STRONG CONVERGENCE TO COMMON FIXED POINTS OF NONEXPANSIVE MAPPINGS WITHOUT COMMUTATIVITY ASSUMPTION

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We introduce an iteration scheme for nonexpansive mappings in a Hilbert space and prove that the iteration converges strongly to common fixed points of the mappings without commutativity assumption.

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1. Introduction

Let H be a real Hilbert space, and let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. A mapping T of C into itself is said to be nonexpansive if

$$||Tx - Ty|| \le ||x - y||, \tag{1.1}$$

for each $x, y \in C$. For a mapping *T* of *C* into itself, we denote by F(T) the set of fixed points of *T*. We also denote by \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{R}^+ the set of positive integers and nonnegative real numbers, respectively.

Baillon [1] proved the first nonlinear ergodic theorem. Let *C* be a nonempty bounded convex closed subset of a Hilbert space *H* and let *T* be a nonexpansive mapping of *C* into itself. Then, for an arbitrary $x \in C$, $\{(1/(n+1))\sum_{i=0}^{n} T^{i}x\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ converges weakly to a fixed point of *T*. Wittmann [9] studied the following iteration scheme, which has first been considered by Halpern [3]:

$$x_0 = x \in C,$$

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_{n+1}x + (1 - \alpha_{n+1})Tx_n, \quad n \ge 0,$$
(1.2)

where a sequence $\{\alpha_n\}$ in [0,1] is chosen so that $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$, and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_{n+1} - \alpha_n| < \infty$; see also Reich [7]. Wittmann proved that for any $x \in C$, the sequence

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 $\{x_n\}$ defined by (1.2) converges strongly to the unique element $Px \in F(T)$, where *P* is the metric projection of *H* onto F(T).

Recall that two mappings S and T of H into itself are called commutative if

$$ST = TS, (1.3)$$

for all $x, y \in H$.

Recently, Shimizu and Takahashi [8] have first considered an iteration scheme for two commutative nonexpansive mappings S and T and proved that the iterations converge strongly to a common fixed point of S and T. They obtained the following result.

THEOREM 1.1 (see [8]). Let H be a Hilbert space, and let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. Let S and T be nonexpansive mappings of C into itself such that ST = TS and $F(S) \cap F(T)$ is nonempty. Suppose that $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \subseteq [0,1]$ satisfies

(i) $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$, and (ii) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$. Then, for an arbitrary $x \in C$, the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ generated by $x_0 = x$ and

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n x + (1 - \alpha_n) \frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i+j=k} S^i T^j x_n, \quad n \ge 0,$$
(1.4)

converges strongly to a common fixed point Px of S and T, where P is the metric projection of H onto $F(S) \cap F(T)$.

Remark 1.2. At this point, we note that the authors have imposed the commutativity on the mappings *S* and *T*. But there are many mappings, that do not satisfy ST = TS. For example, if X = [-1/2, 1/2], and *S* and *T* of *X* into itself are defined by

$$S = x^2, \qquad T = \sin x, \tag{1.5}$$

then $ST = \sin^2 x$, whereas $TS = \sin x^2$.

In this paper, we deal with the strong convergence to common fixed points of two nonexpansive mappings in a Hilbert space. We consider an iteration scheme for non-expansive mappings without commutativity assumption and prove that the iterations converge strongly to a common fixed point of the mappings T_i , i = 1, 2.

2. Preliminaries

Let *C* be a closed convex subset of a Hilbert space *H* and let *S* and *T* be nonexpansive mappings of *C* into itself. Then we consider the iteration scheme

$$x_{0} = x \in C,$$

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_{n}x + (1 - \alpha_{n})\frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)}\sum_{k=0}^{n}\sum_{i+j=k}S^{i}T^{j}y_{n},$$

$$y_{n} = \beta_{n}x_{n} + (1 - \beta_{n})\frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)}\sum_{k=0}^{n}\sum_{i+j=k}T^{i}S^{j}x_{n}, \quad n \ge 0,$$
(2.1)

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where $\{\alpha_n\}$ and $\{\beta_n\}$ are two sequences in [0,1]. We know that a Hilbert space *H* satisfies Opial's condition [6], that is, if a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in *H* converges weakly to an element *y* of *H* and $y \neq z$, then

$$\liminf_{n \to \infty} ||x_n - y|| < \liminf_{n \to \infty} ||x_n - z||.$$
(2.2)

In what follows, we will use P_C to denote the metric projection from H onto C; that is, for each $x \in H$, P_C is the only point in C with the property

$$||x - P_C x|| = \min_{u \in C} ||u - x||.$$
(2.3)

It is known that P_C is nonexpansive and characterized by the following inequality: given $x \in H$ and $v \in H$, then $v = P_C x$ if and only if

$$\langle x - v, v - y \rangle \ge 0, \quad y \in C.$$
 (2.4)

Now, we introduce several lemmas for our main result in this paper. The first lemma can be found in [4, 5, 10].

LEMMA 2.1. Assume $\{a_n\}$ is a sequence of nonnegative real numbers such that

$$a_{n+1} \le (1 - \gamma_n)a_n + \delta_n, \tag{2.5}$$

where $\{y_n\}$ is a sequence in (0,1) and $\{\delta_n\}$ is a sequence such that

(1) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n = \infty;$ (2) $\limsup_{n \to \infty} \delta_n / \gamma_n \le 0 \text{ or } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\delta_n| < \infty.$ Then $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = 0.$

LEMMA 2.2. Let C be a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of a Hilbert H, and let S, T be nonexpansive mappings of C into itself. For $x \in C$ and $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, put

$$G_n(x) = \frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i+j=k}^n S^i T^j x,$$

$$\overline{G}_n(x) = \frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i+j=k}^n T^i S^j x.$$
(2.6)

Then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{x \in C} ||G_n(x) - SG_n(x)|| = 0,$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{x \in C} ||\overline{G}_n(x) - T\overline{G}_n(x)|| = 0.$$

(2.7)

Proof. We first prove $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sup_{x\in C} ||G_n(x) - SG_n(x)|| = 0$. By an idea in [2], for $\{x_{i,j}\}_{i,j=0}^{\infty}$, $\{\overline{x}_{i,j}\}_{i,j=0}^{\infty} \subseteq C$ and $z_n = (1/l_n) \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i+j=k} x_{i,j}$, $\overline{z}_n = (1/l_n) \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i+j=k} \overline{x}_{i,j} \in C$, with $l_n = (n+1)(n+2)/2$, we have

$$||z_n - \nu||^2 = \frac{1}{l_n} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i+j=k} ||x_{i,j} - \nu||^2 - \frac{1}{l_n} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i+j=k} ||x_{i,j} - z_n||^2$$
(2.8)

for each $v \in H$. For $x \in C$, put $x_{i,j} = S^i T^j x, \overline{x}_{i,j} = T^i S^j x$ and $v = Sz_n, \overline{v} = T\overline{z}_n$. Then, we have

$$\begin{split} \left| \left| G_{n}(x) - SG_{n}(x) \right| \right|^{2} &= \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{i+j=k} \left| \left| S^{i}T^{j}x - Sz_{n} \right| \right|^{2} - \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{i+j=k}^{n} \left| \left| S^{i}T^{j}x - z_{n} \right| \right|^{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \left| \left| T^{k}x - Sz_{n} \right| \right|^{2} + \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{i+j=k,i\geq 1}^{n} \left| \left| S^{i}T^{j}x - Sz_{n} \right| \right|^{2} \\ &- \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{i+j=k}^{n} \left| \left| S^{i}T^{j}x - z_{n} \right| \right|^{2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \left| \left| T^{k}x - Sz_{n} \right| \right|^{2} + \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{i+j=k,i\geq 1}^{n} \left| \left| S^{i-1}T^{j}x - z_{n} \right| \right|^{2} \\ &- \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{i+j=k}^{n} \left| \left| S^{i}T^{j}x - z_{n} \right| \right|^{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \left| \left| T^{k}x - Sz_{n} \right| \right|^{2} + \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{i+j=k}^{n} \left| \left| S^{i}T^{j}x - z_{n} \right| \right|^{2} \\ &- \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{i+j=k}^{n} \left| \left| S^{i}T^{j}x - z_{n} \right| \right|^{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \left| \left| T^{k}x - Sz_{n} \right| \right|^{2} - \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \left| \left| S^{i}T^{j}x - z_{n} \right| \right|^{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \left| \left| T^{k}x - Sz_{n} \right| \right|^{2} - \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{i+j=n}^{n} \left| \left| S^{i}T^{j}x - z_{n} \right| \right|^{2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{l_{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \left| \left| T^{k}x - Sz_{n} \right| \right|^{2} \\ &\leq \frac{2}{n+2} \left\{ \operatorname{diam}(C) \right\}^{2}, \end{split}$$

where diam(*C*) is the diameter of *C*. So, we have, for each $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$,

$$\sup_{x \in C} \left\| \left| G_n(x) - SG_n(x) \right| \right\|^2 \le \frac{2}{n+2} \left\{ \operatorname{diam}(C) \right\}^2, \tag{2.10}$$

and hence

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{x \in C} ||G_n(x) - SG_n(x)|| = 0.$$
(2.11)

Similarly, we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{x \in C} \left| \left| \overline{G}_n(x) - T\overline{G}_n(x) \right| \right| = 0.$$
(2.12)

3. Convergence theorem

Now we can prove a strong convergence theorem in a Hilbert space.

THEOREM 3.1. Let H be a Hilbert space, and let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. Let S and T be nonexpansive mappings of C into itself such that $F(S) \cap F(T)$ is nonempty. Suppose that $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ and $\{\beta_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ are two sequences in [0,1] satisfying the following conditions:

(i) $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$, and (ii) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$. For an arbitrary $x \in C$, the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ is generated by $x_0 = x$ and

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n x + (1 - \alpha_n) \frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i+j=k} S^i T^j y_n,$$

$$y_n = \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n) \frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i+j=k} T^i S^j x_n, \quad n \ge 0.$$
(3.1)

Let

$$z_n = \frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i+j=k} S^i T^j y_n, \qquad \overline{z}_n = \frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i+j=k} T^i S^j x_n, \qquad (3.2)$$

for each $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. If there exist subsequences $\{z_{n_i}\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$ of $\{z_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ and $\{\overline{z}_{n_j}\}_{j=0}^{\infty}$ of $\{\overline{z}_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$, respectively, which converge weakly to some common point z in some bounded subset D of C, then the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ defined by (3.1) converges strongly to $P_{F(S)\cap F(T)}x$.

Proof. Let $x \in C$ and $w \in F(S) \cap F(T)$. Putting r = ||x - w||, then the set

$$D = \{ y \in H : \| y - w \| \le r \} \cap C$$
(3.3)

is a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of *C* which is *S*- and *T*-invariant and contains $x_0 = x$. So we may assume, without loss of generality, that *S* and *T* are the mappings of *D* into itself. Since *P* is the metric projection of *H* onto $F(S) \cap F(T)$, we have

$$\langle y - Px, x - Px \rangle \le 0 \tag{3.4}$$

for each $y \in F(S) \cap F(T)$.

From (3.4), we have

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle z_n - Px, x - Px \rangle \le 0, \qquad \limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle \overline{z}_n - Px, x - Px \rangle \le 0.$$
(3.5)

In fact, assume that, there exist two positive real numbers r_0 and r_1 such that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle z_n - Px, x - Px \rangle > r_0, \qquad \limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle \overline{z}_n - Px, x - Px \rangle > r_1.$$
(3.6)

Since $\{z_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ and $\{\overline{z}_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \subseteq D$ are bounded, from (3.6), there exist subsequences $\{z_{n_i}\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$ of $\{z_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ and $\{\overline{z}_{n_j}\}_{j=0}^{\infty}$ of $\{\overline{z}_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$, respectively, such that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle z_n - Px, x - Px \rangle = \lim_{i \to \infty} \langle z_{n_i} - Px, x - Px \rangle > r_0,$$

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle \overline{z}_n - Px, x - Px \rangle = \lim_{j \to \infty} \langle \overline{z}_{n_j} - Px, x - Px \rangle > r_1.$$
(3.7)

By the assumption, we know that $\{z_{n_i}\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$ and $\{\overline{z}_{n_j}\}_{j=0}^{\infty}$ converge weakly to some common point $z \in D$. Thus from Lemma 2.2 and Opial's condition, we have $z \in F(S) \cap F(T)$. In fact, if $z \neq Sz$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{i \to \infty} ||z_{n_i} - z|| &< \liminf_{i \to \infty} ||z_{n_i} - Sz|| \\ &\leq \liminf_{i \to \infty} \left((||z_{n_i} - Sz_{n_i}|| + ||Sz_{n_i} - Sz||) \right) \\ &\leq \liminf_{i \to \infty} ||z_{n_i} - z||. \end{aligned}$$
(3.8)

This is a contradiction. Therefore, we have z = Sz.

Similarly, we have z = Tz. So, we have

$$\langle z - Px, x - Px \rangle \le 0. \tag{3.9}$$

On the other hand, since $\{z_{n_i}\}$ converges weakly to z, we obtain

$$\langle z - Px, x - Px \rangle \ge r_0. \tag{3.10}$$

This is a contradiction. Hence, we have

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle z_n - Px, x - Px \rangle \le 0, \qquad \limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle \overline{z}_n - Px, x - Px \rangle \le 0.$$
(3.11)

Since

$$\begin{split} ||\overline{z}_{n} - Px|| &\leq \left\{ \frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{i+j=k}^{n} ||T^{i}S^{j}x_{n} - Px|| \right\}^{2} \\ &\leq \left\{ \frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{i+j=k}^{n} ||x_{n} - Px|| \right\}^{2} = ||x_{n} - Px||^{2}, \\ ||y_{n} - Px||^{2} &= ||\beta_{n}x_{n} + (1 - \beta_{n})\overline{z}_{n} - Px||^{2} \\ &= ||\beta_{n}(x_{n} - Px) + (1 - \beta_{n})(\overline{z}_{n} - Px)||^{2} \\ &= \beta_{n}^{2}||x_{n} - Px||^{2} + 2\beta_{n}(1 - \beta_{n})(x_{n} - Px, \overline{z}_{n} - Px) + (1 - \beta_{n})^{2}||\overline{z}_{n} - Px||^{2} \\ &\leq \beta_{n}^{2}||x_{n} - Px||^{2} + 2\beta_{n}(1 - \beta_{n})\frac{||x_{n} - Px||^{2} + ||\overline{z}_{n} - Px||^{2}}{2} \\ &+ (1 - \beta_{n})^{2}||\overline{z}_{n} - Px||^{2} \leq ||x_{n} - Px||^{2}. \end{split}$$

$$(3.12)$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left|\left|x_{n+1} - Px\right|\right|^{2} &= \left|\left|\alpha_{n}x + (1 - \alpha_{n})z_{n} - Px\right|\right|^{2} \\ &= \alpha_{n}^{2}\left|\left|x - Px\right|\right|^{2} + (1 - \alpha_{n})^{2}\left|\left|z_{n} - Px\right|\right|^{2} + 2\alpha_{n}(1 - \alpha_{n})\left\langle z_{n} - Px, x - Px\right\rangle \right| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_{n})^{2} \left\{\frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{i+j=k} \left|\left|S^{i}T^{j}y_{n} - Px\right|\right|\right\}^{2} \\ &+ \alpha_{n}^{2}\left|\left|x - Px\right|\right|^{2} + 2\alpha_{n}(1 - \alpha_{n})\left\langle z_{n} - Px, x - Px\right\rangle \right| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_{n})^{2} \left\{\frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{i+j=k} \left|\left|y_{n} - Px\right|\right|\right\}^{2} \\ &+ \alpha_{n}^{2}\left|\left|x - Px\right|\right|^{2} + 2\alpha_{n}(1 - \alpha_{n})\left\langle z_{n} - Px, x - Px\right\rangle \right| \\ &= (1 - \alpha_{n})^{2}\left|\left|y_{n} - Px\right|\right|^{2} + \alpha_{n}^{2}\left|\left|x - Px\right|\right|^{2} + 2\alpha_{n}(1 - \alpha_{n})\left\langle z_{n} - Px, x - Px\right\rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_{n})\left|\left|x_{n} - Px\right|\right|^{2} + \alpha_{n}^{2}\left|\left|x - Px\right|\right|^{2} + 2\alpha_{n}(1 - \alpha_{n})\left\langle z_{n} - Px, x - Px\right\rangle \right| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_{n})\left|\left|x_{n} - Px\right|\right|^{2} + \alpha_{n}^{2}\left|\left|x - Px\right|\right|^{2} + 2\alpha_{n}(1 - \alpha_{n})\left\langle z_{n} - Px, x - Px\right\rangle \right| . \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.13)$$

Putting $a_n = ||x_n - Px||^2$, from (3.13), we have

$$a_{n+1} \le (1 - \alpha_n)a_n + \delta_n, \tag{3.14}$$

where $\delta_n = \alpha_n \{ \alpha_n \| x - Px \|^2 + 2(1 - \alpha_n) \langle z_n - Px, x - Px \rangle \}.$

It is easily seen that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \delta_n / \alpha_n = \limsup_{n \to \infty} \left\{ \alpha_n \| x - Px \|^2 + 2(1 - \alpha_n) \langle z_n - Px, x - Px \rangle \right\} \le 0.$$
(3.15)

Now applying Lemma 2.1 with (3.15) to (3.14) concludes that $||x_n - Px|| \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. This completes the proof.

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