, Tx_1) \in E(G)$, we get $(x_1, Tx_1) \in E(G)$. By assumption, $(x_1, x_0) \in E(G)$. So, by convexity of E(G), we get $(x_1, x_2) \in E(G)$. Next, assume that $(x_k, x_{k+1}), (x_0, Tx_k)$, and (x_k, Tx_k) are in E(G). Then $(Tx_k, Tx_{k+1}) \in E(G)$, since T is edge-preserving. By transitivity of G, we have $(x_0, Tx_{k+1}) \in E(G)$. By convexity of E(G) and $(x_0, Tx_{k+1}), (Tx_k, Tx_{k+1}) \in E(G)$, we get $(x_{k+1}, Tx_{k+1}) \in E(G)$. Since $\{x_0\}$ is dominated by $\{x_n\}$, we have $(x_{k+1}, x_0) \in E(G)$. By convexity of E(G), we get $(x_{k+1}, x_{k+2}) \in E(G)$. So, by induction, we can conclude that $(x_n, x_{n+1}), (x_0, x_n)$, and (x_n, Tx_n) are in E(G) for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

We now ready to prove the strong convergence theorem.

Theorem 4.5 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H and let G = (V(G), E(G)) be a directed graph such that V(G) = C, E(G) is convex and G is transitive. Suppose C has Property G. Let $T : C \to C$ be a G-nonexpansive mapping. Assume that there exists $x_0 \in C$ such that $(x_0, Tx_0) \in E(G)$. Suppose that $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ and $F(T) \times F(T) \subseteq E(G)$. Let $\{\alpha_n\}$ be a sequence satisfying (4.2). Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence defined by Halpern iteration, where $u = x_0$. If $\{x_n\}$ is dominated by Px_0 and $\{x_n\}$ dominates x_0 , then $\{x_n\}$ converges strongly to Px_0 , where P is the metric projection on F(T).

Proof Let $z_0 = Px_0$. From Proposition 4.4, $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(G)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. First we will show that $\{x_n\}$ is bounded. Since $z_0 \in F(T)$ and $z_0 = Px_0$ is dominated by $\{x_n\}$, we have $(x_n, z_0) \in E(G)$, we get

$$\|x_{n+1} - z_0\| \le (1 - \alpha_n) \|Tx_n - z_0\| + \alpha_n \|x_0 - z_0\|$$

= $(1 - \alpha_n) \|Tx_n - Tz_0\| + \alpha_n \|x_0 - z_0\|$
 $\le (1 - \alpha_n) \|x_n - z_0\| + \alpha_n \|x_0 - z_0\|$
 $\le \max\{\|x_n - z_0\|, \|x_0 - z_0\|\}$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore $\{x_n\}$ is bounded. Moreover, $\{Tx_n\}$ is bounded. By (4.1) and $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(G)$, we have

$$\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \le |\alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1}|| (\|x_0\| + \|Tx_{n-1}\|) + (1 - \alpha_n) \|x_n - x_{n-1}\|$$

$$\le \|\alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1}\|K + (1 - \alpha_n)\|x_n - x_{n-1}\|,$$
(4.3)

where $K = \sup\{||x_0|| + ||Tx_n|| : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. By using (4.3), for *m*, *n* $\in \mathbb{N}$, we have

 $||x_{n+m+1} - x_{n+m}||$

$$\leq \left(\sum_{k=m}^{n+m-1} |\alpha_{k+1} - \alpha_k|\right) K + \left(\prod_{k=m}^{n+m-1} |1 - \alpha_{k+1}|\right) \|x_{m+1} - x_m\|$$

$$\leq \left(\sum_{k=m}^{n+m-1} |\alpha_{k+1} - \alpha_k|\right) K + \exp\left(-\sum_{k=m}^{n+m-1} \alpha_{k+1}\right) \|x_{m+1} - x_m\|.$$

Since $\{x_n\}$ is bounded and $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k = \infty$, we obtain

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty} \|x_{n+1}-x_n\| = \limsup_{n\to\infty} \|x_{n+m+1}-x_{n+m}\| \le \left(\sum_{k=m}^{\infty} |\alpha_{k+1}-\alpha_k|\right) K$$

for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence, by $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_{n+1} - \alpha_n| < \infty$, we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| = 0.$$
(4.4)

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\|x_n - Tx_n\| \le \|x_n - x_{n+1}\| + \|x_{n+1} - Tx_n\|$$

= $\|x_n - x_{n+1}\| + \alpha_n \|x_0 - Tx_n\|.$

Because $\{Tx_n\}$ is bounded with (4.4), we obtain

$$\|x_n - Tx_n\| \to 0 \tag{4.5}$$

as $n \to \infty$. We next show that

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty}\langle x_n-z_0,x_0-z_0\rangle\leq 0.$$

Indeed, take a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty}\langle x_n-z_0,x_0-z_0\rangle=\lim_{k\to\infty}\langle x_{n_k}-z_0,x_0-z_0\rangle.$$

Because all the x_{n_k} lie in the weakly compact set *C* and *C* has Property *G*, we may assume without loss of generality that $x_{n_k} \rightarrow y$ for some $y \in C$ and $(x_{n_k}, y) \in E(G)$. Suppose $y \neq Ty$. By Theorem 2.5, (4.5), and *G*-nonexpansiveness of *T*, we get

$$\begin{split} \liminf_{k \to \infty} \|x_{n_k} - y\| &< \liminf_{k \to \infty} \|x_{n_k} - Ty\| \\ &\leq \liminf_{k \to \infty} \left(\|x_{n_k} - Tx_{n_k}\| + \|Tx_{n_k} - Ty\| \right) \\ &= \liminf_{k \to \infty} \|Tx_{n_k} - Ty\| \\ &\leq \liminf_{k \to \infty} \|x_{n_k} - y\|, \end{split}$$

which is a contradiction. So y = Ty. Hence, by Lemma 2.4, we get

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \langle x_{n_k} - z_0, x_0 - z_0 \rangle = \langle y - z_0, x_0 - z_0 \rangle \le 0.$$
(4.6)

Therefore $\limsup_{n\to\infty} \langle x_n - z_0, x_0 - z_0 \rangle \le 0$. Since $(1 - \alpha_n)(Tx_n - z_0) = (x_{n+1} - z_0) - \alpha_n(x_0 - z_0)$, we have

$$\| (1-\alpha_n)(Tx_n-z_0) \|^2 = \| x_{n+1}-z_0 \|^2 + \alpha_n^2 \| x_0-z_0 \|^2 - 2\alpha_n \langle x_{n+1}-z_0, x_0-z_0 \rangle$$

$$\geq \| x_{n+1}-z_0 \|^2 - 2\alpha_n \langle x_{n+1}-z_0, x_0-z_0 \rangle.$$

This implies, by *G*-nonexpansiveness of *T* and $(z_0, x_n) \in E(G)$, that

$$\|x_{n+1} - z_0\|^2 \le (1 - \alpha_n) \|x_n - z_0\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \langle x_{n+1} - z_0, x_0 - z_0 \rangle$$

for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By Lemma 4.2, we can conclude that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_n - z_0\|^2 = 0.$$

Therefore $\{x_n\}$ converges strongly to $z_0 = Px_0$.

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