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# A three-step iterative scheme for solving nonlinear $\phi$ -strongly accretive operator equations in Banach spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper, we study a three-step iterative scheme with error terms for solving nonlinear  $\phi$ -strongly accretive operator equations in arbitrary real Banach spaces.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $K$  be a nonempty subset of an arbitrary Banach space  $X$  and  $X^*$  be its dual space. The symbols  $D(T)$ ,  $R(T)$  and  $F(T)$  stand for the domain, the range and the set of fixed points of  $T$  respectively (for a single-valued map  $T : X \rightarrow X$ ,  $x \in X$  is called a fixed point of  $T$  iff  $T(x) = x$ ). We denote by  $J$  the normalized duality mapping from  $E$  to  $2^{E^*}$  defined by

$$J(x) = \{f^* \in X^* : \langle x, f^* \rangle = \|x\|^2 = \|f^*\|^2\}.$$

Let  $T : D(T) \subseteq X \rightarrow X$  be an operator. The following definitions can be found in [1–15] for example.

**Definition 1**  $T$  is called *Lipshitzian* if there exists  $L > 0$  such that

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq L\|x - y\|,$$

for all  $x, y \in K$ . If  $L = 1$ , then  $T$  is called *nonexpansive*, and if  $0 < L < 1$ ,  $T$  is called *contraction*.

**Definition 2**

- (i)  $T$  is said to be strongly pseudocontractive if there exists a  $t > 1$  such that for each  $x, y \in D(T)$ , there exists  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  satisfying

$$\operatorname{Re}\langle Tx - Ty, j(x - y) \rangle \leq \frac{1}{t}\|x - y\|^2.$$

- (ii)  $T$  is said to be strictly hemicontractive if  $F(T)$  is nonempty and if there exists a  $t > 1$  such that for each  $x \in D(T)$  and  $q \in F(T)$ , there exists  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  satisfying

$$\operatorname{Re}\langle Tx - q, j(x - q) \rangle \leq \frac{1}{t} \|x - q\|^2.$$

- (iii)  $T$  is said to be  $\phi$ -strongly pseudocontractive if there exists a strictly increasing function  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with  $\phi(0) = 0$  such that for each  $x, y \in D(T)$ , there exists  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  satisfying

$$\operatorname{Re}\langle Tx - Ty, j(x - y) \rangle \leq \|x - y\|^2 - \phi(\|x - y\|) \|x - y\|.$$

- (iv)  $T$  is said to be  $\phi$ -hemicontractive if  $F(T)$  is nonempty and if there exists a strictly increasing function  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with  $\phi(0) = 0$  such that for each  $x \in D(T)$  and  $q \in F(T)$ , there exists  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  satisfying

$$\operatorname{Re}\langle Tx - q, j(x - q) \rangle \leq \|x - q\|^2 - \phi(\|x - q\|) \|x - q\|.$$

Clearly, each strictly hemicontractive operator is  $\phi$ -hemicontractive.

### Definition 3

- (i)  $T$  is called *accretive* if the inequality

$$\|x - y\| \leq \|x - y + s(Tx - Ty)\|$$

holds for every  $x, y \in D(T)$  and for all  $s > 0$ .

- (ii)  $T$  is called *strongly accretive* if, for all  $x, y \in D(T)$ , there exists a constant  $k > 0$  and  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  such that

$$\langle Tx - Ty, j(x - y) \rangle \geq k \|x - y\|^2.$$

- (iii)  $T$  is called  *$\phi$ -strongly accretive* if there exists  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  and a strictly increasing function  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with  $\phi(0) = 0$  such that for each  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\langle Tx - Ty, j(x - y) \rangle \geq \phi(\|x - y\|) \|x - y\|.$$

**Remark 4** It has been shown in [11, 12] that the class of strongly accretive operators is a proper subclass of the class of  $\phi$ -strongly accretive operators. If  $I$  denotes the identity operator, then  $T$  is called *strongly pseudocontractive* (respectively,  *$\phi$ -strongly pseudocontractive*) if and only if  $(I - T)$  is strongly accretive (respectively,  $\phi$ -strongly accretive).

Chidume [1] showed that the Mann iterative method can be used to approximate fixed points of Lipschitz strongly pseudocontractive operators in  $L_p$  (or  $l_p$ ) spaces for  $p \in [2, \infty)$ . Chidume and Osilike [4] proved that each strongly pseudocontractive operator with a fixed point is strictly hemicontractive, but the converse does not hold in general. They also proved that the class of strongly pseudocontractive operators is a proper subclass of the class of  $\phi$ -strongly pseudocontractive operators and pointed out that the class of  $\phi$ -strongly pseudocontractive operators with a fixed point is a proper subclass of the class

of  $\phi$ -hemicontractive operators. These classes of nonlinear operators have been studied by various researchers (see, for example, [7–25]). Liu *et al.* [26] proved that, under certain conditions, a three-step iteration scheme with error terms converges strongly to the unique fixed point of  $\phi$ -hemicontractive mappings.

In this paper, we study a three-step iterative scheme with error terms for nonlinear  $\phi$ -strongly accretive operator equations in arbitrary real Banach spaces.

## 2 Preliminaries

We need the following results.

**Lemma 5** [27] *Let  $\{a_n\}$ ,  $\{b_n\}$  and  $\{c_n\}$  be three sequences of nonnegative real numbers with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n < \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n < \infty$ . If*

$$a_{n+1} \leq (1 + b_n)a_n + c_n, \quad n \geq 1,$$

*then the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  exists.*

**Lemma 6** [28] *Let  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $\|x\| \leq \|x + ry\|$  for every  $r > 0$  if and only if there is  $f \in J(x)$  such that  $\operatorname{Re}\langle y, f \rangle \geq 0$ .*

**Lemma 7** [9] *Suppose that  $X$  is an arbitrary Banach space and  $A : E \rightarrow E$  is a continuous  $\phi$ -strongly accretive operator. Then the equation  $Ax = f$  has a unique solution for any  $f \in E$ .*

## 3 Strong convergence of a three-step iterative scheme to a solution of the system of nonlinear operator equations

For the rest of this section,  $L$  denotes the Lipschitz constant of  $T_1, T_2, T_3 : X \rightarrow X$ ,  $L_* = (1 + L)$  and  $R(T_1), R(T_2)$  and  $R(T_3)$  denote the ranges of  $T_1, T_2$  and  $T_3$  respectively. We now prove our main results.

**Theorem 8** *Let  $X$  be an arbitrary real Banach space and  $T_1, T_2, T_3 : X \rightarrow X$  Lipschitz  $\phi$ -strongly accretive operators. Let  $f \in R(T_1) \cap R(T_2) \cap R(T_3)$  and generate  $\{x_n\}$  from an arbitrary  $x_0 \in X$  by*

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= a_n x_n + b_n (f + (I - T_1)y_n) + c_n v_n, \\ y_n &= a'_n x_n + b'_n (f + (I - T_2)z_n) + c'_n u_n, \\ z_n &= a''_n x_n + b''_n (f + (I - T_3)x_n) + c''_n w_n, \quad n \geq 0, \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

*where  $\{v_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{u_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  and  $\{w_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  are bounded sequences in  $X$  and  $\{a_n\}$ ,  $\{c_n\}$ ,  $\{a'_n\}$ ,  $\{b'_n\}$ ,  $\{c'_n\}$ ,  $\{a''_n\}$ ,  $\{b''_n\}$ ,  $\{c''_n\}$  are sequences in  $[0, 1]$  and  $\{b_n\}$  in  $(0, 1)$  satisfying the following conditions: (i)  $a_n + b_n + c_n = 1 = a'_n + b'_n + c'_n = a''_n + b''_n + c''_n$ , (ii)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n = \infty$ , (iii)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n^2 < \infty$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b'_n < \infty$ , (iv)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n < \infty$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c'_n < \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c''_n < \infty$ . Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to the solution of the system  $T_i x = f$ ;  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .*

*Proof* By Lemma 7, the system  $T_i x = f$ ;  $i = 1, 2, 3$  has the unique solution  $x^* \in X$ . Following the techniques of [5, 8–12, 26, 29], define  $S_i : X \rightarrow X$  by  $S_i x = f + (I - T_i)x$ ;  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ; then

each  $S_i$  is demicontinuous and  $x^*$  is the unique fixed point of  $S_i$ ;  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , and for all  $x, y \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle (I - S_i)x - (I - S_i)y, j(x - y) \rangle \\ & \geq \phi_i(\|x - y\|)\|x - y\| \\ & \geq \frac{\phi_i(\|x - y\|)}{(1 + \phi_i(\|x - y\|) + \|x - y\|)}\|x - y\|^2 \\ & = \theta_i(x, y)\|x - y\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta_i(x, y) = \frac{\phi_i(\|x - y\|)}{(1 + \phi_i(\|x - y\|) + \|x - y\|)} \in [0, 1]$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Let  $x^* \in \bigcap_{i=1}^3 F(S_i)$  be the fixed point set of  $S_i$ , and let  $\theta(x, y) = \inf \min_i \{\theta_i(x, y)\} \in [0, 1]$ . Thus

$$\langle (I - S_i)x - (I - S_i)y, j(x - y) \rangle \geq \theta(x, y)\|x - y\|^2; \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \tag{3.2}$$

It follows from Lemma 6 and inequality (3.2) that

$$\|x - y\| \leq \|x - y + \lambda[(I - S_i)x - \theta(x, y)x - ((I - S_i)y - \theta(x, y)y)]\|, \tag{3.3}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and for all  $\lambda > 0$ ;  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

Set  $\alpha_n = b_n + c_n$ ,  $\beta_n = b'_n + c'_n$  and  $\gamma_n = b''_n + c''_n$ , then (3.1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= (1 - \alpha_n)x_n + \alpha_n S_1 y_n + c_n(v_n - S_1 y_n), \\ y_n &= (1 - \beta_n)x_n + \beta_n S_2 z_n + c'_n(u_n - S_2 z_n), \\ z_n &= (1 - \gamma_n)x_n + \gamma_n S_3 x_n + c''_n(w_n - S_3 x_n), \quad n \geq 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &= (1 + \alpha_n)x_{n+1} + \alpha_n[(I - S_1)x_{n+1} - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*)x_{n+1}] \\ & \quad - (1 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n x_n + (2 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n^2(x_n - S_1 y_n) \\ & \quad + \alpha_n(S_1 x_{n+1} - S_1 y_n) - [1 + (2 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n]c_n(v_n - S_1 y_n). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,

$$x^* = (1 + \alpha_n)x^* + \alpha_n[(I - S_1)x^* - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*)x^*] - (1 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n x^*,$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} x_n - x^* &= (1 + \alpha_n)(x_{n+1} - x^*) + \alpha_n[(I - S_1)x_{n+1} - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*)x_{n+1} \\ & \quad - ((I - S_1)x^* - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*)x^*)] \\ & \quad - (1 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n(x_n - x^*) + (2 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n^2(x_n - S_1 y_n) \\ & \quad + \alpha_n(S_1 x_{n+1} - S_1 y_n) - [1 + (2 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n]c_n(v_n - S_1 y_n). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n - x^*\| &\geq (1 + \alpha_n) \left\| x_{n+1} - x^* + \frac{\alpha_n}{(1 + \alpha_n)} [(I - S_1)x_{n+1} - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*)x_{n+1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - ((I - S_1)x^* - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*)x^*)] \right\| \\ &\quad - (1 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n \|x_n - x^*\| - (2 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n^2 \|x_n - S_1y_n\| \\ &\quad - \alpha_n \|S_1x_{n+1} - S_1y_n\| - [1 + (2 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n]c_n \|v_n - S_1y_n\| \\ &\geq (1 + \alpha_n) \|x_{n+1} - x^*\| - (1 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n \|x_n - x^*\| \\ &\quad - (2 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n^2 \|x_n - S_1y_n\| - \alpha_n \|S_1x_{n+1} - S_1y_n\| \\ &\quad - [1 + (2 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n]c_n \|v_n - S_1y_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x^*\| &\leq \frac{[1 + (1 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n]}{(1 + \alpha_n)} \|x_n - x^*\| + 2\alpha_n^2 \|x_n - S_1y_n\| \\ &\quad + \alpha_n \|S_1x_{n+1} - S_1y_n\| + [1 + (2 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n]c_n \|v_n - S_1y_n\| \\ &\leq [1 + (1 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*))\alpha_n][1 - \alpha_n + \alpha_n^2] \|x_n - x^*\| \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n^2 \|x_n - S_1y_n\| + \alpha_n \|S_1x_{n+1} - S_1y_n\| + 3c_n \|v_n - S_1y_n\| \\ &\leq [1 - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*)\alpha_n + \alpha_n^2] \|x_n - x^*\| + 2\alpha_n^2 \|x_n - S_1y_n\| \\ &\quad + \alpha_n \|S_1x_{n+1} - S_1y_n\| + 3c_n \|v_n - S_1y_n\|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Furthermore, we have the following estimates:

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_n - x^*\| &= \|(1 - \gamma_n)(x_n - x^*) + \gamma_n(S_3x_n - x^*) + c'_n(w_n - S_3x_n)\| \\ &\leq (1 - \gamma_n) \|x_n - x^*\| + \gamma_n \|S_3x_n - x^*\| + c'_n \|w_n - S_3x_n\| \\ &\leq (1 - \gamma_n) \|x_n - x^*\| + L_*\gamma_n \|x_n - x^*\| \\ &\quad + c'_n (\|w_n - x^*\| + \|S_3x_n - x^*\|) \\ &\leq (1 + (L_* - 1)\gamma_n + L_*c'_n) \|x_n - x^*\| + c'_n \|w_n - x^*\| \\ &\leq (3L_* - 1) \|x_n - x^*\| + c'_n \|w_n - x^*\|, \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_n - x^*\| &= \|(1 - \beta_n)(x_n - x^*) + \beta_n(S_2z_n - x^*) + c'_n(u_n - S_2z_n)\| \\ &\leq (1 - \beta_n) \|x_n - x^*\| + \beta_n \|S_2z_n - x^*\| + c'_n \|u_n - S_2z_n\| \\ &\leq (1 - \beta_n) \|x_n - x^*\| + L_*\beta_n \|z_n - x^*\| \\ &\quad + c'_n (\|u_n - x^*\| + L_*\|z_n - x^*\|) \\ &\leq (1 - \beta_n + L_*(3L_* - 1)\beta_n + L_*(3L_* - 1)c'_n) \|x_n - x^*\| \\ &\quad + (L_*\beta_n c'_n + L_*c'_n c'_n) \|w_n - x^*\| + c'_n \|u_n - x^*\| \\ &\leq [3L_*(3L_* - 1) - 1] \|x_n - x^*\| + 3L_*c'_n \|w_n - x^*\| + c'_n \|u_n - x^*\|, \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n - S_1 y_n\| &\leq \|x_n - x^*\| + L_* \|y_n - x^*\| \\ &\leq [1 + L_* [3L_* (3L_* - 1) - 1]] \|x_n - x^*\| \\ &\quad + 3L_*^2 c_n'' \|w_n - x^*\| + L_* c_n' \|u_n - x^*\|, \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_1 x_{n+1} - S_1 y_n\| &\leq L_* \|x_{n+1} - y_n\| \\ &= L_* \|(1 - \alpha_n)(x_n - y_n) + \alpha_n(S_1 y_n - y_n) + c_n(v_n - S_1 y_n)\| \\ &\leq L_* [(1 - \alpha_n)\|x_n - y_n\| + \alpha_n\|S_1 y_n - y_n\| + c_n\|v_n - S_1 y_n\|] \\ &\leq L_* [\|x_n - y_n\| + \alpha_n\|S_1 y_n - y_n\| + c_n\|v_n - S_1 y_n\|]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

Using (3.4) and (3.6),

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n - y_n\| &= \|\beta_n(x_n - S_2 z_n) - c_n'(u_n - S_2 z_n)\| \\ &\leq \beta_n \|x_n - S_2 z_n\| + c_n' \|u_n - S_2 z_n\| \\ &\leq [1 + L_* (3L_* - 1)] \beta_n + L_* (3L_* - 1) c_n' \|x_n - x^*\| \\ &\quad + L_* (\beta_n + c_n') c_n'' \|w_n - x^*\| + c_n' \|u_n - x^*\| \\ &\leq [1 + L_* (3L_* - 1)] \beta_n + L_* (3L_* - 1) c_n' \|x_n - x^*\| \\ &\quad + 3L_* c_n'' \|w_n - x^*\| + c_n' \|u_n - x^*\|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Using (3.7),

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_1 y_n - y_n\| &\leq \|S_1 y_n - x^*\| + \|y_n - x^*\| \\ &\leq (1 + L_*) \|y_n - x^*\| \\ &\leq (1 + L_*) [3L_* (3L_* - 1) - 1] \|x_n - x^*\| \\ &\quad + 3L_* (1 + L_*) c_n'' \|w_n - x^*\| + (1 + L_*) c_n' \|u_n - x^*\|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Again, using (3.7),

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_n - S_1 y_n\| &\leq \|v_n - x^*\| + L_* \|y_n - x^*\| \\ &\leq L_* [3L_* (3L_* - 1) - 1] \|x_n - x^*\| + \|v_n - x^*\| \\ &\quad + 3L_*^2 c_n'' \|w_n - x^*\| + L_* c_n' \|u_n - x^*\|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

Substituting (3.10)-(3.12) in (3.9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_1 x_{n+1} - S_1 y_n\| &\leq L_* [1 + L_* (3L_* - 1)] \beta_n + L_* (3L_* - 1) c_n' \\ &\quad + [3L_* (3L_* - 1) - 1] [(1 + L_*) \alpha_n + L_* c_n] \|x_n - x^*\| \\ &\quad + 3L_* [L_* c_n'' + [(1 + L_*) \alpha_n + L_* c_n] c_n''] \|w_n - x^*\| \\ &\quad + L_* [c_n' + [(1 + L_*) \alpha_n + L_* c_n] c_n'] \|u_n - x^*\| \\ &\quad + L_* c_n \|v_n - x^*\|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

Substituting (3.8), (3.12) and (3.13) in (3.5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x^*\| \leq & [1 + [3 + L_*(3 + L_*)3L_*(3L_* - 1) - 1]]\alpha_n^2 \\ & + L_*[3L_*(3L_* - 1) - 1]\alpha_n\beta_n + L_*^2(3L_* - 1)\alpha_n c'_n \\ & + L_*[3L_*(3L_* - 1) - 1]\alpha_n c_n + 3L_*[3L_*(3L_* - 1) - 1]c_n \|x_n - x^*\| \\ & - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*)\alpha_n \|x_n - x^*\| + [3L_*(1 + 3L_*)\alpha_n^2 c''_n + 3L_*^2\alpha_n c''_n + 3L_*^2\alpha_n c_n c''_n \\ & + 9L_*^2 c_n c''_n] \|w_n - x^*\| + [L_*(3 + L_*)\alpha_n^2 c'_n + L_*\alpha_n c'_n \\ & + L_*^2\alpha_n c_n c'_n + 3L_* c_n c'_n] \|u_n - x^*\| + (2L_* + 3)c_n \|v_n - x^*\|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

Since  $\{v_n\}$ ,  $\{u_n\}$  and  $\{w_n\}$  are bounded, we set

$$M = \sup_{n \geq 0} \|v_n - x^*\| + \sup_{n \geq 0} \|u_n - x^*\| + \sup_{n \geq 0} \|w_n - x^*\| < \infty.$$

Then it follows from (3.14) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x^*\| \leq & [1 + [3 + L_*(3 + L_*)[3L_*(3L_* - 1) - 1]]\alpha_n^2 \\ & + L_*[3L_*(3L_* - 1) - 1]\alpha_n\beta_n + L_*^2(3L_* - 1)\alpha_n c'_n \\ & + L_*[3L_*(3L_* - 1) - 1]\alpha_n c_n + 3L_*[3L_*(3L_* - 1) - 1]c_n \|x_n - x^*\| \\ & - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*)\alpha_n \|x_n - x^*\| + [3L_*(1 + 3L_*)\alpha_n^2 c''_n + 3L_*^2\alpha_n c''_n + 3L_*^2\alpha_n c_n c''_n \\ & + 9L_*^2 c_n c''_n]M + [L_*(3 + L_*)\alpha_n^2 c'_n + L_*\alpha_n c'_n \\ & + L_*^2\alpha_n c_n c'_n + 3L_* c_n c'_n]M + (2L_* + 3)c_n M \\ = & (1 + \delta_n) \|x_n - x^*\| - \theta(x_{n+1}, x^*)\alpha_n \|x_n - x^*\| + \sigma_n \\ \leq & (1 + \delta_n) \|x_n - x^*\| + \sigma_n, \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_n = & [3 + L_*(3 + L_*)[3L_*(3L_* - 1) - 1]]\alpha_n^2 \\ & + L_*[3L_*(3L_* - 1) - 1]\alpha_n\beta_n + L_*^2(3L_* - 1)\alpha_n c'_n \\ & + L_*[3L_*(3L_* - 1) - 1]\alpha_n c_n + 3L_*[3L_*(3L_* - 1) - 1]c_n, \\ \sigma_n = & M[3L_*(1 + 3L_*)\alpha_n^2 c''_n + 3L_*^2\alpha_n c''_n + 3L_*^2\alpha_n c_n c''_n + 9L_*^2 c_n c''_n \\ & L_*(3 + L_*)\alpha_n^2 c'_n + L_*\alpha_n c'_n + L_*^2\alpha_n c_n c'_n + 3L_* c_n c'_n \\ & + (2L_* + 3)c_n]. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $b_n \in (0, 1)$ , the conditions (iii) and (iv) imply that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta_n < \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sigma_n < \infty$ . It then follows from Lemma 5 that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x^*\|$  exists. Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x^*\| = \delta \geq 0$ . We now prove that  $\delta = 0$ . Assume that  $\delta > 0$ . Then there exists a positive integer  $N_0$  such that  $\|x_n - x^*\| \geq \frac{\delta}{2}$  for all  $n \geq N_0$ . Since

$$\theta(x_{n+1}, x^*) \|x_n - x^*\| = \frac{\phi(\|x_{n+1} - x^*\|)}{1 + \phi(\|x_{n+1} - x^*\|) + \|x_{n+1} - x^*\|} \|x_n - x^*\| \geq \frac{\phi(\frac{\delta}{2})\delta}{2(1 + \phi(D) + D)},$$

for all  $n \geq N_0$ , it follows from (3.15) that

$$\|x_{n+1} - x^*\| \leq \|x_n - x^*\| - \frac{\phi(\frac{\delta}{2})\delta}{2(1 + \phi(D) + D)}\alpha_n + \lambda_n \quad \text{for all } n \geq N_0.$$

Hence,

$$\frac{\phi(\frac{\delta}{2})\delta}{2(1 + \phi(D) + D)}\alpha_n \leq \|x_n - x^*\| - \|x_{n+1} - x^*\| + \lambda_n \quad \text{for all } n \geq N_0.$$

This implies that

$$\frac{\phi(\frac{\delta}{2})\delta}{2(1 + \phi(D) + D)} \sum_{j=N_0}^n \alpha_j \leq \|x_{N_0} - x^*\| + \sum_{j=N_0}^n \lambda_j.$$

Since  $b_n \leq \alpha_n$ ,

$$\frac{\phi(\frac{\delta}{2})\delta}{2(1 + \phi(D) + D)} \sum_{j=N_0}^n b_j \leq \|x_{N_0} - x^*\| + \sum_{j=N_0}^n \lambda_j$$

yields  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n < \infty$ , contradicting the fact that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n = \infty$ . Hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x^*\| = 0$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 9** *Let  $X$  be an arbitrary real Banach space and  $T_1, T_2, T_3 : X \rightarrow X$  be three Lipschitz  $\phi$ -strongly accretive operators, where  $\phi$  is in addition continuous. Suppose  $\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \phi(r) > 0$  or  $\|T_i x\| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty$ ;  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Let  $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}, \{c_n\}, \{a'_n\}, \{b'_n\}, \{c'_n\}, \{a''_n\}, \{b''_n\}, \{c''_n\}, \{w_n\}, \{u_n\}, \{v_n\}, \{y_n\}$  and  $\{x_n\}$  be as in Theorem 8. Then, for any given  $f \in X$ , the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to the solution of the system  $T_i x = f$ ;  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .*

*Proof* The existence of a unique solution to the system  $T_i x = f$ ;  $i = 1, 2, 3$  follows from [9] and the result follows from Theorem 8.  $\square$

**Theorem 10** *Let  $X$  be a real Banach space and  $K$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $X$ . Let  $T_1, T_2, T_3 : K \rightarrow K$  be three Lipschitz  $\phi$ -strong pseudocontractions with a nonempty fixed point set. Let  $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}, \{c_n\}, \{a'_n\}, \{b'_n\}, \{c'_n\}, \{a''_n\}, \{b''_n\}, \{c''_n\}, \{w_n\}, \{u_n\}$  and  $\{v_n\}$  be as in Theorem 8. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be the sequence generated iteratively from an arbitrary  $x_0 \in K$  by*

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= a_n x_n + b_n T_1 y_n + c_n v_n, \\ y_n &= a'_n x_n + b'_n T_2 z_n + c'_n u_n, \\ z_n &= a''_n x_n + b''_n T_3 x_n + c''_n w_n, \quad n \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

*Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to the common fixed point of  $T_1, T_2, T_3$ .*

*Proof* As in the proof of Theorem 8, set  $\alpha_n = b_n + c_n$ ,  $\beta_n = b'_n + c'_n$ ,  $\gamma_n = b''_n + c''_n$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= (1 - \alpha_n)x_n + \alpha_n T_1 y_n + c_n(v_n - T_1 y_n), \\ y_n &= (1 - \beta_n)x_n + \beta_n T_2 z_n + c_n(u_n - T_2 z_n), \end{aligned}$$



$$z_n = (1 - \gamma_n)x_n + \gamma_n T_3 x_n + c_n(w_n - T_3 x_n), \quad n \geq 0.$$

Since each  $T_i; i = 1, 2, 3$  is a  $\phi$ -strong pseudocontraction,  $(I - T_i)$  is  $\phi$ -strongly accretive so that for all  $x, y \in X$ , there exist  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  and a strictly increasing function  $\phi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  with  $\phi(0) = 0$  such that

$$\langle (I - T_i)x - (I - T_i)y, j(x - y) \rangle \geq \phi(\|x - y\|)\|x - y\| \geq \theta(x, y)\|x - y\|^2; \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

The rest of the argument now follows as in the proof of Theorem 8. □

**Remark 11** The example in [4] shows that the class of  $\phi$ -strongly pseudocontractive operators with nonempty fixed point sets is a proper subclass of the class of  $\phi$ -hemicontractive operators. It is easy to see that Theorem 8 easily extends to the class of  $\phi$ -hemicontractive operators.

**Remark 12**

- (i) If we set  $b''_n = 0 = c''_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$  in our results, we obtain the corresponding results for the Ishikawa iteration scheme with error terms in the sense of Xu [15].
- (ii) If we set  $b''_n = 0 = c''_n = b'_n = 0 = c'_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$  in our results, we obtain the corresponding results for the Mann iteration scheme with error terms in the sense of Xu [15].

**Remark 13** Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\beta_n\}$  be real sequences satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $0 \leq \alpha_n, \beta_n \leq 1, n \geq 0$ ,
- (ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n = 0$ ,
- (iii)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ ,
- (iv)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n < \infty$ , and
- (v)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n^2 < \infty$ .

If we set  $a'_n = (1 - \beta_n), b'_n = \beta_n, c'_n = 0, a_n = (1 - \alpha_n), b_n = \alpha_n, c_n = 0, b''_n = 0 = c''_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$  in Theorems 8 and 10 respectively, we obtain the corresponding convergence theorems for the original Ishikawa [18] and Mann [30] iteration schemes.

**Remark 14**

- (i) Gurudwan and Sharma [29] studied a strong convergence of multi-step iterative scheme to a common solution for a finite family of  $\phi$ -strongly accretive operator equations in a reflexive Banach space with weakly continuous duality mapping. Some remarks on their work can be seen in [31].
- (ii) All the above results can be extended to a finite family of  $\phi$ -strongly accretive operators.

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