

## NEW RECURSION FORMULAS FOR APPROXIMATING VARIATIONAL INEQUALITY AND FIXED POINT PROBLEMS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this study, we construct new recursion formulas and prove a strong convergence theorem for a common element of a variational inequality and fixed point of a *relatively nonexpansive* map in a 2-uniformly convex and uniformly smooth real Banach space. We extend our theorem to a *countable family* of relatively nonexpansive maps that solves fixed point and variational inequality problems. This fixed point problem is also a convex feasibility problem. Furthermore, we apply our theorem to approximate a zero of  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone map, solution of complementarity problem, and minimizer of a continuously Fréchet differentiable convex functional. Our theorems complement, improve, and extend the results of numerous authors in the literature.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $E$  be a real Banach space and  $E^*$  be the dual space of  $E$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denote the duality pairing between elements of  $E$  and those of  $E^*$ . Assume that  $C \subset E$  is nonempty, closed, and convex. A map  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  is said to be

\* *monotone* if the following inequality holds:

$$\langle x - y, Ax - Ay \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x, y \in C.$$

\* *k-Lipschitz* if there exists a constant  $k \geq 0$  such that

$$\|Ax - Ay\| \leq k\|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in C.$$

\*  *$\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone* if there exists a positive real number  $\alpha$  such that

$$\langle x - y, Ax - Ay \rangle \geq \alpha\|Ax - Ay\|^2, \quad \forall x, y \in C.$$

A map  $J : E \rightarrow E^*$  defined by

$$J(x) := \{x^* \in E^* : \langle x, x^* \rangle = \|x\|^2, \|x^*\| = \|x\|\}, \quad \forall x \in E$$

is called the *normalized duality map* on  $E$ , where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the duality pairing between the elements of  $E$  and  $E^*$ . The following are some properties of the normalized duality map that are needed in the sequel (see Ibaraki and Takahashi [25]).

- \* If  $E$  is uniformly convex, then  $J$  is one-to-one and onto.
- \* If  $E$  is uniformly smooth, then  $J$  is single valued.
- \* In particular, if a Banach space  $E$  is uniformly smooth and uniformly convex, the dual space  $E^*$  is also uniformly smooth and uniformly convex. Hence, the normalized duality map  $J$  on  $E$  and the normalized duality map  $J_*$

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on its dual space  $E^*$  are both uniformly continuous on bounded sets, and  $J_* = J^{-1}$ .

In the sequel, the following definitions and results are needed. Let  $E$  be a smooth real Banach space with dual space  $E^*$ . The function  $\phi : E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$(1.1) \quad \phi(x, y) = \|x\|^2 - 2\langle x, Jy \rangle + \|y\|^2 \quad \forall x, y \in E,$$

where  $J$  is the normalized duality mapping from  $E$  into  $E^*$ . It was introduced by Alber and has been studied by Alber [3], Chidume *et al.* [17], Chidume [18], Chidume and Ezea [19], Chidume *et al.* [22], Chidume and Idu [23], and numerous authors.

If  $E = H$ , a real Hilbert space, equation (1.1) reduces to

$$\phi(x, y) = \|x - y\|^2, \quad \forall x, y \in H.$$

Consequently, it is clear from the definition of  $\phi$  that

$$(1.2) \quad (\|x\| - \|y\|)^2 \leq \phi(x, y) \leq (\|x\| + \|y\|)^2, \quad \forall x, y \in E.$$

Define a map  $V : E \times E^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $V(x, x^*) = \|x\|^2 - 2\langle x, x^* \rangle + \|x^*\|^2$ . Then, it is easy to see that

$$(1.3) \quad V(x, x^*) = \phi(x, J^{-1}(x^*)), \quad \forall x \in E, x^* \in E^*.$$

Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive real Banach space  $E$ . The *generalized projection* map introduced by Alber [3] is a map  $\Pi_C : E \rightarrow C$  such that for any  $x \in E$ , there corresponds a unique element  $x_0 := \Pi_C(x) \in C$  written as  $\phi(x_0, x) = \min_{y \in C} \phi(y, x)$ . If  $E = H$  is a real Hilbert space, we remark that the generalized projection map  $\Pi_C$  coincides with the metric projection map from  $H$  onto  $C$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of  $E$ , and let  $T : C \rightarrow E$  be a map. A point  $x^* \in C$  is called a *fixed point* of  $T$  if  $T(x^*) = x^*$ . The set of fixed points of  $T$  is denoted by  $F(T)$ . A point  $p \in C$  is said to be an *asymptotic fixed point* of  $T$  if  $C$  contains a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  that converges *weakly* to  $p$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Tx_n - x_n\| = 0$ . The set of asymptotic fixed points of  $T$  is denoted by  $\hat{F}(T)$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A map  $T : C \rightarrow E$  is said to be *relatively nonexpansive* if the following conditions hold (see, for example, Butnariu *et al.* [9], Matsushita and Takahashi ([45], [46]), Reich [49], and Yekini [53, 54]):

- (1)  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ ,
- (2)  $\phi(p, Tx) \leq \phi(p, x)$ ,  $\forall x \in C$  and  $p \in F(T)$ ,
- (3)  $\hat{F}(T) = F(T)$ .

Let  $E$  be a smooth real Banach space. The Lyapunov functional is defined as follows:

$$(1.4) \quad \phi(x, y) = \|x\|^2 - 2\langle x, Jy \rangle + \|y\|^2, \quad \forall x, y \in E.$$

Clearly, we have from the definition of  $\phi$  that

$$(i) \quad (\|x\| - \|y\|)^2 \leq \phi(x, y) \leq (\|x\| + \|y\|)^2,$$

- (ii)  $\phi(x, y) = \phi(x, z) + \phi(z, y) + 2\langle x - z, Jz - Jy \rangle,$
- (iii)  $\phi(x, y) = \langle x, Jx - Jy \rangle + \langle y - x, Jy \rangle \leq \|x\| \|Jx - Jy\| + \|y - x\| \|y\|.$

**Remark 1.3.** From Remark 2.1 in Matsushita and Takahashi [46], if  $E$  is a strictly convex smooth Banach space, then we have that  $\phi(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ , for any  $x, y \in E$ .

Variational inequality problem (*VIP*) is a problem of finding a point  $u \in C$  such that

$$(1.5) \quad \langle v - u, Au \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in C,$$

where  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  is a single-valued map. The set of solutions of the *VIP* is denoted by  $VI(C, A)$ . Lions and Stampacchia [40] in 1967 first studied *VIP*. Owing to its numerous applications in operations research, engineering design, and economic equilibrium, it has been widely studied. To solve a constrained *VIP*, the projection method can play a crucial role. Moreover, the simplest method is the gradient projection in which one projects onto the feasible set  $C$  at each iteration. However, this method employs the fact that map  $A$  is inverse strongly monotone, which is a restrictive assumption. Korpelecih [38] in 1976 introduced the extragradient method for solving the saddle point problem with the following recursion formula:

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{cases} x_0 \in C, \\ y_n = P_C(x_n - \lambda A(x_n)), \\ x_{n+1} = P_C(x_n - \lambda A(y_n)). \end{cases}$$

This method performs two projections onto the feasible subset  $C$  of a Banach space. Assuming  $VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ , the author demonstrated that the sequences generated by recursion formula (1.6) converge to some point  $v \in VI(C, A)$ . Various authors have investigated the extragradient method (see, for example, Ceng *et al.* [10], Censor *et al.* [12], Censor *et al.* [13], Fang *et al.* [26], Kraikaew and Saejung [39], Nedzhkina and Takahashi [47], Tufa and Zegeye [52], and the references therein). To obtain a common element of the set of fixed points and solutions of the *VIP* in Hilbert or Banach spaces, numerous authors proposed and studied several iterative recursion formulas (see, for example, Buong [8], Ceng *et al.* [10], Chen *et al.* [16], Chidume and Ezea [19], Chidume *et al.* [20], Iiduka and Takahashi [30], Kraikaew and Saejung [39], Nedzhkina and Takahashi [47], Takahashi and Toyoda [51], Tufa and Zegeye [52], and the references therein).

The ideas of studying a common solution problem arise from its applications to mathematical models whose constraints can be represented as *VIP* and/or fixed point problems. In particular, this occurs in some practical problems, such as signal processing, network resource allocation, and image recovery (see, for example, Censor, Gilbali and Reich [11], Iiduka [26, 27], and Iiduka and Yamada [28, 29]). Maing [43] proposed a hybrid-type method for finding an element of  $F(T) \cap VI(C, A)$  in a 2-uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space, where  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is a relatively nonexpansive map and  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  is an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone map satisfying the following condition:

$$(1.7) \quad \|Ay\| \leq \|Ay - Au\|, \quad \forall y \in C \text{ and } u \in VI(C, A).$$

If  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone, we remark that it is monotone and  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ -Lipschitz. The following problems naturally arise:

- (P1) How to relax the inverse strongly monotonicity of  $A$  to monotonicity and Lipschitz?  
(P2) How can we drop condition (1.7)?

Nakajo [48] recently proposed the hybrid gradient projection method using the following recursion formula:

$$(1.8) \quad \begin{cases} x_0 = x \in E, \\ y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda_n A(x_n)), \\ z_n = Ty_n, \\ C_n = \{u \in C : \phi(u, x_n) \leq \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(y_n, x_n) - 2\lambda_n \langle y_n - u, Ax_n - Ay_n \rangle\}, \\ Q_n = \{u \in C : \langle x_n - u, Jx - Jx_n \rangle \geq 0\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_n \cap Q_n} x, \end{cases}$$

where  $E$  is a 2-uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space with the 2-uniform convexity constant  $c_1$ ,  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is a relatively nonexpansive map,  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  is a monotone and Lipschitz map, and  $0 < \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_n \leq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_n < \frac{c_1}{2L}$ . The author proved that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by recursion formula (1.8) converges strongly to  $\Pi_{VI(C,A) \cap F(T)} x$ . In recursion formula (1.8), condition (1.7) imposed by Liu [41] was removed and the inverse strong monotonicity of  $A$  was successfully weakened to monotonicity and Lipschitz. Thus, the study conducted by Nakajo [48] is of great significance. However, the set  $C_n$  in Nakajo's recursion formula appears to be difficult to compute.

Therefore, to solve problems (P1) and (P2), a new iterative algorithm that differs from recursion formula (1.8) was constructed by applying the idea of Nedezhkina and Takahashi [47]. By combining the hybrid and extragradient methods, Nedezhkina and Takahashi [47] constructed the following recursion formula:

$$(1.9) \quad \begin{cases} x_0 = x \in C, \\ y_n = P_C(x_n - \lambda_n A(x_n)), \\ z_n = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) T P_C(x_n - \lambda_n A y_n), \\ C_n = \{v \in C : \|z_n - v\| \leq \|x_n - v\|\}, \\ Q_n = \{v \in C : \langle x_n - v, x_0 - x_n \rangle \geq 0\}, \\ x_{n+1} = P_{C_n \cap Q_n} x_0. \end{cases}$$

In fact, the following theorem was proved by the authors.

**Theorem** (Nedezhkina and Takahashi [47]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $A$  be a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz map of  $C$  into  $H$  and  $T$  be a nonexpansive map of  $C$  into itself such that  $F(T) \cap VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$ , and  $\{z_n\}$  be sequences generated by recursion formula (1.9). If  $\{\lambda_n\} \subset [a, b]$  for some  $a, b \in (0, \frac{1}{k})$  and  $\alpha_n \in [0, c]$  for some  $c \in [0, 1)$ , the sequences  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$ , and  $\{z_n\}$  converge strongly to  $P_{F(T) \cap VI(C,A)} x$ .*

We remark that map  $A$  in recursion formula (1.9) is only monotone and Lipschitz as well as does not require condition (1.7). Furthermore, the form of  $C_n$  in recursion formula (1.9) is simple compared to that of recursion formula (1.8), but the convergence result of recursion formula (1.9) is only in Hilbert spaces.

Thus, the following problem arises.

(P3) How can one employ recursion formula (1.9) in more general Banach spaces?

To solve these problems ((P1), (P2), and (P3)), the following recursion formula was studied by Liu and Kong [42]:

$$(1.10) \quad \begin{cases} x_0 = x \in C, \\ y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda_n A(x_n)), \\ t_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda_n A(y_n)), \\ z_n = J^{-1}(\alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n)JTt_n), \\ C_n = \{v \in C : \phi(z, z_n) \leq \phi(z, x_n)\}, \\ Q_n = \{z \in C : \langle x_n - z, Jx_0 - Jx_n \rangle \geq 0\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_n \cap Q_n} x_0. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, the authors proved the following theorem.

**Theorem** (Liu and Kong [42]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of 2-uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space  $E$  with the 2-uniform convexity constant  $c_1$ . Let  $A$  be a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz map of  $C$  into  $E$ , and let  $T$  be a relatively nonexpansive map of  $C$  into itself such that  $F(T) \cap VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , and  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be sequences generated by recursion formula (1.10). Then,  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , and  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converge strongly to  $\Pi_{F(T) \cap VI(C, A)} x_1$*

Recursion formula (1.10) of Liu and Kong improves that of Nedzhkina and Takahashi (1.9) and solves problems (P1), (P2), and (P3). We remark that these aforementioned recursion formulas involve two sets,  $C_n$  and  $Q_n$ , as well as a relative nonexpansive map.

A convex feasibility problem is a problem of finding a point in the intersection of nonempty, closed, and convex sets. Numerous real-life problems can be modeled into these types of problems, such as radiation therapy treatment, image reconstruction, and image restoration (Censor [14]). The new recursion formula introduced in one of our theorems (Theorem 4.1) for a countable family of mappings is called *block iterative algorithm*, and the block iterative algorithm is used in solving convex feasibility problems. See, for example, Aharoni and Censor [1], Aleyner and Reich [4], Bruck [7], Chidume et al. [15], Maingé [44], and Suzuki [50].

We ask the following question.

(P4) Can one obtain new recursion formulas, which involve only one set,  $C_n$ , in arbitrary Banach space that improve recursion formula (1.10) and solve fixed point and variational inequality problems? Moreover, the fixed point problem is also a convex feasibility problem involving a countable family of mappings.

Motivated and inspired by these studies, this study introduces recursion formulas that significantly improve (1.8), (1.9), and (1.10). Additionally, we solve problem

(P4) and prove a *strong convergence* theorem for a common element for variational inequality and fixed point of a *relatively nonexpansive* map in a 2-uniformly convex and uniformly smooth real Banach space. Moreover, we extend our theorem to a *countable family* of relatively nonexpansive maps that solves fixed point and variational inequality problems. The fixed point problem is also a convex feasibility problem. Furthermore, we apply our theorem to approximate a zero of  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone map, solution of complementarity problem, and minimizer of a continuously Fréchet differentiable convex functional.

**Remark 1.4.** We compare our theorems with some recent results.

- (1) Recursion formula (3.1) studied in Theorem 3.1 is much simpler than recursion formulas (1.8), (1.9), and (1.10) studied in the theorems of Nakajo [48], Nedzhkina and Takahashi [47], and Liu and Kong [42], respectively. Recursion formula (3.1) requires fewer calculations. Moreover, at each stage of the iteration process, the recursion formulas examined by Nakajo [48], Nedzhkina and Takahashi [47], and Liu and Kong [42] compute two subsets of  $C$ ,  $C_n$  and  $Q_n$ , and their intersection,  $C_n \cap Q_n$ , as well as project the initial vector onto this intersection. The subset  $Q_n$  has been dispensed with in our iteration process. Furthermore, recursion formulas (1.9) and (1.10) have 2 iteration parameters  $\lambda_n$  and  $\alpha_n$  that are to be computed at each step of the iteration process. The iteration parameters in recursion formula (3.1) of Theorem 3.1 are *two* fixed arbitrary constants  $\lambda \in \left(0, \frac{c_1}{k}\right)$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$  that are to be computed once and then used at each step of the iteration process. Consequently, these make recursion formula (3.1) more efficient, cost-effective, and applicable than recursion formulas (1.9) and (1.10).
- (2) Theorem 4.1 is an extension of Theorem 3.1 from the case where  $T$  is a single relatively nonexpansive map to that of a *countable family* of relatively nonexpansive maps. Moreover, it solves fixed point and variational inequality problems. The fixed point problem is also a convex feasibility problem. Consequently, Theorem 4.1 further extends the Theorems of Nakajo [48], Nedzhkina and Takahashi, [47], and Liu and Kong [42] to *countable families* of relatively nonexpansive maps.

## 2. PRELIMINARIE

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $E$  be a real Banach space with dual space  $E^*$ . A map  $T : E \rightarrow E$  is said to be *Lipschitz* if for each  $x, y \in E$ , there exists  $L \geq 0$  such that  $\|Tx - Ty\| \leq L\|x - y\|$ .

The *modulus of convexity* of a space  $E$  is the function  $\delta_E : (0, 2] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  defined by

$$\delta_E(\epsilon) := \inf \left\{ 1 - \left\| \frac{x + y}{2} \right\| : \|x\| = \|y\| = 1; \epsilon = \|x - y\| \right\}.$$

The space  $E$  is *uniformly convex* if  $\delta_E(\epsilon) > 0$ , for every  $\epsilon \in (0, 2]$ . If there exist a constant  $c > 0$  and real number  $p > 1$  such that  $\delta_E(\epsilon) \geq c\epsilon^p$ , then  $E$  is said to be *p-uniformly convex*. Typical examples of such spaces are  $L_p$ ,  $\ell_p$ , and Sobolev

spaces,  $W_p^m$ , for  $1 < p < \infty$ , where

$$L_p \text{ (or } l_p) \text{ or } W_p^m \text{ is } \begin{cases} p - \text{uniformly convex,} & \text{if } 2 \leq p < \infty, \\ 2 - \text{uniformly convex,} & \text{if } 1 < p \leq 2. \end{cases}$$

Let  $S := \{z \in E : \|z\| = 1\}$ . A space  $E$  is said to have a *Gâteaux differentiable norm* if

$$(2.1) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t}$$

exists, for all  $x, y \in S$  and is said to have a *uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm* if for each  $y \in S$ , limit (2.1) exists and is attained uniformly, for  $x \in S$ . The space  $E$  is said to have a *Fréchet differentiable norm* if, for each  $x \in S$ , limit (2.1) exists and is attained uniformly for  $y \in S$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $E$  be a real normed space of dimension  $\geq 2$ . The *modulus of smoothness* of  $E$ ,  $\rho_E : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , is defined by

$$\rho_E(\tau) := \sup \left\{ \frac{\|x + y\| + \|x - y\|}{2} - 1 : \|x\| = 1, \|y\| = \tau, \tau > 0 \right\}.$$

The space  $E$  is called *smooth* if  $\rho_E(\tau) > 0 \forall \tau > 0$ , and is called *uniformly smooth* if  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\rho_E(t)}{t} = 0$ .

In the sequel, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.3** (Liu [41]). *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and smooth Banach space, and let  $\{u_n\}$  and  $\{v_n\}$  be sequences in  $E$ . If  $\phi(u_n, v_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and either  $\{u_n\}$  or  $\{v_n\}$  is bounded, then  $u_n - v_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

**Lemma 2.4** (Alber [3]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive real Banach space  $E$ . Then,*

$$\phi(y, \Pi_C(x)) + \phi(\Pi_C(x), x) \leq \phi(y, x) \text{ for all } x \in E, y \in C.$$

**Lemma 2.5** (Alber [2]). *Let  $E$  be a reflexive, strictly, convex, and smooth Banach space with  $E^*$  as its dual. Then,*

$$(2.2) \quad V(x, x^*) + 2\langle J^{-1}x^* - x, y^* \rangle \leq V(x, x^* + y^*),$$

for all  $x \in E$  and  $x^*, y^* \in E^*$ .

**Lemma 2.6** (Alber [2]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a smooth real Banach space  $E$  write  $x \in E$  and  $x_0 \in C$ . Then,  $x_0 := \Pi_C x$  if and only if*

$$\langle y - x_0, Jx_0 - Jx \rangle \geq 0, \text{ for all } y \in C.$$

**Lemma 2.7** (Zegeye and Shahzad [55]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a real reflexive, strictly convex, and smooth Banach space  $E$ . If  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  is a continuous monotone map, then  $VI(C, A)$  is closed and convex.*

**Lemma 2.8** (Nilsrakoo and Saejung [37]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth real Banach space  $E$ , and let  $\{T_i : C \rightarrow E\}_{i=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of map such that  $\cap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\phi(p, T_i x) \leq$*

$\phi(p, x) \forall x \in C$  and  $p \in \cap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i)$ ,  $i \in N$ . Suppose that  $\{\beta_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \beta_i = 1$  and  $T : C \rightarrow E$  is defined by

$$Tx = J^{-1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \beta_i JT_i x\right) \quad \text{for each } x \in C,$$

let  $\{x_n\}$  be a bounded sequence in  $C$ . Then,

- (a)  $x_n - Tx_n \rightarrow 0$ ,
- (b)  $x_n - T_i x_n \rightarrow 0$  for each  $i \in N$ ,
- (c)  $F(T) = \cap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i)$ .

**Remark 2.9.** We remark that (c) is both fixed point and convex feasibility problems (see Matsushita and Takahashi [46]).

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $E$  be a uniformly smooth and 2-uniformly convex real Banach space with dual  $E^*$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of  $E$  with 2-uniform convexity constant  $c_1$ . Let  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  be a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz map, and let  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a relatively nonexpansive map. Assume that  $W := F(T) \cap VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ , for arbitrary  $x_1 \in C$ , let the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be iteratively defined by the following recursion formula:

$$(3.1) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 \in C := C_1, \\ y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ax_n), \\ t_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n), \\ z_n = J^{-1}(\alpha Jx_n + (1 - \alpha)JTt_n), \\ C_{n+1} = \{v \in C_n : \phi(v, z_n) \leq \phi(v, x_n)\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} x_1, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\Pi_C$  denotes the generalized projection of  $E$  onto  $C$ ,  $J : E \rightarrow E^*$  is the normalized duality map,  $\lambda \in (0, \frac{c_1}{k})$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, c) \subset [0, 1)$ , and  $k$  is the Lipschitz constant of  $A$ . Then, the sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , and  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converge strongly to some  $x^* \in W$ .

*Proof.* The proof is divided into 5 steps.

**Step 1:**  $\Pi_{C_{n+1}}$  is well defined.

It is sufficient to show that  $C_{n+1}$  is closed and convex, for all  $n \geq 1$ . The proof follows by induction since  $C_1 := C$  is closed and convex. Suppose  $C_n$  is closed and convex for some  $n \geq 1$ . Hence,  $\phi(z, z_n) \leq \phi(z, x_n)$  if and only if  $\langle z, Jx_n - Jz_n \rangle - \|x_n\|^2 + \|z_n\|^2 \leq 0$ , so

$$C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : f(z) \leq 0\}$$

is closed and convex, where  $f(z) := \langle z, Jx_n - Jy_n \rangle - \|x_n\|^2 + \|y_n\|^2$ . Therefore,  $\Pi_{C_{n+1}}$  is well defined.

**Step 2:**  $\{\phi(x_{n+1}, x_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to 0.

Let  $v \in C_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . By applying  $x_n = \Pi_{C_n} x_1$  and Lemma 2.4, we obtain that

$$\phi(x_n, x_1) = \phi(\Pi_{C_n} x_1, x_1) \leq \phi(v, x_1),$$



which yields that  $\{\phi(x_n, x_1)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded. The utilization of inequality (1.2) gives that the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is also bounded. Moreover, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_n = \Pi_{C_n} x_1$  and  $x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} x_1 \in C_{n+1} \subset C_n$ ; thus, Lemma 2.4 gives

$$(3.2) \quad \phi(x_n, x_1) \leq \phi(x_{n+1}, x_n) + \phi(x_n, x_1) \leq \phi(x_{n+1}, x_1).$$

Hence,  $\phi(x_{n+1}, x_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By applying Lemma 2.3, we have that

$$(3.3) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| = 0.$$

**Step 3:**  $W \subset C_n$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

This proof is by induction. Obviously,  $W \subset C_1 = C$ . Suppose that  $W \subset C_n$  for some  $n \geq 1$ , let  $u \in W$  be arbitrary. By utilizing Lemmas 2.4 and 2.5, monotonicity of  $A$ ,  $u \in VI(C, A)$ , and  $t_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n)$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(u, t_n) &\leq \phi(u, J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n)) - \phi(t_n, J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n)) \\ &= \phi(u, x_n) + \phi(x_n, J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n)) + 2\langle u - x_n, Jx_n - (Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n) \rangle \\ &\quad - \phi(t_n, x_n) - \phi(x_n, J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n)) - 2\langle t_n - x_n, \lambda Ay_n \rangle \\ &= \phi(u, x_n) + 2\langle u - x_n, \lambda Ay_n \rangle - \phi(t_n, x_n) - 2\langle t_n - x_n, \lambda Ay_n \rangle \\ &= \phi(u, x_n) + 2\lambda\langle u - t_n, Ay_n \rangle - \phi(t_n, x_n) \\ &= \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(t_n, x_n) + 2\lambda\langle u - y_n, Ay_n - Au \rangle + 2\lambda\langle u - y_n, Au \rangle \\ &\quad + 2\lambda\langle y_n - t_n, Ay_n \rangle \\ &\leq \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(t_n, x_n) - 2\lambda\langle y_n - u, Ay_n - Au \rangle + 2\lambda\langle y_n - t_n, Ay_n \rangle \\ &\leq \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(t_n, x_n) + 2\lambda\langle y_n - t_n, Ay_n \rangle \\ &= \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(t_n, y_n) - \phi(y_n, x_n) - 2\langle t_n - y_n, Jy_n - Jx_n \rangle \\ &\quad + 2\lambda\langle y_n - t_n, Ay_n \rangle \\ (3.4) \quad &= \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(t_n, y_n) - \phi(y_n, x_n) + 2\langle t_n - y_n, Jx_n - Jy_n - \lambda Ay_n \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Additionally, since  $y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ax_n)$ , we have by applying Lemma 2.6 that

$$(3.5) \quad \langle t_n - y_n, Jx_n - \lambda Ax_n - Jy_n \rangle \leq 0.$$

The application of the fact that  $A$  is Lipschitz, Lemma 2.6, equation (3.5), and Cauchy–Schwartz inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned} 2\langle t_n - y_n, Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n - Jy_n \rangle &= 2\langle t_n - y_n, Jx_n - \lambda Ax_n - Jy_n \rangle \\ &\quad + 2\lambda\langle t_n - y_n, Ax_n - Ay_n \rangle \\ &\leq 2\lambda\langle t_n - y_n, Ax_n - Ay_n \rangle \\ &\leq 2\lambda k \|t_n - y_n\| \|x_n - y_n\| \\ &\leq \lambda k (\|t_n - y_n\|^2 + \|x_n - y_n\|^2) \\ &\leq \lambda k \left( \frac{\phi(t_n, y_n)}{c_1} + \frac{\phi(y_n, x_n)}{c_1} \right) \\ &= \frac{\lambda k}{c_1} (\phi(t_n, y_n) + \phi(y_n, x_n)). \\ (3.6) \quad &\leq \phi(t_n, y_n) + \phi(y_n, x_n). \end{aligned}$$

The combination of inequalities (3.4) and (3.6) gives

$$(3.7) \quad \phi(u, t_n) \leq \phi(u, x_n).$$

In addition, since  $z_n = J^{-1}(\alpha Jx_n + (1 - \alpha)JTt_n)$  and  $u \in F(T)$ , we have from inequality (3.7) that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(u, z_n) &= \phi(u, J^{-1}(\alpha Jx_n + (1 - \alpha)JTt_n)) \\ &= \|u\|^2 - 2\langle u, \alpha Jx_n + (1 - \alpha)JTt_n \rangle + \|\alpha Jx_n + (1 - \alpha)JTt_n\|^2 \\ &= \|u\|^2 - 2\alpha\langle u, Jx_n \rangle - 2(1 - \alpha)\langle u, JTt_n \rangle + \|\alpha Jx_n + (1 - \alpha)JTt_n\|^2 \\ &\leq \alpha\|u\|^2 - 2\alpha\langle u, Jx_n \rangle + \alpha\|Jx_n\|^2 + (1 - \alpha)\|u\|^2 \\ &\quad - 2(1 - \alpha)\langle u, JTt_n \rangle + (1 - \alpha)\|JTt_n\|^2 \\ &= \alpha\|u\|^2 - 2\alpha\langle u, Jx_n \rangle + \alpha\|x_n\|^2 + (1 - \alpha)\|u\|^2 \\ &\quad - 2(1 - \alpha)\langle u, JTt_n \rangle + (1 - \alpha)\|Tt_n\|^2 \\ &= \alpha\phi(u, x_n) + (1 - \alpha)\phi(u, Tt_n) \\ &\leq \alpha\phi(u, x_n) + (1 - \alpha)\phi(u, t_n) \\ &\leq \phi(u, x_n) - (1 - \alpha)\left(1 - \frac{\lambda k}{c_1}\right)(\phi(t_n, y_n) + \phi(y_n, x_n)) \\ (3.8) \quad &\leq \phi(u, x_n) \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $u \in C_{n+1}$ . Hence,  $W := F(T) \cap VI(C, A) \subset C_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Step 4:**  $t_n \rightarrow x^* \in F(T)$ .

Using the fact that  $x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}}x_1 \in C_{n+1} \subset C_n$  and inequality (3.2), we get

$$(3.9) \quad \phi(x_{n+1}, z_n) \leq \phi(x_{n+1}, x_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

It follows from Lemma 3.3 and inequality (3.9) that

$$(3.10) \quad \|x_{n+1} - z_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

By applying conditions (3.3) and (3.10), we observe that

$$(3.11) \quad \|x_n - z_n\| \leq \|x_n - x_{n+1}\| + \|x_{n+1} - z_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

The fact that  $J$  is norm-to-norm uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of  $E^*$  gives that

$$(3.12) \quad \|Jx_n - Jz_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$(3.13) \quad \|Jx_{n+1} - Jz_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

and

$$(3.14) \quad \|Jx_{n+1} - Jx_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

The utilization of conditions (3.11) and (3.12) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(u, z_n) &= 2\langle u, Jz_n - Jx_n \rangle + \|x_n\|^2 - \|z_n\|^2 \\ &\leq 2\|u\|\|Jz_n - Jx_n\| + (\|x_n - z_n\|)(\|x_n\| + \|z_n\|) \\ &\leq 2\|u\|\|Jz_n - Jx_n\| + \beta(\|x_n - z_n\|) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

From inequalities (3.8) and (3.15), we have

$$(3.15) \quad (1 - \alpha)\left(1 - \frac{\lambda k}{c_1}\right)\phi(t_n, x_n) \leq \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(u, z_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$(3.16) \quad (1 - \alpha)\left(1 - \frac{\lambda k}{c_1}\right)\phi(y_n, x_n) \leq \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(u, z_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus, we get that

$$(3.17) \quad \phi(y_n, x_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$(3.18) \quad \phi(t_n, y_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Using Lemma 2.3, we see that

$$(3.19) \quad \|y_n - x_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$(3.20) \quad \|t_n - y_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

By employing conditions (3.19) and (3.20), we get that

$$(3.21) \quad \|x_n - t_n\| \leq \|y_n - x_n\| + \|t_n - y_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Additionally, by utilizing conditions (3.11) and (3.21), we observe that

$$(3.22) \quad \|z_n - t_n\| \leq \|z_n - x_n\| + \|x_n - t_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

The fact that  $J$  is norm-to-norm uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of  $E^*$  gives that

$$(3.23) \quad \|Jt_n - Jx_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$(3.24) \quad \|Jt_n - Jz_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since  $z_n = J^{-1}(\alpha Jx_n + (1 - \alpha)JTt_n)$ , we have

$$(3.25) \quad Jz_n - Jt_n = \alpha(Jx_n - Jt_n) + (1 - \alpha)(JTt_n - Jt_n)$$

and

$$(3.26) \quad (1 - \alpha)(JTt_n - Jt_n) = Jz_n - Jt_n - \alpha(Jx_n - Jt_n).$$

Using conditions (3.23), (3.24), and (3.26), as well as the fact that  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha)\|JTt_n - Jt_n\| &= \|Jz_n - Jt_n - \alpha(Jx_n - Jt_n)\| \\ &\leq \alpha\|Jx_n - Jt_n\| + \|Jz_n - Jt_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$(3.27) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|JTt_n - Jt_n\| = 0.$$

Since  $J^{-1}$  is norm-to-norm uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of  $E^*$ , we get

$$(3.28) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Tt_n - t_n\| = 0.$$

Besides, by applying conditions (3.28) and (3.21), we have

$$(3.29) \quad t_n \rightarrow x^* \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since  $T$  is a relatively nonexpansive map, we obtain that  $x^* \in F(T)$ .

**Step 5:**  $x_n \rightarrow x^* \in VI(C, A)$ .

Let  $x \in C$ . Clearly,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x_n - x, \lambda Ax_n \rangle &= \langle x_n - y_n, \lambda Ax_n \rangle + \langle y_n - x, \lambda Ax_n \rangle \\ &= \langle x_n - y_n, \lambda Ax_n \rangle + \langle y_n - x, Jx_n - Jy_n \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle y_n - x, Jx_n - \lambda Ax_n - Jy_n \rangle \\ &\leq \lambda \|Ax_n\| \|x_n - y_n\| + \|Jx_n - Jy_n\| \|y_n - x\| \\ &\quad - \langle y_n - x, Jx_n - \lambda Ax_n - Jy_n \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (3.30)$$

Additionally, using  $y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ax_n)$  and Lemma 2.6, we see that

$$\langle y_n - x, Jx_n - \lambda Ax_n - Jy_n \rangle \geq 0.$$

Equation (3.30) becomes

$$(3.31) \quad \langle x_n - x, Ax_n \rangle \leq \lambda \|Ax_n\| \|x_n - y_n\| + \|Jx_n - Jy_n\| \|y_n - x\|.$$

Further, owing to the boundedness of  $\{A(x_n)\}$  and condition (3.19), we get

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_n - x, Ax_n \rangle \leq 0.$$

Since  $A$  is monotone, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x^* - x, Ax \rangle &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_n - x, Ax \rangle \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_n - x, Ax_n \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall x \in C. \end{aligned}$$

By combining the fact that  $x^* \in C$  and inequality (1.5), we get that  $x^* \in VI(C, A)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

#### 4. CONVERGENCE THEOREMS CONCERNING COUNTABLE FAMILIES

We now prove the following strong convergence theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly smooth and 2-uniformly convex real Banach space with dual space  $E^*$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of  $E$ ; let  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  be a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz map. Let  $T_i : C \rightarrow E$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , be a countable family of relatively nonexpansive maps. Assume that  $W := \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i) \cap VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ , for arbitrary  $x_1 \in C$ , let the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be iteratively defined by*

$$(4.1) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 \in C := C_1, \\ y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ax_n), \\ t_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n), \\ z_n = \alpha Jx_n + (1 - \alpha)J(J^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \beta_i J T_i t_n), \\ C_{n+1} = \{v \in C_n : \phi(v, z_n) \leq \phi(v, x_n)\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} x_1, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\Pi_C$  is the generalized projection of  $E$  onto  $C$ ,  $J : E \rightarrow E^*$  is the normalized duality map,  $\lambda \in \left(0, \frac{c_1}{k}\right)$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, c) \subset [0, 1)$ ,  $k > 0$  denotes the Lipschitz constant of  $A$ , and  $\{\beta_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty \beta_i = 1$ . Then, the sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converge strongly to some  $x^* \in W$ .

*Proof.* We observe from Lemma 2.8 that the map  $T : C \rightarrow E$  defined by

$$Tt_n := J^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^\infty \beta_i J T_i t_n$$

is relatively nonexpansive and  $F(T) = \bigcap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i)$ . It follows by employing Theorem 3.1 that the sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ ,  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , and  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converge strongly to some  $x^* \in W := \bigcap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i) \cap VI(C, A) = F(T) \cap VI(C, A)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.2.** *Let  $E = L_p, \ell_p$ , and  $W_m^p$ ,  $1 < p \leq 2$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  be a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz map. Let  $T_i : C \rightarrow E$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , be a countable family of relatively nonexpansive maps. Assume that  $W := \bigcap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i) \cap VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ , for arbitrary  $x_1 \in C$ , let the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be iteratively defined by*

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{cases} x_1 \in C := C_1, \\ y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ax_n), \\ t_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n), \\ z_n = \alpha Jx_n + (1 - \alpha)J(J^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^\infty \beta_i J T_i t_n), \\ C_{n+1} = \{v \in C_n : \phi(v, z_n) \leq \phi(v, x_n)\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} x_1, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Pi_C$  is the generalized projection of  $E$  onto  $C$ ,  $J : E \rightarrow E^*$  be the normalized duality map,  $\lambda \in \left(0, \frac{c_1}{k}\right)$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, c) \subset [0, 1)$ ,  $k > 0$  denotes the Lipschitz constant of  $A$ , and  $\{\beta_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty \beta_i = 1$ . Then, the sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converge strongly to some  $x^* \in W$ .

*Proof.* We observe that  $E$  is 2-uniformly convex and uniformly smooth. It follows from Theorem 3.1 that the sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ ,  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , and  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converge strongly to some  $x^* \in W := \bigcap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i) \cap VI(C, A)$ .  $\square$

We now consider more applications and state the theorems. Proofs of the theorems follow as those of similar applications given in Chidume *et al.* [21] as well as Iiduka and Takahashi [31]. For completeness, details of the sketches are provided.

## 5. APPLICATIONS

### 5.1. Approximating a zero of an $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone map.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $E$  be a 2-uniformly convex and uniformly smooth real Banach space with dual space  $E^*$ . Let  $A : E \rightarrow E^*$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone map, and let  $T_i : E \rightarrow E$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , be a countable family of relatively nonexpansive maps. Assume that  $W := \bigcap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i) \cap A^{-1}0 \neq \emptyset$ , where  $A^{-1}0 = \{u \in E : Au =$*

$0\} \neq \emptyset$ , for arbitrary  $x_1 \in E$ , let the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be iteratively defined by

$$(5.1) \quad \begin{cases} x_1 \in C := C_1, \\ y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ax_n), \\ t_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n), \\ z_n = \alpha Jx_n + (1 - \alpha)J(J^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^\infty \beta_i JT_i t_n), \\ C_{n+1} = \{v \in C_n : \phi(v, z_n) \leq \phi(v, x_n)\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} x_1, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $J : E \rightarrow E^*$  is the normalized duality map,  $\lambda \in (0, \frac{c_1}{k})$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, c) \subset [0, 1)$ ,  $k > 0$  denotes the Lipschitz constant of  $A$ , and  $\{\beta_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty \beta_i = 1$ . Then, the sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converge strongly to some  $x^* \in W := \cap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i) \cap A^{-1}0$ .

*Proof.* We observe from Theorem 4.1 that the map  $T : E \rightarrow E$  defined by

$$Tt_n := J^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^\infty \beta_i JT_i t_n$$

is relatively nonexpansive and  $F(T) = \cap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i)$ . Setting  $C_1 = E$  and  $\Pi_E = I$  in Theorem 3.1, we observe that

$$(5.2) \quad t_n = J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n) = \Pi_E J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n), \quad n \geq 1.$$

Further,  $VI(E, A) = A^{-1}0$  and  $t \in A^{-1}0$ . It follows from Theorem 3.1 that  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converge strongly to some  $x^* \in W := \cap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i) \cap A^{-1}0$ .  $\square$

**5.2. Approximating a solution of complementarity problem.** Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of  $E$ ; let  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  be a map. Let the polar in  $E^*$  be defined by the set  $C^* = \{y^* \in E^* : \langle x, y^* \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in C\}$ . Then, we study the following problem: find  $t \in C$  such that  $At \in C^*$  and  $\langle t, At \rangle = 0$ . This problem is called the *complementarity* problem (see, for example, Blum and Oettli [6]). The set of solutions of the complementarity problem is denoted by  $K(C, A)$ .

**Theorem 5.2.** *Let  $E$  be a 2-uniformly convex and uniformly smooth real Banach space with dual space  $E^*$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of  $E$ , and let  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone map. Let  $T_i : C \rightarrow E$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , be a countable family of relatively nonexpansive maps. Assume that  $W := \cap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i) \cap K(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ , for arbitrary  $x_1 \in C$ , let the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be iteratively defined by*

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{cases} x_1 \in C := C_1, \\ y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ax_n), \\ t_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n), \\ z_n = \alpha Jx_n + (1 - \alpha)J(J^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^\infty \beta_i JT_i t_n), \\ C_{n+1} = \{v \in C_n : \phi(v, z_n) \leq \phi(v, x_n)\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} x_1, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Pi_C$  is the generalized projection of  $E$  onto  $C$ ,  $J : E \rightarrow E^*$  is the normalized duality map,  $\lambda \in (0, \frac{c_1}{k})$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, c) \subset [0, 1)$ ,  $k > 0$  denotes the Lipschitz constant of

$A$  and  $\{\beta_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty \beta_i = 1$ . Then, the sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converge strongly to some  $x^* \in W$ .

*Proof.* We observe from Theorem 4.1 that the map  $T : C \rightarrow E$  defined by

$$Tt_n := J^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \beta_i J T_i t_n$$

is relatively nonexpansive and  $F(T) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i)$ . From Lemma 7.1.1 of Iiduka and Takahashi [31], we obtain that  $VI(C, A) = K(C, A)$ . It follows from Theorem 3.1 that the sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converge strongly to some  $x^* \in W := F(T) \cap K(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ .  $\square$

### 5.3. Approximating a minimizer of a continuously Fréchet differentiable convex functional.

**Lemma 5.3** (Baillon and Haddad [5], see also Iiduka and Takahashi [31]). *Let  $E$  be a Banach space. Let  $f$  be a continuously Fréchet differentiable and convex functional, and let  $\nabla f$  denote the gradient of  $f$ . If  $\nabla f$  is  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ -Lipschitz continuous, then  $\nabla f$  is an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone.*

**Theorem 5.4.** *Let  $E$  be a 2-uniformly convex and uniformly smooth real Banach space with dual space  $E^*$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of  $E$ ; let  $T_i : C \rightarrow E$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , be a countable family of relatively nonexpansive maps. Let  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a map satisfying the following conditions:*

- (1)  $f$  is a continuously Fréchet differentiable convex functional defined on  $E$ , and  $\nabla f$  is a  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ -Lipschitz map;
- (2)  $K = \arg \min_{y \in C} f(y) = \{x^* \in C : f(x^*) = \min_{y \in C} f(y)\} \neq \emptyset$ .

Assume that  $W := \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i) \cap K \neq \emptyset$ . For arbitrary  $x_1 \in C$ , let the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be iteratively defined by

$$(5.4) \quad \begin{cases} x_1 \in C := C_1, \\ y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda \nabla f|_C x_n), \\ t_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda \nabla f|_C y_n), \\ z_n = \alpha Jx_n + (1 - \alpha)J(J^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \beta_i J T_i t_n), \\ C_{n+1} = \{v \in C_n : \phi(v, z_n) \leq \phi(v, x_n)\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} x_1, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Pi_C$  is the generalized projection of  $E$  onto  $C$ ,  $J : E \rightarrow E^*$  is the normalized duality map,  $\lambda \in (0, \frac{c_1}{k})$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, c) \subset [0, 1)$ ,  $k > 0$  denotes the Lipschitz constant of  $A$ , and  $\{\beta_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty \beta_i = 1$ . Then, the sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converge strongly to some  $x^* \in W$ .

*Proof.* We observe from Theorem 4.1 that the map  $T : C \rightarrow E$  defined by

$$Tt_n := J^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \beta_i J T_i t_n$$

is relatively nonexpansive and  $F(T) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i)$ . Using condition (1) of Theorem 5.4, it follows from Lemma 5.3 that  $\nabla f|_C$  is an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone map of

$C$  into  $E^*$ . Since  $f$  is differentiable and convex, we have, as in Chidume *et al.* [21] and Iiduka and Takahashi [30], that  $VI(C, \nabla f|_C) = K = \arg \min_{y \in C} f(y)$ . By applying Theorem 3.1, we obtain that the sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converge strongly to some  $x^* \in W := F(T) \cap K \neq \emptyset$ .  $\square$

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