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Convergence results for the zero-finding problem and fixed points of nonexpansive semigroups and strict pseudocontractions

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Abstract

In this work, we establish strong convergence theorems for solving the fixed point problem of nonexpansive semigroups and strict pseudocontractions, and the zero-finding problem of maximal monotone operators in a Hilbert space. We further apply our result to the convex minimization problem and commutative semigroups.

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1 Introduction

Let H be a real Hilbert space and K a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of H . Let $T : K \rightarrow K$ be a nonlinear mapping. Then T is said to be *nonexpansive* if $\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \|x - y\|$ for all $x, y \in K$. The fixed points set of T is denoted by $F(T)$.

In 1953, Mann [21] introduced the following classical iteration for a nonexpansive mapping $T : K \rightarrow K$ in a real Hilbert space: $x_1 \in K$ and

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n)Tx_n, \quad n \geq 1, \quad (1.1)$$

where $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (0, 1)$.

In 1967, Halpern [13] introduced another classical iteration for a nonexpansive mapping $T : K \rightarrow K$ in a real Hilbert space: $x_1 \in K$ and

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n u + (1 - \alpha_n)Tx_n, \quad n \geq 1,$$

where $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (0, 1)$ and $u \in K$ is fixed.

Let $f : K \rightarrow K$ be a contraction (i.e., $\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \alpha \|x - y\|$ for all $x, y \in K$ and $\alpha \in [0, 1)$). In 2000, Moudafi [25] introduced the viscosity approximation method for a nonexpansive mapping T as follows: $x_1 \in K$ and

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n f(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n)Tx_n, \quad n \geq 1, \quad (1.2)$$

where $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (0, 1)$. It was proved, in a Hilbert space that the sequence $\{x_n\}$ generated by (1.2) strongly converges to a fixed point of T under suitable conditions.

Let A be a strongly positive bounded linear operator on H : that is, there is a constant $\bar{\gamma}$ with property

$$\langle Ax, x \rangle \geq \bar{\gamma} \|x\|^2 \quad \forall x \in H.$$

A typical problem is to minimize a quadratic function over the set of the fixed points of a nonexpansive mapping on a real Hilbert space H :

$$\min_{x \in K} \langle Ax, x \rangle - \langle x, b \rangle,$$

where K is the fixed point set of a nonexpansive mapping T on H and b is a given point in H .

Recently, Marino-Xu [22] introduced the following general iterative method for a nonexpansive mapping T in a Hilbert space: $x_1 \in H$ and

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n A)Tx_n, \quad n \geq 1,$$

where $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (0, 1)$, f is a contraction and A is a strongly positive bounded linear operator.

Since then, there have been a number of modified viscosity approximation methods for nonexpansive mappings or nonexpansive semigroups (see, for example, [6, 7, 9, 26, 32, 35, 38, 42, 43]).

Recall that $T : K \rightarrow K$ is called a κ -strict pseudocontraction if there exists a constant $0 \leq \kappa < 1$ such that

$$\|Tx - Ty\|^2 \leq \|x - y\|^2 + \kappa \|(I - T)x - (I - T)y\|^2 \tag{1.3}$$

for all $x, y \in K$. It is known that (1.3) is equivalent to the following:

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

for all $x, y \in K$.

The class of strict pseudocontractions was introduced, in 1967, by Browder-Petryshyn [3]. The existence and weak convergence theorems were proved in a real Hilbert space by using Mann iterative algorithm (1.1) with a constant sequence $\alpha_n = \alpha$ for all $n \geq 1$. Recently, Marino-Xu [23] and Zhou [44] extended the results of Browder-Petryshyn [3] to Mann's iteration process (1.1). Since 1967, the study of fixed points for strict pseudocontractions has been investigated by many authors (see, e.g., [1, 28]).

A set-valued mapping $M : H \rightarrow 2^H$ is called *monotone* if for all $x, y \in H$, $f \in M(x)$, and $g \in M(y)$ imply $\langle x - y, f - g \rangle \geq 0$. A monotone mapping M is *maximal* if its graph $G(M) := \{(f, x) \in H \times H : f \in M(x)\}$ of M is not properly contained in the graph of any other monotone mapping. It is known that a monotone mapping M is *maximal* if and only if for $(x, f) \in H \times H$, $\langle x - y, f - g \rangle \geq 0$ for all $(y, g) \in G(M)$ imply $f \in M(x)$. Let $J_\lambda^M = (I + \lambda M)^{-1}$, $\lambda > 0$ be the *resolvent* of M . It is well known that J_λ^M is single-valued and $D(J_\lambda^M) = H$ for any $\lambda > 0$. For each $\lambda > 0$, the *Yosida approximation* of M is defined by $A_\lambda = \frac{I - J_\lambda^M}{\lambda}$. We know that $(J_\lambda^M x, A_\lambda x) \in G(M)$ for all $\lambda > 0$ and $x \in H$.

A fundamental problem of monotone operators is that of finding an element x such that $0 \in Mx$. Such a problem is called the *zero-finding problem* (denoted by $M^{-1}(0)$) the

set of solutions) and also includes many concrete examples, such as convex programming and monotone variational inequalities. It is known that if $g : H \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty]$ is a proper lower semicontinuous convex function, then ∂g is maximal monotone and the equation $0 \in \partial g(x)$ is reduced to $g(x) = \min\{g(y) : y \in H\}$ (see [29, 30]).

Initiated by Martinet [24], Rockafellar [30] introduced the following iterative scheme: $x_1 \in H$ and

$$x_{n+1} = J_{\lambda_n}^M x_n, \quad n \geq 1, \tag{1.4}$$

where $\{\lambda_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ and M is a maximal monotone operator on H . Such an algorithm is called the *proximal point algorithm*. It was proved that the sequence $\{x_n\}$ generated by (1.4) converges weakly to an element in $M^{-1}(0)$ if $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n > 0$.

The convergence of the zero-finding problem of monotone operators has been studied by many authors in several setting (see, for example, [8, 10, 14, 15, 27, 34]).

In this work, motivated by Lau *et al.* [16–20], Marino-Xu [22], and Saeidi [32], we introduce a new general iterative scheme for solving the fixed-point problem of a nonexpansive semigroup involving a strict pseudocontraction and the zero-finding problem of a maximal monotone operator in the framework of a Hilbert space. Some applications concerning the convex minimization problem and commutative semigroups are also presented.

2 Preliminaries and lemmas

In this section, we state some preliminaries and lemmas which will be used in the sequel.

Let S be a semigroup. We denote by $\ell^\infty(S)$ the Banach space of all bounded real-valued functionals on S with supremum norm. For each $s \in S$, we define the left and right translation operators $l(s)$ and $r(s)$ on $\ell^\infty(S)$ by

$$(l(s)f)(t) = f(st) \quad \text{and} \quad (r(s)f)(t) = f(ts)$$

for each $t \in S$ and $f \in \ell^\infty(S)$, respectively. Let X be a subspace of $\ell^\infty(S)$ containing 1. An element μ in the dual space X^* of X is said to be a *mean* on X if $\|\mu\| = \mu(1) = 1$. It is well known that μ is a mean on X if and only if

$$\inf_{s \in S} f(s) \leq \mu(f) \leq \sup_{s \in S} f(s)$$

for each $f \in X$. We often write $\mu_t(f(t))$ instead of $\mu(f)$ for $\mu \in X^*$ and $f \in X$.

Let X be a translation invariant subspace of $\ell^\infty(S)$ (i.e., $l(s)X \subset X$ and $r(s)X \subset X$ for each $s \in S$) containing 1. Then a mean μ on X is said to be *left invariant* (resp. *right invariant*) if $\mu(l(s)f) = \mu(f)$ (resp. $\mu(r(s)f) = \mu(f)$) for each $s \in S$ and $f \in X$. A mean μ on X is said to be *invariant* if μ is both left and right invariant [16–18]. S is said to be *left* (resp. *right*) *amenable* if X has a left (resp. right) invariant mean. S is *amenable* if S is left and right amenable. In this case, $\ell^\infty(S)$ also has an invariant mean. It is known that $\ell^\infty(S)$ is amenable when S is commutative semigroup or solvable group. However, the free group or semigroup of two generators is not left or right amenable (see [11, 20]). A net $\{\mu_\alpha\}$ of means on X is said to be *left regular* [11] if

$$\lim_{\alpha} \|\tilde{l}_s^* \mu_\alpha - \mu_\alpha\| = 0$$

for each $s \in S$, where \tilde{l}_s^* is the adjoint operator of l_s .

Let K be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of H . A family $\mathcal{S} = \{T(s) : s \in S\}$ is called a nonexpansive semigroup on K if for each $s \in S$, the mapping $T(s) : K \rightarrow K$ is nonexpansive and $T(st) = T(s)T(t)$ for each $s, t \in S$. We denote by $F(\mathcal{S})$ the set of common fixed points of \mathcal{S} , i.e.,

$$F(\mathcal{S}) = \bigcap_{s \in S} F(T(s)) = \bigcap_{s \in S} \{x \in K : T(s)x = x\}.$$

Throughout this article, we denote the open ball of radius r centered at 0 by B_r , and also denote the closed and convex hull of $A \subset H$ by $\overline{\text{co}}A$. For $\varepsilon > 0$ and a mapping $T : D \rightarrow H$, the set of ε -approximate fixed points of T will be denoted by $F_\varepsilon(T, D)$, i.e. $F_\varepsilon(T, D) = \{x \in D : \|x - Tx\| \leq \varepsilon\}$.

The following lemmas are important in order to prove our main theorem.

Lemma 2.1 [20, 31, 39] *Let f be a function of a semigroup S into a Banach space E such that the weak closure of $\{f(t) : t \in S\}$ is weakly compact and let X be a subspace of $\ell^\infty(S)$ containing all the functions $t \mapsto \langle f(t), x^* \rangle$ with $x^* \in E^*$. Then, for any $\mu \in X^*$, there exists a unique element f_μ in E such that*

$$\langle f_\mu, x^* \rangle = \mu_t \langle f(t), x^* \rangle$$

for all $x^* \in E^*$. Moreover, if μ is a mean on X then

$$\int f(t) d\mu(t) \in \overline{\text{co}}\{f(t) : t \in S\}.$$

We can write f_μ by $\int f(t) d\mu(t)$.

Lemma 2.2 [20, 31, 39] *Let K be a closed and convex subset of a Hilbert space H , $\mathcal{S} = \{T(s) : s \in S\}$ be a nonexpansive semigroup from K into K such that $F(\mathcal{S}) \neq \emptyset$ and X be a subspace of $\ell^\infty(S)$ containing 1 and the mapping $t \mapsto \langle T(t)x, y \rangle$ be an element of X for each $x \in K$ and $y \in H$, and μ be a mean on X .*

If we write $T(\mu)x$ instead of $\int T_t x d\mu(t)$, then the following hold:

- (i) $T(\mu)$ is a nonexpansive mapping from K into K ;
- (ii) $T(\mu)x = x$ for each $x \in F(\mathcal{S})$;
- (iii) $T(\mu)x \in \overline{\text{co}}\{T_t x : t \in S\}$ for each $x \in K$;
- (iv) if μ is left invariant, then $T(\mu)$ is a nonexpansive retraction from K onto $F(\mathcal{S})$.

Let K be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a real Hilbert space H . Then, for any $x \in H$, there exists a unique nearest point in K , denoted by $P_K x$, such that

$$\|x - P_K x\| \leq \|x - y\|$$

for all $y \in K$. Such a projection P_K is called the *metric projection* of H onto K . We also know that for $x \in H$ and $z \in K$, $z = P_K x$ if and only if

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

We know the following subdifferential inequality.

Lemma 2.3 For all $x, y \in H$, there holds the inequality

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

Lemma 2.4 [22] Let A be a strongly positive bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space H with coefficient $\bar{\gamma}$ and $0 < \rho \leq \|A\|^{-1}$. Then $\|I - \rho A\| \leq 1 - \rho\bar{\gamma}$.

In the sequel, we need the following crucial lemmas.

Lemma 2.5 [41] Assume $\{a_n\}$ is a sequence of nonnegative real numbers such that

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

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

- (a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho_n = \infty$;
- (b) $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n \leq 0$ or $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\rho_n\delta_n| < \infty$.

Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$.

Lemma 2.6 [36] Let $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ be bounded sequences in a Banach space E such that

$$x_{n+1} = (1 - \beta_n)y_n + \beta_nx_n, \quad \forall n \geq 1,$$

where $\{\beta_n\}$ is a real sequence in $(0, 1)$ with $0 < \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n < 1$. If $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\|y_{n+1} - y_n\| - \|x_{n+1} - x_n\|) \leq 0$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y_n - x_n\| = 0$.

The following crucial results can be found in [1].

Lemma 2.7 [1] Let K be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a real Hilbert space H and let $T : K \rightarrow K$ be a κ -strict pseudocontraction such that $F(T) \neq \emptyset$, then $I - T$ is demiclosed at zero, that is, for all sequence $\{x_n\} \subset K$ with $x_n \rightarrow y$ and $\|x_n - Tx_n\| \rightarrow 0$ it follows that $y = Ty$.

Lemma 2.8 [1] Let K be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a real Hilbert space H and let $T_i : K \rightarrow K$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, N$) be a family of κ_i -strict pseudocontractions for some $0 \leq \kappa_i < 1$. Assume $\{\eta_i\}_{i=1}^N$ is a positive sequence such that $\sum_{i=1}^N \eta_i = 1$. Then $\sum_{i=1}^N \eta_i T_i$ is a κ -strict pseudocontraction with $\kappa = \max\{\kappa_i : 1 \leq i \leq N\}$. Moreover, if $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^N$ has a common fixed point, then $F(\sum_{i=1}^N \eta_i T_i) = \bigcap_{i=1}^N F(T_i)$.

Lemma 2.9 [40] Let the resolvent J_λ^M be defined by $J_\lambda^M = (I + \lambda M)^{-1}$, $\lambda > 0$. Then the following holds:

$$\|J_s^M x - J_t^M x\| \leq \left| \frac{s-t}{t} \right| \|x - J_t^M x\|$$

for all $s, t > 0$ and $x \in H$.

3 Main result

In this section, we are now ready to prove our main theorem.

Theorem 3.1 *Let H be a real Hilbert space and $S = \{T(t) : t \in S\}$ a nonexpansive semi-group on H . Let $M : H \rightarrow 2^H$ be a maximal monotone operator and $T : H \rightarrow H$ a κ -strict pseudocontraction such that $F := F(S) \cap M^{-1}(0) \cap F(T) \neq \emptyset$. Let X be a left invariant subspace of $\ell^\infty(S)$ such that $1 \in X$, and the function $t \mapsto \langle T(t)x, y \rangle$ is an element of X for each $x, y \in H$. Let $\{\mu_n\}$ be a left regular sequence of means on X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mu_{n+1} - \mu_n\| = 0$. Let f be an α -contraction on H and A a strongly positive bounded linear operator with coefficient $\bar{\gamma}$. Let β and γ be real numbers such that $0 < \beta < 1$ and $0 < \gamma < \bar{\gamma}/\alpha$. Let $\{x_n\}$ be generated by $x_1 \in H$ and*

$$\begin{cases} y_n = J_{\lambda_n}^M(\delta_n x_n + (1 - \delta_n)Tx_n), \\ x_{n+1} = \alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + \beta x_n + ((1 - \beta)I - \alpha_n A)T(\mu_n)y_n, \quad n \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

where $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (0, 1)$, $\{\delta_n\} \subset (\kappa, 1)$ and $\{\lambda_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ satisfying the conditions:

- (C1) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ and $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \alpha_n = \infty$;
- (C2) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\delta_{n+1} - \delta_n| = 0$;
- (C3) $\kappa < \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n < 1$;
- (C4) $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n > 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n| = 0$.

Then $\{x_n\}$ converges strongly to $p \in F$ which also solves the following variational inequality:

$$\langle (\gamma f - A)p, q - p \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall q \in F. \tag{3.1}$$

Proof Since $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$, we shall assume that $\alpha_n \leq (1 - \beta)\|A\|^{-1}$ and $1 - \alpha_n(\bar{\gamma} - \alpha\gamma) > 0$. So by Lemma 2.4, we have $\|(1 - \beta)I - \alpha_n A\| \leq 1 - \beta - \alpha_n \bar{\gamma}$.

First, we show that $\{x_n\}$ is bounded. Let $w \in F$. Put $z_n = \delta_n x_n + (1 - \delta_n)Tx_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_n - w\|^2 &= \|\delta_n x_n + (1 - \delta_n)Tx_n - w\|^2 \\ &= \|\delta_n(x_n - w) + (1 - \delta_n)(Tx_n - w)\|^2 \\ &= \delta_n \|x_n - w\|^2 + (1 - \delta_n) \|Tx_n - w\|^2 - \delta_n(1 - \delta_n) \|x_n - Tx_n\|^2 \\ &\leq \delta_n \|x_n - w\|^2 + (1 - \delta_n) \|x_n - w\|^2 + (1 - \delta_n)\kappa \|x_n - Tx_n\|^2 \\ &\quad - \delta_n(1 - \delta_n) \|x_n - Tx_n\|^2 \\ &= \|x_n - w\|^2 + (1 - \delta_n)(\kappa - \delta_n) \|x_n - Tx_n\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x_n - w\|^2, \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

which yields

$$\|z_n - w\| \leq \|x_n - w\|.$$

Moreover, since $J_{\lambda_n}^M$ is firmly nonexpansive,

$$\|y_n - w\| = \|J_{\lambda_n}^M z_n - w\| \leq \|z_n - w\| \leq \|x_n - w\|. \tag{3.3}$$

From (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - w\| &\leq \|(1 - \beta)I - \alpha_n A\| [T(\mu_n)y_n - w] + \|\alpha_n \gamma [f(x_n) - f(w)]\| \\ &\quad + \|\alpha_n [\gamma f(w) - Aw]\| + \|\beta(x_n - w)\| \\ &\leq [1 - \alpha_n(\bar{\gamma} - \alpha\gamma)] \|x_n - w\| + \alpha_n \|\gamma f(w) - Aw\| \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \|x_n - w\|, \frac{\|\gamma f(w) - Aw\|}{(\bar{\gamma} - \alpha\gamma)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

By an induction, we can show that

$$\|x_n - w\| \leq \max \left\{ \|x_1 - w\|, \frac{\|\gamma f(w) - Aw\|}{(\bar{\gamma} - \alpha\gamma)} \right\}, \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

Therefore, $\{x_n\}$ is bounded. So are $\{f(x_n)\}$, $\{y_n\}$, $\{z_n\}$, and $\{T(\mu_n)y_n\}$.

We next show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| = 0.$$

Observe that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T(\mu_{n+1})y_n - T(\mu_n)y_n\| = 0. \tag{3.4}$$

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(\mu_{n+1})y_n - T(\mu_n)y_n\| &= \sup_{\|z\|=1} |(T(\mu_{n+1})y_n - T(\mu_n)y_n, z)| \\ &= \sup_{\|z\|=1} |(\mu_{n+1})_s \langle T(s)y_n, z \rangle - (\mu_n)_s \langle T(s)y_n, z \rangle| \\ &\leq \|\mu_{n+1} - \mu_n\| \sup_{s \in S} \|T(s)y_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\{y_n\}$ is bounded and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mu_{n+1} - \mu_n\| = 0$, (3.4) holds.

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define $T_n x = \delta_n x + (1 - \delta_n)Tx$. Then T_n is nonexpansive, and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_{n+1} - z_n\| &= \|T_{n+1}x_{n+1} - T_n x_n\| \\ &\leq \|T_{n+1}x_{n+1} - T_{n+1}x_n\| + \|T_{n+1}x_n - T_n x_n\| \\ &\leq \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + |\delta_{n+1} - \delta_n| M_1 \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

for some big enough constant $M_1 > 0$.

On the other hand, since $y_n = J_{\lambda_n}^M z_n$ and $y_{n+1} = J_{\lambda_{n+1}}^M z_{n+1}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_{n+1} - y_n\| &= \|J_{\lambda_{n+1}}^M z_{n+1} - J_{\lambda_n}^M z_n\| \\ &\leq \|J_{\lambda_{n+1}}^M z_{n+1} - J_{\lambda_n}^M z_{n+1}\| + \|J_{\lambda_n}^M z_{n+1} - J_{\lambda_n}^M z_n\| \\ &\leq \|J_{\lambda_{n+1}}^M z_{n+1} - J_{\lambda_n}^M z_{n+1}\| + \|z_{n+1} - z_n\|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Put $w_n = \frac{x_{n+1} - \beta x_n}{1 - \beta}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} w_{n+1} - w_n &= \frac{1}{1 - \beta} [(x_{n+2} - \beta x_{n+1}) - (x_{n+1} - \beta x_n)] \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \beta} [\alpha_{n+1}(\gamma f(x_{n+1}) - AT(\mu_{n+1})y_{n+1}) + (1 - \beta)T(\mu_{n+1})y_{n+1}] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{1 - \beta} [\alpha_n(\gamma f(x_n) - AT(\mu_n)y_n) + (1 - \beta)T(\mu_n)y_n] \\ &= \frac{\alpha_{n+1}}{1 - \beta} (\gamma f(x_{n+1}) - AT(\mu_{n+1})y_{n+1}) + T(\mu_{n+1})y_{n+1} \\ &\quad - \frac{\alpha_n}{1 - \beta} (\gamma f(x_n) - AT(\mu_n)y_n) - T(\mu_n)y_n \\ &= \frac{\alpha_{n+1}}{1 - \beta} (\gamma f(x_{n+1}) - AT(\mu_{n+1})y_{n+1}) + (T(\mu_{n+1})y_{n+1} - T(\mu_{n+1})y_n) \\ &\quad - \frac{\alpha_n}{1 - \beta} (\gamma f(x_n) - AT(\mu_n)y_n) - (T(\mu_n)y_n - T(\mu_{n+1})y_n) \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} \|w_{n+1} - w_n\| &\leq \frac{\alpha_{n+1}}{1 - \beta} \|\gamma f(x_{n+1}) - AT(\mu_{n+1})y_{n+1}\| + \|y_{n+1} - y_n\| \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_n}{1 - \beta} \|\gamma f(x_n) - AT(\mu_n)y_n\| + \|T(\mu_n)y_n - T(\mu_{n+1})y_n\|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

Substituting (3.5) and (3.6) into (3.7), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|w_{n+1} - w_n\| &\leq \frac{\alpha_{n+1}}{1 - \beta} \|\gamma f(x_{n+1}) - AT(\mu_{n+1})y_{n+1}\| + \|J_{\lambda_{n+1}}^M z_{n+1} - J_{\lambda_n}^M z_{n+1}\| \\ &\quad + \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + |\delta_{n+1} - \delta_n| \mathcal{M}_1 + \frac{\alpha_n}{1 - \beta} \|\gamma f(x_n) - AT(\mu_n)y_n\| \\ &\quad + \|T(\mu_n)y_n - T(\mu_{n+1})y_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 2.9, (3.4), (C1), (C2), and (C4), we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\|w_{n+1} - w_n\| - \|x_{n+1} - x_n\|) \leq 0.$$

From Lemma 2.6, we derive

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

It also follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| = 0. \tag{3.8}$$

We next show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - T(t)x_n\| = 0, \quad \forall t \in S.$$

Put

$$K = \max \left\{ \|x_1 - w\|, \frac{\|\gamma f(w) - Aw\|}{(\bar{\gamma} - \gamma\alpha)} \right\}.$$

Set $D = \{y \in H : \|y - w\| \leq K\}$. Then D is a nonempty bounded closed convex set. Moreover, $\{x_n\}$, $\{y_n\}$, and $\{z_n\}$ are in D . To complete our proof, we follow the proof line as in [2] (see also [19, 20, 33]). Let $\varepsilon > 0$. From [5], there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\overline{co}F_\delta(T(t);D) + B_\delta \subseteq F_\varepsilon(T(t);D), \quad \forall t \in S. \tag{3.9}$$

From Corollary 1.1 in [5], there exists a natural number N such that

$$\left\| \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{i=0}^N T(t^i s)y - T(t) \left(\frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{i=0}^N T(t^i s)y \right) \right\| \leq \delta, \tag{3.10}$$

for all $t, s \in S$ and $y \in D$. Let $t \in S$. Since $\{\mu_n\}$ is left regular, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\|\mu_n - \mathcal{I}_{t^i}^* \mu_n\| \leq \frac{\delta}{3(K + \|w\|)}$$

for all $n \geq n_0$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$. So we have for all $n \geq n_0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{y \in D} \left\| T(\mu_n)y - \int \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{i=0}^N T(t^i s)y d\mu_n(s) \right\| \\ &= \sup_{y \in D} \sup_{\|z\|=1} \left| (\mu_n)_s \langle T(s)y, z \rangle - (\mu_n)_s \left\langle \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{i=0}^N T(t^i s)y, z \right\rangle \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{i=0}^N \sup_{y \in D} \sup_{\|z\|=1} |(\mu_n)_s \langle T(s)y, z \rangle - (\mathcal{I}_{t^i}^* \mu_n)_s \langle T(s)y, z \rangle| \\ &\leq \max_{i=1,2,\dots,N} \|\mu_n - \mathcal{I}_{t^i}^* \mu_n\| (K + \|w\|) \leq \frac{\delta}{3}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Observe, by Lemma 2.2

$$\int \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{i=0}^N T(t^i s)y d\mu_n(s) \in \overline{co} \left\{ \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{i=0}^N T(t)^i (T(s)y) : s \in S \right\}. \tag{3.12}$$

Combining (3.10)-(3.12), we derive

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mu_n)y &= \int \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{i=0}^N T(t^i s)y d\mu_n(s) + \left(T(\mu_n)y - \int \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{i=0}^N T(t^i s)y d\mu_n(s) \right) \\ &\in \overline{co} \left\{ \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{i=0}^N T(t)^i (T(s)y) : s \in S \right\} + B_{\delta/3} \\ &\subseteq \overline{co}F_\delta(T(t);D) + B_{\delta/3}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

for all $y \in D$ and $n \geq n_0$. Let $t \in S$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there exists $\delta > 0$ which satisfies (3.9). Observe

$$x_{n+1} = T(\mu_n)y_n + \frac{\beta}{1-\beta}(x_{n+1} - x_n) + \frac{\alpha_n}{1-\beta}(\gamma f(x_n) - AT(\mu_n)y_n).$$

Since $\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \rightarrow 0$ and $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$, there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= T(\mu_n)y_n + \frac{\beta}{1-\beta}(x_n - x_{n+1}) + \frac{\alpha_n}{1-\beta}(\gamma f(x_n) - AT(\mu_n)y_n) \\ &\in \overline{co}F_\delta(T(t); D) + B_{\delta/3} + B_{\delta/3} + B_{\delta/3} \\ &\subseteq \overline{co}F_\delta(T(t); D) + B_\delta \subseteq F_\varepsilon(T(t); D), \end{aligned}$$

for all $n > k$. Hence, $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - T(t)x_n\| \leq \varepsilon$. Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - T(t)x_n\| = 0. \tag{3.14}$$

We next show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y_n - z_n\| = 0. \tag{3.15}$$

Since $J_{\lambda_n}^M$ is firmly nonexpansive and $y_n = J_{\lambda_n}^M z_n$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_n - w\|^2 &= \|J_{\lambda_n}^M z_n - J_{\lambda_n}^M w\|^2 \\ &\leq \langle J_{\lambda_n}^M z_n - J_{\lambda_n}^M w, z_n - w \rangle \\ &= \langle y_n - w, z_n - w \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\|y_n - w\|^2 + \|z_n - w\|^2 - \|z_n - y_n\|^2), \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\|y_n - w\|^2 \leq \|z_n - w\|^2 - \|z_n - y_n\|^2.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - w\|^2 &= \left\| [(1-\beta)(T(\mu_n)y_n - w) + \beta(x_n - w)] + \alpha_n[\gamma f(x_n) - AT(\mu_n)y_n] \right\|^2 \\ &\leq \left\| (1-\beta)(T(\mu_n)y_n - w) + \beta(x_n - w) \right\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma f(x_n) - AT(\mu_n)y_n, x_{n+1} - w \rangle \\ &\leq (1-\beta)\|y_n - w\|^2 + \beta\|x_n - w\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma f(x_n) - AT(\mu_n)y_n, x_{n+1} - w \rangle \\ &\leq (1-\beta)(\|z_n - w\|^2 - \|z_n - y_n\|^2) + \beta\|x_n - w\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma f(x_n) - AT(\mu_n)y_n, x_{n+1} - w \rangle \\ &\leq \|x_n - w\|^2 - (1-\beta)\|z_n - y_n\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma f(x_n) - AT(\mu_n)y_n, x_{n+1} - w \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$(1 - \beta)\|z_n - y_n\|^2 \leq \alpha_n M_2 + (\|x_n - w\|^2 - \|x_{n+1} - w\|^2)$$

for some $M_2 > 0$. Thus, (3.15) holds by (3.8) and $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$.

We next show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - Tx_n\| = 0. \tag{3.16}$$

From (3.2), we have

$$\|y_n - w\|^2 \leq \|z_n - w\|^2 \leq \|x_n - w\|^2 + (1 - \delta_n)(\kappa - \delta_n)\|x_n - Tx_n\|^2.$$

So, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - w\|^2 &\leq (1 - \beta)\|y_n - w\|^2 + \beta\|x_n - w\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma f(x_n) - AT(\mu_n)y_n, x_{n+1} - w \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \beta)(\|x_n - w\|^2 + (1 - \delta_n)(\kappa - \delta_n)\|x_n - Tx_n\|^2) + \beta\|x_n - w\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma f(x_n) - AT(\mu_n)y_n, x_{n+1} - w \rangle \\ &\leq \|x_n - w\|^2 + (1 - \beta)(1 - \delta_n)(\kappa - \delta_n)\|x_n - Tx_n\|^2 + \alpha_n M_2. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$(1 - \beta)(1 - \delta_n)(\delta_n - \kappa)\|x_n - Tx_n\|^2 \leq \alpha_n M_2 + \|x_n - w\|^2 - \|x_{n+1} - w\|^2.$$

From (C1) and (C3), we conclude that (3.16) holds. Moreover, we get that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - z_n\| = 0. \tag{3.17}$$

It is easy to see that $P_F(\gamma f + (I - A))$ is a contraction. So, by Banach's contraction principle, there exists a unique point p which satisfies the following variational inequality:

$$\langle (\gamma f - A)p, q - p \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall q \in F.$$

We next show that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (\gamma f - A)p, x_n - p \rangle \leq 0.$$

To this end, we choose a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (\gamma f - A)p, x_n - p \rangle = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle (\gamma f - A)p, x_{n_k} - p \rangle.$$

Since $\{x_n\}$ is bounded and H is reflexive, there exists a point $z \in H$ such that $x_{n_k} \rightharpoonup z$. From (3.15) and (3.17), there exists a corresponding subsequence $\{y_{n_k}\}$ of $\{y_n\}$ (resp. $\{z_{n_k}\}$ of $\{z_n\}$) such that $y_{n_k} \rightharpoonup z$ (resp. $z_{n_k} \rightharpoonup z$).

We next show that $z \in M^{-1}(0)$. Since $y_n = J_{\lambda_n}^M z_n$,

$$\|A_{\lambda_n} z_n\| = \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \|y_n - z_n\|.$$

From (3.15) and $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n > 0$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|A_{\lambda_n} z_n\| = 0. \tag{3.18}$$

Noting that $(z_n, A_{\lambda_n} z_n) \in G(M)$, by the monotonicity of M , we have

$$\langle s - z_n, s^* - A_{\lambda_n} z_n \rangle \geq 0$$

for all $(s, s^*) \in G(M)$. So we obtain

$$\langle s - z, s^* \rangle \geq 0$$

for all $(s, s^*) \in G(M)$. Hence, $z \in M^{-1}(0)$ by the maximality of M .

On the other hand, from (3.14), we get that $z \in F(S)$ by the demiclosedness of a non-expansive mapping [4, 12]. Applying Lemma 2.7 to (3.16), we also get that $z \in F(T)$. This shows that $z \in F$, and hence

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (\gamma f - A)p, x_n - p \rangle = \langle (\gamma f - A)p, z - p \rangle \leq 0. \tag{3.19}$$

We finally show that $x_n \rightarrow p$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. From Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 &= \left\| \left[(1 - \beta)I - \alpha_n A \right] (T(\mu_n)y_n - p) + \beta(x_n - p) \right\|^2 + \alpha_n \langle \gamma f(x_n) - Ap, x_{n+1} - p \rangle \\ &\leq \left\| (1 - \beta)I - \alpha_n A \right\|^2 \|T(\mu_n)y_n - p\|^2 + \beta \|x_n - p\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma f(x_n) - Ap, x_{n+1} - p \rangle \\ &= \left\| (1 - \beta) \frac{(1 - \beta)I - \alpha_n A}{(1 - \beta)} (T(\mu_n)y_n - p) + \beta(x_n - p) \right\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \gamma \langle f(x_n) - f(p), x_{n+1} - p \rangle + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma f(p) - Ap, x_{n+1} - p \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \beta) \left\| \frac{(1 - \beta)I - \alpha_n A}{(1 - \beta)} (T(\mu_n)y_n - p) \right\|^2 + \beta \|x_n - p\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \gamma \alpha \|x_n - p\| \|x_{n+1} - p\| + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma f(p) - Ap, x_{n+1} - p \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{\|(1 - \beta)I - \alpha_n A\|^2}{1 - \beta} \|T(\mu_n)y_n - p\|^2 + \beta \|x_n - p\|^2 \\ &\quad + \alpha_n \gamma \alpha (\|x_n - p\|^2 + \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2) + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma f(p) - Ap, x_{n+1} - p \rangle \\ &\leq \left(\frac{((1 - \beta) - \bar{\gamma} \alpha_n)^2}{1 - \beta} + \beta + \alpha_n \gamma \alpha \right) \|x_n - p\|^2 + \alpha_n \gamma \alpha \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma f(p) - Ap, x_{n+1} - p \rangle \\ &= \left(1 - (2\bar{\gamma} - \alpha \gamma) \alpha_n + \frac{\bar{\gamma}^2 \alpha_n^2}{1 - \beta} \right) \|x_n - p\|^2 + \alpha_n \gamma \alpha \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma f(p) - Ap, x_{n+1} - p \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 \leq & \left(1 - \frac{2\alpha_n(\bar{\gamma} - \alpha\gamma)}{1 - \alpha\gamma\alpha_n}\right) \|x_n - p\|^2 \\ & + \frac{2\alpha_n(\bar{\gamma} - \alpha\gamma)}{1 - \alpha\gamma\alpha_n} \left(\frac{1}{\bar{\gamma} - \alpha\gamma} \langle \gamma f(p) - Ap, x_{n+1} - p \rangle \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{\bar{\gamma}^2\alpha_n}{2(1 - \beta)(\bar{\gamma} - \alpha\gamma)} \|x_n - p\|^2\right). \end{aligned}$$

From (3.19) and (C1), we can apply Lemma 2.5 to conclude that $x_n \rightarrow p$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This completes the proof. \square

From Rockafellar’s theorem [29, 30], we next apply our result to the convex minimization problem in a Hilbert space.

Corollary 3.2 *Let H be a real Hilbert space and $S = \{T(t) : t \in S\}$ a nonexpansive semi-group on H . Let $g : H \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty]$ be a proper lower semi-continuous convex function and $T : H \rightarrow H$ a κ -strict pseudocontraction such that $F := F(S) \cap \partial g^{-1}(0) \cap F(T) \neq \emptyset$. Let X be a left invariant subspace of $\ell^\infty(S)$ such that $1 \in X$, and the function $t \mapsto \langle T(t)x, y \rangle$ is an element of X for each $x, y \in H$. Let $\{\mu_n\}$ be a left regular sequence of means on X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mu_{n+1} - \mu_n\| = 0$. Let f be an α -contraction on H and A a strongly positive bounded linear operator with coefficient $\bar{\gamma}$. Let $\{\alpha_n\}$, β , γ , $\{\delta_n\}$ and $\{\lambda_n\}$ be as in Theorem 3.1. Then the sequence $\{x_n\}$ generated by $x_1 \in H$ and*

$$\begin{cases} z_n = \delta_n x_n + (1 - \delta_n) T x_n, \\ y_n = \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in H} \{g(y) + \frac{1}{2\lambda_n} \|z_n - y\|^2\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + \beta x_n + ((1 - \beta)I - \alpha_n A) T(\mu_n) y_n, \quad n \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

converges strongly to $p \in F$ which also solves the variational inequality (3.1).

Using Lemma 2.8, we next apply our result to a finite family of strict pseudocontractions in a Hilbert space.

Corollary 3.3 *Let H be a real Hilbert space and $S = \{T(t) : t \in S\}$ a nonexpansive semi-group on H . Let $M : H \rightarrow 2^H$ be a maximal monotone operator and $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^N : H \rightarrow H$ a family of κ_i -strict pseudocontractions such that $F := F(S) \cap M^{-1}(0) \cap F(T_1) \cap \dots \cap F(T_N) \neq \emptyset$. Let $\kappa = \max\{\kappa_i : 1 \leq i \leq N\}$. Let X be a left invariant subspace of $\ell^\infty(S)$ such that $1 \in X$, and the function $t \mapsto \langle T(t)x, y \rangle$ is an element of X for each $x, y \in H$. Let $\{\mu_n\}$ be a left regular sequence of means on X such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mu_{n+1} - \mu_n\| = 0$. Let f be an α -contraction on H and A a strongly positive bounded linear operator with coefficient $\bar{\gamma}$. Let $\{\alpha_n\}$, β , γ , $\{\delta_n\}$ and $\{\lambda_n\}$ be as in Theorem 3.1 and $\eta_i \in (0, 1)$ with $\sum_{i=1}^N \eta_i = 1$. Then the sequence $\{x_n\}$ generated by $x_1 \in H$ and*

$$\begin{cases} y_n = J_{\lambda_n}^M(\delta_n x_n + (1 - \delta_n) \sum_{i=1}^N \eta_i T_i x_n), \\ x_{n+1} = \alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + \beta x_n + ((1 - \beta)I - \alpha_n A) T(\mu_n) y_n, \quad n \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

converges strongly to $p \in F$ which also solves the variational inequality (3.1).

Using the results proved in [37] (see also [19]), we obtain the following corollaries.

Corollary 3.4 *Let H be a real Hilbert space. Let S_1 and S_2 be nonexpansive mappings on H with $S_1S_2 = S_2S_1$. Let $M : H \rightarrow 2^H$ be a maximal monotone operator and let $T : H \rightarrow H$ be a κ -strict pseudocontraction such that $F := F(S_1) \cap F(S_2) \cap M^{-1}(0) \cap F(T) \neq \emptyset$. Let f be an α -contraction on H and A a strongly positive bounded linear operator with coefficient $\bar{\gamma}$. Let $\{\alpha_n\}$, β , γ , $\{\delta_n\}$, and $\{\lambda_n\}$ be as in Theorem 3.1. Then the sequence $\{x_n\}$ generated by $x_1 \in H$ and*

$$\begin{cases} y_n = J_{\lambda_n}^M(\delta_n x_n + (1 - \delta_n)Tx_n), \\ x_{n+1} = \alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + \beta x_n + ((1 - \beta)I - \alpha_n A) \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} S_1^i S_2^j y_n \right), \quad n \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

converges strongly to $p \in F$ which also solves the variational inequality (3.1).

Corollary 3.5 *Let H be a real Hilbert space. Let $S = \{T(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}_+\}$ be a strongly continuous nonexpansive semigroup on H . Let $M : H \rightarrow 2^H$ be a maximal monotone operator and $T : H \rightarrow H$ a κ -strict pseudocontraction such that $F := F(S) \cap M^{-1}(0) \cap F(T) \neq \emptyset$. Let f be an α -contraction on H and A a strongly positive bounded linear operator with coefficient $\bar{\gamma}$. Let $\{\alpha_n\}$, β , γ , $\{\delta_n\}$, and $\{\lambda_n\}$ be as in Theorem 3.1. Then the sequence $\{x_n\}$ generated by $x_1 \in H$ and*

$$\begin{cases} y_n = J_{\lambda_n}^M(\delta_n x_n + (1 - \delta_n)Tx_n), \\ x_{n+1} = \alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + \beta x_n + ((1 - \beta)I - \alpha_n A) \left(\frac{1}{t_n} \int_0^{t_n} T(s)y_n ds \right), \quad n \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

where $\{t_n\}$ is an increasing sequence in $(0, \infty)$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \infty$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n / t_{n+1} = 1$, converges strongly to $p \in F$ which also solves the variational inequality (3.1).

Corollary 3.6 *Let H be a real Hilbert space. Let $S = \{T(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}_+\}$ be a strongly continuous nonexpansive semigroup on H . Let $M : H \rightarrow 2^H$ be a maximal monotone operator and $T : H \rightarrow H$ a κ -strict pseudocontraction such that $F := F(S) \cap M^{-1}(0) \cap F(T) \neq \emptyset$. Let f be an α -contraction on H and A a strongly positive bounded linear operator with coefficient $\bar{\gamma}$. Let $\{\alpha_n\}$, β , γ , $\{\delta_n\}$ and $\{\lambda_n\}$ be as in Theorem 3.1. Then the sequence $\{x_n\}$ generated by $x_1 \in H$ and*

$$\begin{cases} y_n = J_{\lambda_n}^M(\delta_n x_n + (1 - \delta_n)Tx_n), \\ x_{n+1} = \alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + \beta x_n + ((1 - \beta)I - \alpha_n A) \left(a_n \int_0^\infty \exp(-a_n s) T(s)y_n ds \right), \quad n \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

where $\{a_n\}$ is a decreasing sequence in $(0, \infty)$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$, converges strongly to $p \in F$ which also solves the variational inequality (3.1).

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