

# WEAK CONVERGENCE OF AN ITERATIVE SEQUENCE FOR ACCRETIVE OPERATORS IN BANACH SPACES

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Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a smooth Banach space  $E$  and let  $A$  be an accretive operator of  $C$  into  $E$ . We first introduce the problem of finding a point  $u \in C$  such that  $\langle Au, J(v - u) \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $v \in C$ , where  $J$  is the duality mapping of  $E$ . Next we study a weak convergence theorem for accretive operators in Banach spaces. This theorem extends the result by Gol'shtein and Tret'yakov in the Euclidean space to a Banach space. And using our theorem, we consider the problem of finding a fixed point of a strictly pseudocontractive mapping in a Banach space and so on.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space with norm  $\| \cdot \|$  and inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$ , let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$  and let  $A$  be a monotone operator of  $C$  into  $H$ . The *variational inequality* problem is formulated as finding a point  $u \in C$  such that

$$(v - u, Au) \geq 0 \tag{1.1}$$

for all  $v \in C$ . Such a point  $u \in C$  is called a solution of the problem. Variational inequalities were initially studied by Stampacchia [13, 17] and ever since have been widely studied. The set of solutions of the variational inequality problem is denoted by  $VI(C, A)$ . In the case when  $C = H$ ,  $VI(H, A) = A^{-1}0$  holds, where  $A^{-1}0 = \{u \in H : Au = 0\}$ . An element of  $A^{-1}0$  is called a zero point of  $A$ . An operator  $A$  of  $C$  into  $H$  is said to be *inverse strongly monotone* if there exists a positive real number  $\alpha$  such that

$$(x - y, Ax - Ay) \geq \alpha \|Ax - Ay\|^2 \tag{1.2}$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ ; see Browder and Petryshyn [5], Liu and Nashed [18], and Iiduka et al. [11]. For such a case,  $A$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone. Let  $T$  be a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into itself. It is known that if  $A = I - T$ , then  $A$  is 1/2-inverse strongly

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monotone and  $F(T) = VI(C, A)$ , where  $I$  is the identity mapping of  $H$  and  $F(T)$  is the set of fixed points of  $T$ ; see [11]. In the case of  $C = H = \mathbb{R}^N$ , for finding a zero point of an inverse strongly monotone operator, Gol'shtein and Tret'yakov [8] proved the following theorem.

**THEOREM 1.1** (see Gol'shtein and Tret'yakov [8]). *Let  $\mathbb{R}^N$  be the  $N$ -dimensional Euclidean space and let  $A$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator of  $\mathbb{R}^N$  into itself with  $A^{-1}0 \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence defined as follows:  $x_1 = x \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and*

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \lambda_n A x_n \quad (1.3)$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , where  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is a sequence in  $[0, 2\alpha]$ . If  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is chosen so that  $\lambda_n \in [a, b]$  for some  $a, b$  with  $0 < a < b < 2\alpha$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  converges to some element of  $A^{-1}0$ .

For finding a solution of the variational inequality for an inverse strongly monotone operator, Iiduka et al. [11] proved the following weak convergence theorem.

**THEOREM 1.2** (see Iiduka et al. [11]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $H$  and let  $A$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator of  $C$  into  $H$  with  $VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence defined as follows:  $x_1 = x \in C$  and*

$$x_{n+1} = P_C(\alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) P_C(x_n - \lambda_n A x_n)) \quad (1.4)$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , where  $P_C$  is the metric projection from  $H$  onto  $C$ ,  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence in  $[-1, 1]$ , and  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is a sequence in  $[0, 2\alpha]$ . If  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\lambda_n\}$  are chosen so that  $\alpha_n \in [a, b]$  for some  $a, b$  with  $-1 < a < b < 1$  and  $\lambda_n \in [c, d]$  for some  $c, d$  with  $0 < c < d < 2(1 + a)\alpha$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to some element of  $VI(C, A)$ .

A mapping  $T$  of  $C$  into itself is said to be *strictly pseudocontractive* [5] if there exists  $k$  with  $0 \leq k < 1$  such that

$$\|Tx - Ty\|^2 \leq \|x - y\|^2 + k\|(I - T)x - (I - T)y\|^2 \quad (1.5)$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . For such a case,  $T$  is said to be  $k$ -strictly pseudocontractive. For finding a fixed point of a  $k$ -strictly pseudocontractive mapping, Browder and Petryshyn [5] proved the following weak convergence theorem.

**THEOREM 1.3** (Browder and Petryshyn [5]). *Let  $K$  be a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $H$  and let  $T$  be a  $k$ -strictly pseudocontractive mapping of  $K$  into itself. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence defined as follows:  $x_1 = x \in K$  and*

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha x_n + (1 - \alpha) T x_n \quad (1.6)$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , where  $\alpha \in (k, 1)$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to some element of  $F(T)$ .

In this paper, motivated by the above three theorems, we first consider the following generalized variational inequality problem in a Banach space.

**Problem 1.4.** Let  $E$  be a smooth Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , let  $E^*$  denote the dual of  $E$ , and let  $\langle x, f \rangle$  denote the value of  $f \in E^*$  at  $x \in E$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex

subset of  $E$  and let  $A$  be an accretive operator of  $C$  into  $E$ . Find a point  $u \in C$  such that

$$\langle Au, J(v - u) \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in C, \tag{1.7}$$

where  $J$  is the duality mapping of  $E$  into  $E^*$ .

This problem is connected with the fixed point problem for nonlinear mappings, the problem of finding a zero point of an accretive operator and so on. For the problem of finding a zero point of an accretive operator by the proximal point algorithm, see Kamimura and Takahashi [12]. Second, in order to find a solution of Problem 1.4, we introduce the following iterative scheme for an accretive operator  $A$  in a Banach space  $E$ :  $x_1 = x \in C$  and

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) Q_C(x_n - \lambda_n A x_n) \tag{1.8}$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , where  $Q_C$  is a sunny nonexpansive retraction from  $E$  onto  $C$ ,  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence in  $[0, 1]$ , and  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is a sequence of real numbers. Then we prove a weak convergence (Theorem 3.1) in a Banach space which is generalized simultaneously Gol'shtein and Tret'yakov's theorem (Theorem 1.1) and Browder and Petryshyn's theorem (Theorem 1.3).

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $E$  be a real Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and let  $E^*$  denote the dual of  $E$ . We denote the value of  $f \in E^*$  at  $x \in E$  by  $\langle x, f \rangle$ . When  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $E$ , we denote strong convergence of  $\{x_n\}$  to  $x \in E$  by  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and weak convergence by  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ .

Let  $U = \{x \in E : \|x\| = 1\}$ . A Banach space  $E$  is said to be *uniformly convex* if for each  $\varepsilon \in (0, 2]$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $x, y \in U$ ,

$$\|x - y\| \geq \varepsilon \text{ implies } \left\| \frac{x + y}{2} \right\| \leq 1 - \delta. \tag{2.1}$$

It is known that a uniformly convex Banach space is reflexive and strictly convex. A Banach space  $E$  is said to be *smooth* if the limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t} \tag{2.2}$$

exists for all  $x, y \in U$ . It is also said to be *uniformly smooth* if the limit (2.2) is attained uniformly for  $x, y \in U$ . The norm of  $E$  is said to be *Fréchet differentiable* if for each  $x \in U$ , the limit (2.2) is attained uniformly for  $y \in U$ . And we define a function  $\rho : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  called the *modulus of smoothness* of  $E$  as follows:

$$\rho(\tau) = \sup \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\|x + y\| + \|x - y\|) - 1 : x, y \in E, \|x\| = 1, \|y\| = \tau \right\}. \tag{2.3}$$

It is known that  $E$  is uniformly smooth if and only if  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \rho(\tau)/\tau = 0$ . Let  $q$  be a fixed real number with  $1 < q \leq 2$ . Then a Banach space  $E$  is said to be *q-uniformly smooth* if there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $\rho(\tau) \leq c\tau^q$  for all  $\tau > 0$ . For example, see [1, 23] for more details. We know the following lemma [1, 2].

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LEMMA 2.1 [1, 2]. *Let  $q$  be a real number with  $1 < q \leq 2$  and let  $E$  be a Banach space. Then  $E$  is  $q$ -uniformly smooth if and only if there exists a constant  $K \geq 1$  such that*

$$\frac{1}{2}(\|x + y\|^q + \|x - y\|^q) \leq \|x\|^q + \|Ky\|^q \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $x, y \in E$ .

The best constant  $K$  in Lemma 2.1 is called the  $q$ -uniformly smoothness constant of  $E$ ; see [1]. Let  $q$  be a given real number with  $q > 1$ . The (generalized) duality mapping  $J_q$  from  $E$  into  $2^{E^*}$  is defined by

$$J_q(x) = \{x^* \in E^* : \langle x, x^* \rangle = \|x\|^q, \|x^*\| = \|x\|^{q-1}\} \quad (2.5)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . In particular,  $J = J_2$  is called the *normalized duality mapping*. It is known that

$$J_q(x) = \|x\|^{q-2}J(x) \quad (2.6)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . If  $E$  is a Hilbert space, then  $J = I$ . The normalized duality mapping  $J$  has the following properties:

- (1) if  $E$  is smooth, then  $J$  is single-valued;
- (2) if  $E$  is strictly convex, then  $J$  is one-to-one and  $\langle x - y, x^* - y^* \rangle > 0$  holds for all  $(x, x^*), (y, y^*) \in J$  with  $x \neq y$ ;
- (3) if  $E$  is reflexive, then  $J$  is surjective;
- (4) if  $E$  is uniformly smooth, then  $J$  is uniformly norm-to-norm continuous on each bounded subset of  $E$ .

See [22] for more details. It is also known that

$$q\langle y - x, j_x \rangle \leq \|y\|^q - \|x\|^q \quad (2.7)$$

for all  $x, y \in E$  and  $j_x \in J_q(x)$ . Further we know the following result [25]. For the sake of completeness, we give the proof; see also [1, 2].

LEMMA 2.2 [25]. *Let  $q$  be a given real number with  $1 < q \leq 2$  and let  $E$  be a  $q$ -uniformly smooth Banach space. Then*

$$\|x + y\|^q \leq \|x\|^q + q\langle y, J_q(x) \rangle + 2\|Ky\|^q \quad (2.8)$$

for all  $x, y \in E$ , where  $J_q$  is the generalized duality mapping of  $E$  and  $K$  is the  $q$ -uniformly smoothness constant of  $E$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in E$  be given arbitrarily. From (2.7), we have  $q\langle y, J_q(x) \rangle \geq \|x\|^q - \|x - y\|^q$ . Thus, it follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} q\langle y, J_q(x) \rangle &\geq \|x\|^q - \|x - y\|^q \\ &\geq \|x\|^q - (2\|x\|^q + 2\|Ky\|^q - \|x + y\|^q) \\ &= -\|x\|^q - 2\|Ky\|^q + \|x + y\|^q. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Hence we have  $\|x + y\|^q \leq \|x\|^q + q\langle y, J_q(x) \rangle + 2\|Ky\|^q$ . □

Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $C$  be a subset of  $E$ . Then a mapping  $T$  of  $C$  into itself is said to be *nonexpansive* if

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \|x - y\| \quad (2.10)$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . We denote by  $F(T)$  the set of fixed points of  $T$ . A closed convex subset  $C$  of a Banach space  $E$  is said to have *normal structure* if for each bounded closed convex subset  $D$  of  $C$  which contains at least two points, there exists an element of  $D$  which is not a diametral point of  $D$ . It is well known that a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space has normal structure and a compact convex subset of a Banach space has normal structure. We know the following theorem [14] related to the existence of fixed points of a nonexpansive mapping.

**THEOREM 2.3** (Kirk [14]). *Let  $E$  be a reflexive Banach space and let  $D$  be a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of  $E$  which has normal structure. Let  $T$  be a nonexpansive mapping of  $D$  into itself. Then the set  $F(T)$  is nonempty.*

To prove our main result, we also need the following theorem [4].

**THEOREM 2.4** (see Browder [4]). *Let  $D$  be a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  and let  $T$  be a nonexpansive mapping of  $D$  into itself. If  $\{u_j\}$  is a sequence of  $D$  such that  $u_j \rightarrow u_0$  and  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|u_j - Tu_j\| = 0$ , then  $u_0$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .*

Let  $D$  be a subset of  $C$  and let  $Q$  be a mapping of  $C$  into  $D$ . Then  $Q$  is said to be *sunny* if

$$Q(Qx + t(x - Qx)) = Qx \quad (2.11)$$

whenever  $Qx + t(x - Qx) \in C$  for  $x \in C$  and  $t \geq 0$ . A mapping  $Q$  of  $C$  into itself is called a *retraction* if  $Q^2 = Q$ . If a mapping  $Q$  of  $C$  into itself is a retraction, then  $Qz = z$  for every  $z \in R(Q)$ , where  $R(Q)$  is the range of  $Q$ . A subset  $D$  of  $C$  is called a *sunny nonexpansive retract* of  $C$  if there exists a sunny nonexpansive retraction from  $C$  onto  $D$ . We know the following two lemmas [15, 20] concerning sunny nonexpansive retractions.

**LEMMA 2.5** [15]. *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space  $E$  and let  $T$  be a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into itself with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ . Then the set  $F(T)$  is a sunny nonexpansive retract of  $C$ .*

**LEMMA 2.6** (see [20]; see also [6]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a smooth Banach space  $E$  and let  $Q_C$  be a retraction from  $E$  onto  $C$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $Q_C$  is both sunny and nonexpansive;
- (ii)  $\langle x - Q_Cx, J(y - Q_Cx) \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $x \in E$  and  $y \in C$ .

It is well known that if  $E$  is a Hilbert space, then a sunny nonexpansive retraction  $Q_C$  is coincident with the metric projection from  $E$  onto  $C$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a smooth Banach space  $E$ , let  $x \in E$  and let  $x_0 \in C$ . Then we have from Lemma 2.6 that  $x_0 = Q_Cx$  if and only if  $\langle x - x_0, J(y - x_0) \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $y \in C$ , where  $Q_C$  is a sunny nonexpansive retraction from  $E$  onto  $C$ .

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Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . An operator  $A$  of  $C$  into  $E$  is said to be *accretive* if there exists  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  such that

$$\langle Ax - Ay, j(x - y) \rangle \geq 0 \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . We can characterize the set of solutions of Problem 1.4 by using sunny nonexpansive retractions.

**LEMMA 2.7.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a smooth Banach space  $E$ . Let  $Q_C$  be a sunny nonexpansive retraction from  $E$  onto  $C$  and let  $A$  be an accretive operator of  $C$  into  $E$ . Then for all  $\lambda > 0$ ,*

$$S(C, A) = F(Q_C(I - \lambda A)), \quad (2.13)$$

where  $S(C, A) = \{u \in C : \langle Au, J(v - u) \rangle \geq 0, \forall v \in C\}$ .

*Proof.* We have from Lemma 2.6 that  $u \in F(Q_C(I - \lambda A))$  if and only if

$$\langle (u - \lambda Au) - u, J(y - u) \rangle \leq 0 \quad (2.14)$$

for all  $y \in C$  and  $\lambda > 0$ . This inequality is equivalent to the inequality  $\langle -\lambda Au, J(y - u) \rangle \leq 0$ . Since  $\lambda > 0$ , we have  $u \in S(C, A)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Now, we define an extension of the inverse strongly monotone operator (1.2) in Banach spaces. Let  $C$  be a subset of a smooth Banach space  $E$ . For  $\alpha > 0$ , an operator  $A$  of  $C$  into  $E$  is said to be  *$\alpha$ -inverse strongly accretive* if

$$\langle Ax - Ay, J(x - y) \rangle \geq \alpha \|Ax - Ay\|^2 \quad (2.15)$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . Evidently, the definition of the inverse strongly accretive operator is based on that of the inverse strongly monotone operator. It is obvious from (2.15) that

$$\|Ax - Ay\| \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \|x - y\| \quad (2.16)$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . Let  $q$  be a given real number with  $q \geq 2$ . We also have from (2.6), (2.15), and (2.16) that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Ax - Ay, J_q(x - y) \rangle &= \|x - y\|^{q-2} \langle Ax - Ay, J(x - y) \rangle \\ &\geq \|x - y\|^{q-2} \alpha \|Ax - Ay\|^2 \\ &\geq (\alpha \|Ax - Ay\|)^{q-2} \alpha \|Ax - Ay\|^2 \\ &= \alpha^{q-1} \|Ax - Ay\|^q \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . One should note that no Banach space is  $q$ -uniformly smooth for  $q > 2$ ; see [23] for more details. So, in this paper, we study a weak convergence theorem for inverse strongly accretive operators in uniformly convex and 2-uniformly smooth Banach spaces. It is well known that Hilbert spaces and the Lebesgue  $L^p$  ( $p \geq 2$ ) spaces are

uniformly convex and 2-uniformly smooth. Let  $X$  be a Banach space and let  $L^p(X) = L^p(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu; X)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , be the Lebesgue-Bochner space on an arbitrary measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ . Let  $1 < q \leq 2$  and let  $q \leq p < \infty$ . Then  $L^p(X)$  is  $q$ -uniformly smooth if and only if  $X$  is  $q$ -uniformly smooth; see [23]. For convergence theorems in the Lebesgue spaces  $L^p$  ( $1 < p \leq 2$ ), see Iiduka and Takahashi [9, 10].

We can know the following property for inverse strongly accretive operators in a 2-uniformly smooth Banach space.

**LEMMA 2.8.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a 2-uniformly smooth Banach space  $E$ . Let  $\alpha > 0$  and let  $A$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly accretive operator of  $C$  into  $E$ . If  $0 < \lambda \leq \alpha/K^2$ , then  $I - \lambda A$  is a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into  $E$ , where  $K$  is the 2-uniformly smoothness constant of  $E$ .*

*Proof.* We have from Lemma 2.2 that for all  $x, y \in C$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|(I - \lambda A)x - (I - \lambda A)y\|^2 &= \|(x - y) - \lambda(Ax - Ay)\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x - y\|^2 - 2\lambda \langle Ax - Ay, J(x - y) \rangle + 2K^2\lambda^2 \|Ax - Ay\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x - y\|^2 - 2\lambda\alpha \|Ax - Ay\|^2 + 2K^2\lambda^2 \|Ax - Ay\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x - y\|^2 + 2\lambda(K^2\lambda - \alpha) \|Ax - Ay\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

So, if  $0 < \lambda \leq \alpha/K^2$ , then  $I - \lambda A$  is a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into  $E$ .  $\square$

*Remark 2.9.* If  $q \geq 2$ , we have from (2.17) that for  $x, y \in C$ ,

$$\|(I - \lambda A)x - (I - \lambda A)y\|^q \leq \|x - y\|^q + \lambda(2K^q\lambda^{q-1} - q\alpha^{q-1}) \|Ax - Ay\|^q. \quad (2.19)$$

Since, for  $q > 2$ , there exists no Banach space which is  $q$ -uniformly smooth, we consider only 2-uniformly smooth Banach spaces. For  $1 < q < 2$ , the inequalities (2.17) and (2.19) do not hold.

Applying Theorem 2.3, Lemmas 2.7 and 2.8, we have that if  $D$  is a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of a uniformly convex and 2-uniformly smooth Banach space  $E$ ,  $D$  is a sunny nonexpansive retract of  $E$  and  $A$  is an inverse strongly accretive operator of  $D$  into  $E$ , then the set  $S(D, A)$  is nonempty. We know also the following theorem which was proved by Reich [21]; see also Lau and Takahashi [16], Takahashi and Kim [24], and Bruck [7].

**THEOREM 2.10** (see Reich [21]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space with a Fréchet differentiable norm. Let  $\{T_1, T_2, \dots\}$  be a sequence of nonexpansive mappings of  $C$  into itself with  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x \in C$  and  $S_n = T_n T_{n-1} \cdots T_1$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Then the set*

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{\text{co}}\{S_m x : m \geq n\} \cap \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n) \quad (2.20)$$

*consists of at most one point, where  $\overline{\text{co}}D$  is the closure of the convex hull of  $D$ .*

### 3. Weak convergence theorem

In this section, we obtain the following weak convergence theorem for finding a solution of Problem 1.4 for an inverse strongly accretive operator in a uniformly convex and 2-uniformly smooth Banach space.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and 2-uniformly smooth Banach space and let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $Q_C$  be a sunny nonexpansive retraction from  $E$  onto  $C$ , let  $\alpha > 0$  and let  $A$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly accretive operator of  $C$  into  $E$  with  $S(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose  $x_1 = x \in C$  and  $\{x_n\}$  is given by*

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) Q_C(x_n - \lambda_n A x_n) \quad (3.1)$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , where  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is a sequence of positive real numbers and  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence in  $[0, 1]$ . If  $\{\lambda_n\}$  and  $\{\alpha_n\}$  are chosen so that  $\lambda_n \in [a, \alpha/K^2]$  for some  $a > 0$  and  $\alpha_n \in [b, c]$  for some  $b, c$  with  $0 < b < c < 1$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to some element  $z$  of  $S(C, A)$ , where  $K$  is the 2-uniformly smoothness constant of  $E$ .

*Proof.* Put  $y_n = Q_C(x_n - \lambda_n A x_n)$  for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $u \in S(C, A)$ . We first prove that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are bounded and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y_n\| = 0$ . We have from Lemmas 2.7 and 2.8 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_n - u\| &= \|Q_C(x_n - \lambda_n A x_n) - Q_C(u - \lambda_n A u)\| \\ &\leq \|(x_n - \lambda_n A x_n) - (u - \lambda_n A u)\| \leq \|x_n - u\| \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . It follows from (3.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - u\| &= \|\alpha_n(x_n - u) + (1 - \alpha_n)(y_n - u)\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n \|x_n - u\| + (1 - \alpha_n) \|y_n - u\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n \|x_n - u\| + (1 - \alpha_n) \|x_n - u\| = \|x_n - u\| \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Therefore,  $\{\|x_n - u\|\}$  is nonincreasing and hence there exists  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - u\|$ . So,  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded. We also have from (3.2) and (2.16) that  $\{y_n\}$  and  $\{A x_n\}$  are bounded.

Next we will show  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y_n\| = 0$ . Suppose that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y_n\| \neq 0$ . Then there are  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a subsequence  $\{x_{n_i} - y_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_n - y_n\}$  such that  $\|x_{n_i} - y_{n_i}\| \geq \varepsilon$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . Since  $E$  is uniformly convex, the function  $\|\cdot\|^2$  is uniformly convex on bounded convex set  $B(0, \|x_1 - u\|)$ , where  $B(0, \|x_1 - u\|) = \{x \in E : \|x\| \leq \|x_1 - u\|\}$ . So, for  $\varepsilon$ , there is  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\|x - y\| \geq \varepsilon \text{ implies } \|\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y\|^2 \leq \lambda \|x\|^2 + (1 - \lambda) \|y\|^2 - \lambda(1 - \lambda)\delta \quad (3.4)$$

whenever  $x, y \in B(0, \|x_1 - u\|)$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . Thus, for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n_i+1} - u\|^2 &= \|\alpha_{n_i}(x_{n_i} - u) + (1 - \alpha_{n_i})(y_{n_i} - u)\|^2 \\ &\leq \alpha_{n_i} \|x_{n_i} - u\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_{n_i}) \|y_{n_i} - u\|^2 - \alpha_{n_i}(1 - \alpha_{n_i})\delta. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$



Therefore, for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$0 < b(1-c)\delta \leq \alpha_{n_i}(1-\alpha_{n_i})\delta \leq \|x_{n_i} - u\|^2 - \|x_{n_i+1} - u\|^2. \quad (3.6)$$

Since the right-hand side of the inequality above converges to 0, we have a contradiction. Hence we conclude that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y_n\| = 0. \quad (3.7)$$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded, we have that a subsequence  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to  $z$ . And since  $\lambda_{n_i}$  is in  $[a, \alpha/K^2]$  for some  $a > 0$ , it holds that  $\{\lambda_{n_i}\}$  is bounded. So, there exists a subsequence  $\{\lambda_{n_{i_j}}\}$  of  $\{\lambda_{n_i}\}$  which converges to  $\lambda_0 \in [a, \alpha/K^2]$ . We may assume without loss of generality that  $\lambda_{n_i} \rightarrow \lambda_0$ . We next prove  $z \in S(C, A)$ . Since  $Q_C$  is nonexpansive, it holds from  $y_{n_i} = Q_C(x_{n_i} - \lambda_{n_i}Ax_{n_i})$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q_C(x_{n_i} - \lambda_0Ax_{n_i}) - x_{n_i}\| &\leq \|Q_C(x_{n_i} - \lambda_0Ax_{n_i}) - y_{n_i}\| + \|y_{n_i} - x_{n_i}\| \\ &\leq \|(x_{n_i} - \lambda_0Ax_{n_i}) - (x_{n_i} - \lambda_{n_i}Ax_{n_i})\| + \|y_{n_i} - x_{n_i}\| \\ &\leq M|\lambda_{n_i} - \lambda_0| + \|y_{n_i} - x_{n_i}\|, \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

where  $M = \sup\{\|Ax_n\| : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ . We obtain from the convergence of  $\{\lambda_{n_i}\}$ , (3.7), and (3.8) that

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|Q_C(I - \lambda_0A)x_{n_i} - x_{n_i}\| = 0. \quad (3.9)$$

On the other hand, from Lemma 2.8, we have that  $Q_C(I - \lambda_0A)$  is nonexpansive. So, by (3.9), Lemma 2.7, and Theorem 2.4, we obtain  $z \in F(Q_C(I - \lambda_0A)) = S(C, A)$ .

Finally, we prove that  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to some element of  $S(C, A)$ . We put

$$T_n = \alpha_n I + (1 - \alpha_n)Q_C(I - \lambda_n A) \quad (3.10)$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Then we have  $x_{n+1} = T_n T_{n-1} \cdots T_1 x$  and  $z \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{co}\{x_m : m \geq n\}$ . We have from Lemma 2.8 that  $T_n$  is a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into itself for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . And we also have from Lemma 2.7 that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(Q_C(I - \lambda_n A)) = S(C, A)$ . Applying Theorem 2.10, we obtain

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{co}\{x_m : m \geq n\} \cap S(C, A) = \{z\}. \quad (3.11)$$

Therefore, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to some element of  $S(C, A)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

#### 4. Applications

In this section, we prove some weak convergence theorems in a uniformly convex and 2-uniformly smooth Banach space by using Theorem 3.1. We first study the problem of finding a zero point of an inverse strongly accretive operator. The following theorem is a generalization of Gol'shtein and Tretyakov's theorem (Theorem 1.1).

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and 2-uniformly smooth Banach space. Let  $\alpha > 0$  and let  $A$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly accretive operator of  $E$  into itself with  $A^{-1}0 \neq \emptyset$ , where  $A^{-1}0 = \{u \in E : Au = 0\}$ . Suppose  $x_1 = x \in E$  and  $\{x_n\}$  is given by*

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - r_n Ax_n \quad (4.1)$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , where  $\{r_n\}$  is a sequence of positive real numbers. If  $\{r_n\}$  is chosen so that  $r_n \in [s, t]$  for some  $s, t$  with  $0 < s < t < \alpha/K^2$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to some element  $z$  of  $A^{-1}0$ , where  $K$  is the 2-uniformly smoothness constant of  $E$ .

*Proof.* By assumption, we note that  $1 - tK^2/\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . We define sequences  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\lambda_n\}$  by

$$\alpha_n = 1 - t \frac{K^2}{\alpha}, \quad \lambda_n = \frac{r_n}{1 - \alpha_n} \quad (4.2)$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , respectively. Then it is easy to check that  $\lambda_n \in (0, \alpha/K^2)$  and  $S(E, A) = A^{-1}0$ . It follows from the definition of  $\{x_n\}$  that

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= x_n - r_n Ax_n = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) \left( x_n - \frac{r_n}{1 - \alpha_n} Ax_n \right) \\ &= \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) I(x_n - \lambda_n Ax_n), \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

where  $I$  is the identity mapping of  $E$ . Obviously, the identity mapping  $I$  is a sunny non-expansive retraction from  $E$  onto itself. Therefore, by using Theorem 3.1,  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to some element  $z$  of  $A^{-1}0$ .  $\square$

We next study the problem of finding a fixed point of a strictly pseudocontractive mapping. Let  $0 < k < 1$ . Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $C$  be a subset of  $E$ . Then a mapping  $T$  of  $C$  into itself is said to be  $k$ -strictly pseudocontractive [5, 19] if there exists  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  such that

$$\langle Tx - Ty, j(x - y) \rangle \leq \|x - y\|^2 - \frac{1 - k}{2} \|(I - T)x - (I - T)y\|^2 \quad (4.4)$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . Then the inequality (4.4) can be written in the form

$$\langle (I - T)x - (I - T)y, j(x - y) \rangle \geq \frac{1 - k}{2} \|(I - T)x - (I - T)y\|^2. \quad (4.5)$$

If  $E$  is a Hilbert space, then the inequality (4.4) (and hence (4.5)) is equivalent to the inequality (1.5). The following theorem is a generalization of Browder and Petryshyn's theorem (Theorem 1.3).

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and 2-uniformly smooth Banach space and let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset and a sunny nonexpansive retract of  $E$ . Let  $T$  be a  $k$ -strictly pseudocontractive mapping of  $C$  into itself with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose  $x_1 = x \in C$  and  $\{x_n\}$  is given by*

$$x_{n+1} = (1 - \beta_n)x_n + \beta_n Tx_n \quad (4.6)$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , where  $\{\beta_n\}$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$ . If  $\{\beta_n\}$  is chosen so that  $\beta_n \in [\beta, \gamma]$  for some  $\beta, \gamma$  with  $0 < \beta < \gamma < (1 - k)/(2K^2)$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to some element  $z$  of  $F(T)$ , where  $K$  is the 2-uniformly smoothness constant of  $E$ .

*Proof.* By assumption, note that  $1 - 2\gamma K^2/(1 - k) \in (0, 1)$ . We define sequences  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\lambda_n\}$  by

$$\alpha_n = 1 - \gamma \frac{2K^2}{1 - k}, \quad \lambda_n = \frac{\beta_n}{1 - \alpha_n} \tag{4.7}$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , respectively. Then we can readily verify that

$$0 < \lambda_n \leq \frac{1 - k}{2K^2} \leq \frac{1}{2} < 1 \tag{4.8}$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Put  $A = I - T$ . We have from (4.5) that  $A$  is  $(1 - k)/2$ -inverse strongly accretive. It is easy to show that

$$S(C, A) = S(C, I - T) = F(T) \neq \emptyset. \tag{4.9}$$

Since  $C$  is a sunny nonexpansive retract of  $E$  and  $\lambda_n \in (0, 1)$ , there exists a sunny nonexpansive retraction  $Q_C$  such that  $(1 - \lambda_n)x_n + \lambda_n Tx_n = Q_C((1 - \lambda_n)x_n + \lambda_n Tx_n)$  for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . It follows from the definition of  $\{x_n\}$  that

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= (1 - \beta_n)x_n + \beta_n Tx_n \\ &= (1 - \lambda_n(1 - \alpha_n))x_n + \lambda_n(1 - \alpha_n)Tx_n \\ &= \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n)((1 - \lambda_n)x_n + \lambda_n Tx_n) \\ &= \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n)Q_C((1 - \lambda_n)x_n + \lambda_n Tx_n) \\ &= \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n)Q_C(x_n - \lambda_n(I - T)x_n) \\ &= \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n)Q_C(x_n - \lambda_n Ax_n). \end{aligned} \tag{4.10}$$

Therefore, by using Theorem 3.1,  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to some element  $z$  of  $F(T)$ .  $\square$

Let  $C$  be a subset of a smooth Banach space  $E$ . Let  $\alpha > 0$ . An operator  $A$  of  $C$  into  $E$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -strongly accretive if

$$\langle Ax - Ay, J(x - y) \rangle \geq \alpha \|x - y\|^2 \tag{4.11}$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . Let  $\beta > 0$ . An operator  $A$  of  $C$  into  $E$  is said to be  $\beta$ -Lipschitz continuous if

$$\|Ax - Ay\| \leq \beta \|x - y\| \tag{4.12}$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space  $H$ . One method of finding a point  $u \in VI(C, A)$  is the *projection algorithm* which starts with any  $x_1 = x \in C$  and updates iteratively  $x_{n+1}$  according to the formula

$$x_{n+1} = P_C(x_n - \lambda Ax_n) \tag{4.13}$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , where  $P_C$  is the metric projection from  $H$  onto  $C$ ,  $A$  is a monotone (accretive) operator of  $C$  into  $H$ , and  $\lambda$  is a positive real number. It is well known that if  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -strongly accretive and  $\beta$ -Lipschitz continuous operator of  $C$  into  $H$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 2\alpha/\beta^2)$ , then the operator  $P_C(I - \lambda A)$  is a contraction of  $C$  into itself. Hence, the Banach contraction principle guarantees that the sequence generated by (4.13) converges strongly to the unique solution of  $VI(C, A)$ ; see [3]. Motivated by this result, we prove the following weak convergence theorem for strongly accretive and Lipschitz continuous operators.

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and 2-uniformly smooth Banach space and let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $Q_C$  be a sunny nonexpansive retraction from  $E$  onto  $C$ , let  $\alpha > 0$ , let  $\beta > 0$ , and let  $A$  be an  $\alpha$ -strongly accretive and  $\beta$ -Lipschitz continuous operator of  $C$  into  $E$  with  $S(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose  $x_1 = x \in C$  and  $\{x_n\}$  is given by*

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) Q_C(x_n - \lambda_n A x_n) \quad (4.14)$$

for every  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , where  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is a sequence of positive real numbers and  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence in  $[0, 1]$ . If  $\{\lambda_n\}$  and  $\{\alpha_n\}$  are chosen so that  $\lambda_n \in [a, \alpha/(K^2\beta^2)]$  for some  $a > 0$  and  $\alpha_n \in [b, c]$  for some  $b, c$  with  $0 < b < c < 1$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to a unique element  $z$  of  $S(C, A)$ , where  $K$  is the 2-uniformly smoothness constant of  $E$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -strongly accretive and  $\beta$ -Lipschitz continuous operator of  $C$  into  $E$ , we have

$$\langle Ax - Ay, J(x - y) \rangle \geq \alpha \|x - y\|^2 \geq \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} \|Ax - Ay\|^2 \quad (4.15)$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . Therefore,  $A$  is  $\alpha/\beta^2$ -inverse strongly accretive. Since  $A$  is strongly accretive and  $S(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ , the set  $S(C, A)$  consists of one point  $z$ . Using Theorem 3.1,  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to a unique element  $z$  of  $S(C, A)$ .  $\square$

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