

**STRONG CONVERGENCE THEOREMS BY THE VISCOSITY  
APPROXIMATION METHOD FOR A COUNTABLE FAMILY  
OF NONEXPANSIVE MAPPINGS**

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we extend Moudafi's result in a Hilbert space to that in a Banach spaces. Then, we introduce implicit and explicit sequences for an infinite family of nonexpansive mappings in Banach spaces and prove strong convergence theorems for finding a common fixed point of the family of mappings.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $E$ . Then a mapping  $T$  from  $C$  into itself is called nonexpansive if

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in C.$$

For a mapping  $T$  of  $C$  into itself, we denote by  $F(T)$  the set of fixed points of  $T$ , i.e.,  $F(T) = \{x \in C : Tx = x\}$ . Let  $f$  be a function of  $C$  into itself. Then,  $f$  is said to be  $a$ -contractive on  $C$  if there exists a constant  $a \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq a\|x - y\|$  for all  $x, y \in C$ . We denote that  $Cont(C)$  is the set of all contractions on  $C$ . In 1967, Browder [3] obtained the following:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $H$ . Let  $T$  be a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into itself such that  $F(T)$  is nonempty. Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point of  $C$  and define  $S_n : C \rightarrow C$  by*

$$S_n x = (1 - \alpha_n)Tx + \alpha_n x_0$$

*for all  $x \in C$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $0 < \alpha_n < 1$ . Then the following hold:*

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- (i)  $S_n$  has a unique fixed point  $u_n \in C$ ;
- (ii) if  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$ , then the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  converges strongly to  $P_{F(T)}x_0$  where  $P_{F(T)}$  is the metric projection onto  $F(T)$ .

After Browder's result, such a problem has been investigated by many authors: for instance, see Marino and Trombetta [8] and Takahashi and Kim [17]. In 2000, Moudafi [9] proved the following strong convergence theorem:

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $H$ . Let  $T$  be a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into itself such that  $F(T)$  is nonempty and let  $f$  be a-contractive of  $C$  into itself. Let*

$$(1) \quad x_n = \frac{1}{1 + \epsilon_n}Tx_n + \frac{\epsilon_n}{1 + \epsilon_n}f(x_n),$$

where  $\{\epsilon_n\}$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  and  $\epsilon_n \rightarrow 0$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to the unique solution  $\hat{x} \in C$  of the variational inequality

$$\hat{x} \in F(T) \text{ such that } \langle (I - f)\hat{x}, \hat{x} - x \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall x \in F(T),$$

i.e.,  $\hat{x} = P_{F(T)}f(\hat{x})$ .

Further, in 2004, Xu [20] extended Moudafi's result in the framework of a Hilbert space to that in a uniformly smooth Banach space.

In this paper, motivated by Moudafi's result, we first extend Moudafi's result in a Hilbert space to that in a Banach space (Theorem 3.1). Next, we prove a strong convergence theorem for finding a common fixed point of an infinite family of nonexpansive mappings. Finally, using Theorem 3.1, we consider the problem of finding a zero of an accretive operator.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES AND LEMMAS

We denote by  $\mathbb{N}$  the set of all natural numbers and by  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^+$  the sets of all real numbers and all nonnegative real numbers, respectively. A Banach space  $E$  is called *uniformly convex* if for any two sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$  in  $E$  such that  $\|x_n\| = \|y_n\| = 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n + y_n\| = 2, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y_n\| = 0$  holds. A closed convex subset of  $C$  of a Banach space  $E$  is said to have *normal structure* if for each bounded closed convex subset  $K$  of  $C$  which contains at least two points, there exists an element of  $K$  which is not a diametral point of  $K$ . It is well known that a closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space has normal structure and a compact convex subset of a Banach space has normal structure. The following result was proved by Kirk [7].

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $E$  be a reflexive Banach space and let  $C$  be a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of  $E$  which has normal structure. Let  $T$  be a non-expansive mapping of  $C$  into itself. Then  $F(T)$  is nonempty.*

Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $E^*$  be its dual, that is, the space of all continuous linear functionals  $f$  on  $E$ . The duality mapping  $J$  from  $E$  into  $2^{E^*}$  is defined by

$$J(x) = \{f \in E^* : f(x) = \|x\|^2 = \|f\|^2\}$$

for every  $x \in E$ . The norm of  $E$  is said to be *Gâteaux differentiable* if

$$(2) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t}$$

exists for each  $x, y \in S_E = \{x \in E : \|x\| = 1\}$ . The norm of  $E$  said to be *uniformly Gâteaux differentiable* if for each  $y$  in  $S_E$ , the limit (2) is attained uniformly for  $x \in S_E$ . If a Banach space  $E$  has a Gâteaux differentiable norm, then the duality mapping  $J$  is single valued. Further, we have

$$\|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2 \geq 2\langle x - y, J(y) \rangle$$

for every  $x, y \in E$ ; see [15]. Let  $\mu$  be a mean on  $\mathbb{N}$ , i.e., a continuous linear functional on  $l^\infty$  satisfying  $\|\mu\| = 1 = \mu(1)$ . We know that  $\mu$  is a mean on  $\mathbb{N}$  if and only if

$$\inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} a_n \leq \mu(f) \leq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} a_n$$

for each  $f = (a_1, a_2, \dots) \in l^\infty$ . Occasionally, we use  $\mu_n(a_n)$  instead of  $\mu(f)$ . A Banach limit  $\mu$  is a mean  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  satisfying  $\mu_n(a_n) = \mu_n(a_{n+1})$ . Let  $f = (a_1, a_2, \dots) \in l^\infty$  with  $a_n \rightarrow a$  and let  $\mu$  be a Banach limit on  $\mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $\mu(f) = \mu_n(a_n) = a$ ; see [15] for more details. Further, we know the following result [16].

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Banach space  $E$  with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm, let  $\{x_n\}$  be a bounded sequence of  $E$  and let  $\mu$  be a mean on  $\mathbb{N}$ . Let  $z \in C$ . Then*

$$\mu_n \|x_n - z\|^2 = \min_{y \in C} \mu_n \|x_n - y\|^2$$

*if and only if  $\mu_n \langle y - z, J(x_n - z) \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $y \in C$ , where  $J$  is the duality mapping of  $E$ .*

We also know the following lemma [13].

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $a$  be a real number and let  $(a_1, a_2, \dots) \in l^\infty$  such that  $\mu_n(a_n) \leq a$  for all Banach limits  $\mu$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_{n+1} - a_n) \leq 0$ . Then,  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq a$ .*

Let  $T_1, T_2, \dots$  be infinite mappings of  $C$  into itself and let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$  be real numbers such that  $0 \leq \lambda_i \leq 1$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , Takahashi [14] (see also [12, 18 and 6]) defined a mapping  $W_n$  of  $C$  into itself as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} U_{n,n+1} &= I, \\ U_{n,n} &= \lambda_n T_n U_{n,n+1} + (1 - \lambda_n) I, \\ U_{n,n-1} &= \lambda_{n-1} T_{n-1} U_{n,n} + (1 - \lambda_{n-1}) I, \\ &\vdots \\ U_{n,k} &= \lambda_k T_k U_{n,k+1} + (1 - \lambda_k) I, \\ U_{n,k-1} &= \lambda_{k-1} T_{k-1} U_{n,k} + (1 - \lambda_{k-1}) I, \\ &\vdots \\ U_{n,2} &= \lambda_2 T_2 U_{n,3} + (1 - \lambda_2) I, \\ W_n = U_{n,1} &= \lambda_1 T_1 U_{n,2} + (1 - \lambda_1) I. \end{aligned}$$

Such a mapping  $W_n$  is called the  $W$ -mapping generated by  $T_n, T_{n-1}, \dots, T_1$  and  $\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1}, \dots, \lambda_1$ .

Using [12] and [1], we obtain the following two lemmas.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Banach space  $E$ . Let  $T_1, T_2, \dots$  be nonexpansive mappings of  $C$  into itself such that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i)$  is nonempty and let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$  be real numbers such that  $0 < \lambda_1 \leq 1$  and  $0 < \lambda_i \leq b < 1$  for any  $i = 2, 3, \dots$ . Then for every  $x \in C$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_{n,k} x$  exists.*

Using Lemma 2.4, for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define mappings  $U_{\infty,k}$  and  $U$  of  $C$  into itself as follows:

$$U_{\infty,k} x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_{n,k} x$$

and

$$U x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} W_n x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_{n,1} x$$

for every  $x \in C$ . Such a  $U$  is called the  $W$ -mapping generated by  $T_1, T_2, \dots$ , and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a strictly convex Banach space  $E$ . Let  $T_1, T_2, \dots$  be nonexpansive mappings of  $C$  into itself such that*

$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i)$  is nonempty and let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$  be real numbers such that  $0 < \lambda_1 \leq 1$  and  $0 < \lambda_i \leq b < 1$  for any  $i = 2, 3, \dots$ . Let  $W_n (n = 1, 2, \dots)$  be the  $W$ -mappings of  $C$  into itself generated by  $T_n, T_{n-1}, \dots, T_1$  and  $\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1}, \dots, \lambda_1$  and let  $U$  be the  $W$ -mapping generated by  $T_1, T_2, \dots$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ . Then  $F(W_n) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n F(T_i)$  and  $F(U) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i)$ .

An operator  $A \subset E \times E$  with domain  $D(A) = \{z \in E : Az \neq \emptyset\}$  and range  $R(A) = \bigcup\{Az : z \in D(A)\}$  is said to be *accretive* if for any  $x_i \in D(A)$  and  $y_i \in Ax_i, i = 1, 2$ , there exists  $j \in J(x_1 - x_2)$  such that  $\langle y_1 - y_2, j \rangle \geq 0$ . A mapping  $B \subset E \times E$  is said to be *c-strongly accretive* if for any  $x_i \in D(B)$  and  $y_i \in Bx_i, i = 1, 2$ , there exists  $j \in J(x_1 - x_2)$  such that  $\langle y_1 - y_2, j \rangle \geq c\|x_1 - x_2\|^2$ , where  $c > 0$ . If  $A$  is accretive, then we have

$$\|x_1 - x_2\| \leq \|x_1 - x_2 + r(y_1 - y_2)\|$$

for all  $x_i \in D(A)$  and  $y_i \in Ax_i, i = 1, 2$ , and  $r > 0$ . An accretive operator  $A$  is said to be *m-accretive* if  $R(I + rA) = E$  for all  $r > 0$ . If  $A$  is accretive, then we can define, for any  $r > 0$ , a nonexpansive single valued mapping  $J_r : R(I + rA) \rightarrow D(A)$  by  $J_r = (I + rA)^{-1}$ . It is called the *resolvent* of  $A$ . We also define the *Yosida approximation*  $A_r$  by  $A_r = (I - J_r)/r$ . We know that  $A_r x \in A J_r x$  for all  $x \in R(I + rA)$  and  $\|A_r x\| \leq \inf\{\|y\| : y \in Ax\}$  for all  $x \in D(A) \cap R(I + rA)$ . We also know that for an m-accretive operator  $A$ , we have  $A^{-1}0 = F(J_r)$  for all  $r > 0$ . See [15] for more details.

### 3. STRONG CONVERGENCE THEOREM

We first prove the following strong convergence theorem which generalizes the Browder’s convergence theorem. Our proof employs the methods of Reich [11], Takahashi and Kim [17]; see [15].

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex Banach space with a uniformly Gateaux differentiable norm. Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $E$ , and let  $T$  be a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into itself such that  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $f$  be an  $\alpha$ -contractive mapping of  $C$  into itself. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $S_n : C \rightarrow C$  by*

$$S_n x = (1 - \alpha_n)Tx + \alpha_n f(x)$$

for each  $x \in C$ , where  $0 < \alpha_n < 1$ . Then the following hold:

- (i)  $S_n$  has a unique fixed point  $u_n$  in  $C$ ;
- (ii) if  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$ , then the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  converges strongly to  $u \in F(T)$ .

Further, for each  $f \in \text{Cont}(C)$ , define  $P$  with  $P(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n$ . Then  $P(f)$  solves the variational inequality

$$(3) \quad \langle (I - f)P(f), J(P(f) - x) \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for any } x \in F(T).$$

*Proof.* (i) Let  $x, y \in C$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_n x - S_n y\| &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)\|Tx - Ty\| + \alpha_n\|f(x) - f(y)\| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)\|x - y\| + a\alpha_n\|x - y\| \\ &= (1 - \alpha_n(1 - a))\|x - y\|. \end{aligned}$$

Then, since  $S_n$  is a contraction of  $C$  into itself, there exists a unique fixed point  $u_n$  of  $S_n$  in  $C$ .

(ii) Let  $z \in F(T)$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_n - z\| &= \|(1 - \alpha_n)(Tu_n - z) + \alpha_n(f(u_n) - z)\| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)\|u_n - z\| + \alpha_n\|f(u_n) - z\| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)\|u_n - z\| + \alpha_n\{\|f(u_n) - f(z)\| + \|f(z) - z\|\} \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)\|u_n - z\| + a\alpha_n\|u_n - z\| + \alpha_n\|f(z) - z\|, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\|u_n - z\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - a}\|f(z) - z\|.$$

Since  $\{u_n\}$  is bounded, for any subsequence  $\{u_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{u_n\}$ , we can define a real valued function  $g$  on  $C$  given by

$$g(z) = \mu_i \|u_{n_i} - z\|$$

for any  $z \in C$ , where  $\mu$  is a Banach limit. Define the set

$$M = \{v \in C : g(v) = \inf_{z \in C} g(z)\}.$$

Then  $M$  is nonempty, bounded, convex and closed; for more details, see [15]. Further, since

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_n - Tu_n\| &\leq \|(1 - \alpha_n)Tu_n + \alpha_n f(u_n) - Tu_n\| \\ &= \alpha_n \|Tu_n - f(u_n)\| \end{aligned}$$

and  $Tu_n$  and  $f(u_n)$  are bounded, we obtain

$$(4) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n - Tu_n\| = 0.$$

For any  $v \in M$ , from (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_i \|u_{n_i} - Tv\| &\leq \mu_i \{ \|u_{n_i} - Tu_{n_i}\| + \|Tu_{n_i} - Tv\| \} \\ &\leq \mu_i \|u_{n_i} - v\|. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $M$  is  $T$ -invariant. Therefore, from Theorem 2.1, we have a fixed point  $z_0$  of  $T$  in  $M$ . Next, we show that  $\{u_n\}$  converges strongly to a fixed point of  $T$ . Since  $z_0$  is a minimizer of the function  $g$  on  $C$ , by Lemma 2.2, we have

$$(5) \quad \mu_i \langle z - z_0, J(u_{n_i} - z_0) \rangle \leq 0$$

for all  $z \in C$ . Putting  $z = f(z_0)$  in (5), we have

$$(6) \quad \mu_i \langle f(z_0) - z_0, J(u_{n_i} - z_0) \rangle \leq 0.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} &\|u_{n_i} - z_0\|^2 \\ &= \langle u_{n_i} - z_0, J(u_{n_i} - z_0) \rangle \\ &= (1 - \alpha_{n_i}) \langle Tu_{n_i} - z_0, J(u_{n_i} - z_0) \rangle + \alpha_{n_i} \langle f(u_{n_i}) - z_0, J(u_{n_i} - z_0) \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_{n_i}) \|u_{n_i} - z_0\|^2 + \alpha_{n_i} \langle f(u_{n_i}) - z_0, J(u_{n_i} - z_0) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

we have  $\|u_{n_i} - z_0\|^2 \leq \langle f(u_{n_i}) - z_0, J(u_{n_i} - z_0) \rangle$  and hence

$$(7) \quad \mu_i \|u_{n_i} - z_0\|^2 \leq \mu_i \langle f(u_{n_i}) - z_0, J(u_{n_i} - z_0) \rangle,$$

where  $\mu$  is a Banach limit. From (6) and (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\mu_i \|u_{n_i} - z_0\|^2 \\ &\leq \mu_i \langle f(u_{n_i}) - f(z_0), J(u_{n_i} - z_0) \rangle + \mu_i \langle f(z_0) - z_0, J(u_{n_i} - z_0) \rangle \\ &\leq \mu_i \langle f(u_{n_i}) - f(z_0), J(u_{n_i} - z_0) \rangle \\ &\leq a\mu_i \|u_{n_i} - z_0\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $\mu_i \|u_{n_i} - z_0\|^2 = 0$ . So, we can choose a subsequence  $\{u_{n_j}\}$  of  $\{u_{n_i}\}$  such that  $\{u_{n_j}\}$  converges strongly to  $z_0$ . In order to prove  $\{u_n\}$  converges strongly to a fixed point of  $T$ , we assume that  $\{u_{n_k}\} \rightarrow z$  and  $\{u_{n_l}\} \rightarrow \hat{z}$ . Then, from

$$\begin{aligned} \|z - Tz\| &\leq \|z - u_{n_k}\| + \|u_{n_k} - Tz\| \\ &\leq \|z - u_{n_k}\| + \|(1 - \alpha_{n_k})Tu_{n_k} + \alpha_{n_k}f(u_{n_k}) - Tz\| \\ &\leq 2\|z - u_{n_k}\| + \alpha_{n_k} \|Tu_{n_k} - f(u_{n_k})\|, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain  $z = Tz$ . Similarly, we have  $\hat{z} = T\hat{z}$ . Since,  $I - T$  is accretive, we have for any  $w \in F(T)$ ,  $\langle u_n - Tu_n, J(u_n - w) \rangle \geq 0$ . From  $u_n = (1 - \alpha_n)Tu_n + \alpha_n f(u_n)$ , we have

$$(8) \quad \langle Tu_n - f(u_n), J(u_n - w) \rangle \leq 0.$$

From (8), we have

$$\langle Tu_{n_k} - f(u_{n_k}), J(u_{n_k} - \hat{z}) \rangle \leq 0$$

and

$$\langle Tu_{n_l} - f(u_{n_l}), J(u_{n_l} - z) \rangle \leq 0.$$

So, we have  $\langle Tz - f(z), J(z - \hat{z}) \rangle \leq 0$  and  $\langle T\hat{z} - f(\hat{z}), J(\hat{z} - z) \rangle \leq 0$ . Since  $Tz = z$  and  $T\hat{z} = \hat{z}$ , we have

$$\langle z - f(z), J(z - \hat{z}) \rangle \leq 0$$

and

$$\langle \hat{z} - f(\hat{z}), J(\hat{z} - z) \rangle \leq 0.$$

This implies

$$\|z - \hat{z}\|^2 \leq \langle f(z) - f(\hat{z}), J(z - \hat{z}) \rangle \leq a\|z - \hat{z}\|^2.$$

So, we obtain  $z = \hat{z}$ . Therefore,  $\{u_n\}$  converges strongly to a fixed point of  $T$ . Now, we define a mapping  $P : \text{Cont}(C) \rightarrow F(T)$  by  $P(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n$ . Since  $(I - f)u_n = -\frac{1 - \alpha_n}{\alpha_n}(I - T)u_n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (I - f)u_n, J(u_n - x) \rangle &= -\frac{1 - \alpha_n}{\alpha_n} \langle (I - T)u_n, J(u_n - x) \rangle \\ &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in F(T)$ . Taking the limit, we obtain

$$\langle (I - f)P(f), J(P(f) - x) \rangle \leq 0. \quad \blacksquare$$

Further, using the  $W$ -mapping, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex Banach space with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm. Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $E$ , and let  $\{T_n\}$  be a countable family of nonexpansive mappings of  $C$  into itself such that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i)$  is nonempty. Let  $f$  be a contractive mapping of  $C$  into itself. Let  $b$  be a real number with  $0 < b < 1$  and let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$  be real numbers such that  $0 < \lambda_1 \leq 1$  and  $0 < \lambda_i \leq b < 1$  for every  $i = 2, 3, \dots$ . Let  $W_n (n = 1, 2, \dots)$  be  $W$ -mappings*



of  $C$  into itself generated by  $T_n, T_{n-1}, \dots, T_1$  and  $\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1}, \dots, \lambda_1$ . Let  $U$  be the  $W$ -mapping generated by  $T_1, T_2, \dots$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ , i.e.,

$$Ux = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} W_n x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_{n,1} x$$

for every  $x \in C$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $S_n : C \rightarrow C$  by

$$S_n x = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)Ux + \frac{1}{n}f(x)$$

for each  $x \in C$ . Then the following hold:

- (i)  $S_n$  has a unique fixed point  $u_n$  in  $C$ ;
- (ii) the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  converges strongly to  $u \in F(U)$ . Further, for each  $f \in \text{Cont}(C)$ , define  $P(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n$ .

Then  $P(f)$  solves the variational inequality

$$(9) \quad \langle (I - f)P(f), J(P(f) - x) \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for any } x \in F(U).$$

Next, using Theorem 3.2, we prove the following strong convergence theorem for finding a common fixed point of a countable family of nonexpansive mappings.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex Banach space with a uniformly Gateaux differentiable norm. Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $E$ , and let  $\{T_n\}$  be a countable family of nonexpansive mappings of  $C$  into itself such that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i)$  is nonempty. Let  $f$  be a contractive mapping of  $C$  into itself. Let  $b$  be a real number with  $0 < b < 1$  and let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$  be real numbers such that  $0 < \lambda_1 \leq 1$  and  $0 < \lambda_i \leq b < 1$  for every  $i = 2, 3, \dots$ . Let  $W_n (n = 1, 2, \dots)$  be  $W$ -mappings of  $C$  into itself generated by  $T_n, T_{n-1}, \dots, T_1$  and  $\lambda_n, \lambda_{n-1}, \dots, \lambda_1$ . Let  $U$  be the  $W$ -mapping generated by  $T_1, T_2, \dots$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ , i.e.,*

$$Ux = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} W_n x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_{n,1} x$$

for every  $x \in C$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = x \in C, \\ x_{n+1} = \alpha_n f(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n)W_n x_n, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \end{cases}$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [0, 1]$  satisfies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_{n+1} - \alpha_n| < \infty$ . Then,  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $z = P_{F(U)} f(z)$ , where  $P_{F(U)}$  is the sunny nonexpansive retraction of  $C$  onto  $F(U)$ .

*Proof.* From Lemma 2.5, we obtain  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(W_n) = F(U)$ . For any  $u \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - u\| &\leq \alpha_n \|f(x_n) - u\| + (1 - \alpha_n) \|W_n x_n - u\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n \{\|f(x_n) - f(u)\| + \|f(u) - u\|\} + (1 - \alpha_n) \|x_n - u\| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n(1 - a)) \|x_n - u\| + \alpha_n(1 - a) \frac{1}{1-a} \|f(u) - u\|. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\|x_n - u\| \leq \frac{1}{1-a} \|f(u) - u\|$ , we obtain

$$\|x_{n+1} - u\| \leq \frac{1}{1-a} \|f(u) - u\|.$$

If  $\|x_n - u\| \geq \frac{1}{1-a} \|f(u) - u\|$ , we obtain

$$\|x_{n+1} - u\| \leq \|x_n - u\|.$$

So, we have  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded. We also obtain  $\{W_n x_n\}$  and  $\{f(x_n)\}$  are bounded. Next, we show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| = 0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|W_n x_{n-1} - W_{n-1} x_{n-1}\| &= \|U_{n,1} x_{n-1} - U_{n-1,1} x_{n-1}\| \\ &\leq \lambda_1 \|U_{n,2} x_{n-1} - U_{n-1,2} x_{n-1}\| \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\leq \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \|T_n x_{n-1} - x_{n-1}\| \\ &\leq K \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $K = 2 \sup_{x \in C} \|x\|$ .

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \\ &= \|\alpha_n f(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) W_n x_n - (\alpha_{n-1} f(x_{n-1}) + (1 - \alpha_{n-1}) W_{n-1} x_{n-1})\| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n + a \cdot \alpha_n) \|x_n - x_{n-1}\| + K |\alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1}| \\ &\quad + (1 - \alpha_{n-1}) \|W_n x_{n-1} - W_{n-1} x_{n-1}\| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n + a \cdot \alpha_n) \|x_n - x_{n-1}\| + K |\alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1}| + (1 - \alpha_{n-1}) K \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i. \end{aligned}$$

For all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|x_{n+m+1} - x_{n+m}\| \\
 & \leq (1 - \alpha_{n+m} + a \cdot \alpha_{n+m})\|x_{n+m} - x_{n+m-1}\| + K|\alpha_{n+m} - \alpha_{n+m-1}| \\
 & \quad + (1 - \alpha_{n+m-1})K \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n+m} \lambda_i \\
 & \leq (1 - (1 - a)\alpha_{n+m})\{(1 - (1 - a)\alpha_{n+m-1})\|x_{n+m-1} - x_{n+m-2}\| \\
 & \quad + K|\alpha_{n+m-1} - \alpha_{n+m-2}| + (1 - \alpha_{n+m-2})K \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n+m-1} \lambda_i\} \\
 & \quad + K|\alpha_{n+m} - \alpha_{n+m-1}| + (1 - \alpha_{n+m-1})K \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n+m} \lambda_i \\
 & \quad \vdots \\
 & \leq \prod_{k=m}^{n+m-1} (1 - (1 - a)\alpha_{k+1})\|x_{m+1} - x_m\| \\
 & \quad + K \sum_{k=m}^{n+m-1} |\alpha_{k+1} - \alpha_k| + K \sum_{l=m}^{n+m-1} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{l+1} \lambda_i\right) \\
 & \leq \prod_{k=m}^{n+m-1} (1 - (1 - a)\alpha_{k+1})\|x_{m+1} - x_m\| \\
 & \quad + K \sum_{k=m}^{n+m-1} |\alpha_{k+1} - \alpha_k| + K \frac{b^{m+1}(1 - b^n)}{1 - b}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+m+1} - x_{n+m}\| \\
 &\leq K \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} |\alpha_{k+1} - \alpha_k| + K \frac{b^{m+1}}{1 - b}
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover, since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_{n+1} - \alpha_n| < \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| &\leq K \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} |\alpha_{k+1} - \alpha_k| + K \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b^{m+1}}{1 - b} \\
 &= 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$(10) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| = 0.$$

For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $u_k = \frac{1}{k}f(u_k) + (1 - \frac{1}{k})Uu_k$ . From Theorem 3.2, we know that  $u_k$  converges strongly to  $u = P_{F(U)}f(u)$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . We obtain, for every  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_{n+1} - Ux_k\| \\ &= \|\alpha_n f(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n)W_n x_n - Uu_k\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n \|f(x_n) - Uu_k\| + (1 - \alpha_n) \{ \|W_n x_n - W_n u_k\| + \|W_n u_k - Uu_k\| \} \\ &\leq K \cdot \alpha_n + \|x_n - u_k\| + \|W_n u_k - Uu_k\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|W_n u_k - Uu_k\| = 0$ , for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$(11) \quad \mu_n \|x_n - Uu_k\|^2 = \mu_n \|x_{n+1} - Uu_k\|^2 \leq \mu_n \|x_n - u_k\|^2,$$

where  $\mu$  is a Banach limit. On the other hand, from  $x_n - u_k = \frac{1}{k}(x_n - f(u_k)) + (1 - \frac{1}{k})(x_n - Uu_k)$ , we also have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \frac{1}{k})^2 \|x_n - Uu_k\|^2 &\geq \|x_n - u_k\|^2 - \frac{2}{k} \langle x_n - f(u_k), J(x_n - u_k) \rangle \\ &= \|x_n - u_k\|^2 - \frac{2}{k} \langle x_n - u_k + u_k - f(u_k), J(x_n - u_k) \rangle \\ &= (1 - \frac{2}{k}) \|x_n - u_k\|^2 + \frac{2}{k} \langle f(u_k) - u_k, J(x_n - u_k) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

So, from (11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \frac{1}{k})^2 \mu_n \|x_n - u_k\|^2 &\geq (1 - \frac{1}{k})^2 \mu_n \|x_n - Uu_k\|^2 \\ &\geq (1 - \frac{2}{k}) \mu_n \|x_n - u_k\|^2 + \frac{2}{k} \mu_n \langle f(u_k) - u_k, J(x_n - u_k) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$(12) \quad \frac{1}{2k} \mu_n \|x_n - u_k\|^2 \geq \mu_n \langle f(u_k) - u_k, J(x_n - u_k) \rangle.$$

Since  $\{u_k\}$  converges strongly to  $u = P_{F(U)}f(u)$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , from the uniformly Gâteaux differentiability of the norm of  $E$  and (12), we have

$$0 \geq \mu_n \langle f(u) - u, J(x_n - u) \rangle,$$

where  $u = P_{F(U)}f(u)$ . By (10), we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\langle f(u) - u, J(x_{n+1} - u) \rangle - \langle f(u) - u, J(x_n - u) \rangle| = 0$$

Hence, from Lemma 2.3, we obtain

$$(13) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f(u) - u, J(x_n - u) \rangle \leq 0.$$

From  $x_{n+1} - u = \alpha_n(f(x_n) - u) + (1 - \alpha_n)(W_n x_n - u)$ , we have

$$(1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|W_n x_n - u\|^2 \geq \|x_{n+1} - u\|^2 - 2\alpha_n \langle f(x_n) - u, J(x_{n+1} - u) \rangle.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - u\|^2 &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|W_n x_n - u\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \langle f(x_n) - u, J(x_{n+1} - u) \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|x_n - u\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \langle f(x_n) - f(u), J(x_{n+1} - u) \rangle \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle f(u) - u, J(x_{n+1} - u) \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|x_n - u\|^2 + 2\alpha_n a \|x_n - u\| \|x_{n+1} - u\| \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle f(u) - u, J(x_{n+1} - u) \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|x_n - u\|^2 + \alpha_n a \{ \|x_n - u\|^2 + \|x_{n+1} - u\|^2 \} \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle f(u) - u, J(x_{n+1} - u) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|x_{n+1} - u\|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{(1 - \alpha_n)^2 + a\alpha_n}{1 - a\alpha_n} \|x_n - u\|^2 + \frac{2\alpha_n}{1 - a\alpha_n} \langle f(u) - u, J(x_{n+1} - u) \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{1 - 2\alpha_n + a\alpha_n}{1 - a\alpha_n} \|x_n - u\|^2 + \frac{\alpha_n^2}{1 - a\alpha_n} M + \frac{2\alpha_n}{1 - a\alpha_n} \langle f(u) - u, J(x_{n+1} - u) \rangle \\ &\leq \left(1 - \frac{2(1 - a)\alpha_n}{1 - a\alpha_n}\right) \|x_n - u\|^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{2(1 - a)\alpha_n}{1 - a\alpha_n} \left\{ \frac{\alpha_n M}{2(1 - a)} + \frac{1}{1 - a} \langle f(u) - u, J(x_{n+1} - u) \rangle \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $M = \sup_n \|x_n - u\|^2$ . Put  $\beta_n = \frac{2(1-a)\alpha_n}{1-a\alpha_n}$ . We obtain  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n = \infty$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n = 0.$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . From (13), there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{\alpha_n M}{2(1-a)} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  and

$$\frac{1}{1 - a} \langle f(u) - u, J(x_n - u) \rangle \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

for all  $n \geq m$ . Then we have

$$\|x_{m+1} - u\|^2 \leq (1 - \beta_m) \|x_m - u\|^2 + (1 - (1 - \beta_m))\epsilon.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\|x_{m+n} - u\|^2 \leq \prod_{k=m}^{m+n-1} (1 - \beta_k) \|x_m - u\|^2 + (1 - \prod_{k=m}^{m+n-1} (1 - \beta_k)) \epsilon.$$

We know that  $\sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \beta_k = \infty$  implies  $\prod_{k=m}^{\infty} (1 - \beta_k) = 0$ . Therefore, we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - u\|^2 = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{m+n} - u\|^2 \leq \epsilon.$$

Since  $\epsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we obtain

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - u\|^2 \leq 0.$$

So, we conclude that  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $u = P_{F(U)}f(u)$ . ■

#### 4. APPLICATIONS

Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $A \subset E \times E$  be an  $m$ -accretive operator. In this section, we consider the problem of finding a point  $v \in E$  such that  $0 \in Av$ . Many researchers have studied the convergence properties of such a problem; see, for instance, Bruck and Reich [4], Reich [10, 11], Kamimura and Takahashi [5].

On the other hand, there is the viscosity approximation method; for instance, see Tikhonov in 1963 [19]. This method provide an efficient approach to many problems of mathematical analysis; see, Attouch [2] and the references mentioned there. The abstract setting of the viscosity approximation method is as follows: Let  $f : E \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty]$  be a real-valued function with some constraints. We consider the minimization problem

$$\min\{f(x); x \in E\}. \quad \dots(\text{MP})$$

In order to find a point of solution set of (MP), for  $\epsilon > 0$ , we consider the approximate minimization problem

$$\min\{f(x) + \epsilon g(x); x \in E\}, \quad \dots(\text{AMP})$$

where  $g : E \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  called the viscosity function. Usually, the function  $g$  has some properties like strict convexity, continuity and coresiveness. Motivated by this method, we can prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex Banach space with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm. Let  $A \subset E \times E$  be an  $m$ -accretive operator and*

let  $B \subset E \times E$  be an  $m$ -accretive operator which is  $c$ -strongly accretive. Let  $J_r^A = (I + rA)^{-1}$  and let  $J_r^B = (I + rB)^{-1}$  for all  $r > 0$ . For  $r > 0$ , let  $x_r$  satisfying

$$(14) \quad A_r(x_r) + rB_r(x_r) = 0,$$

where  $A_r = \frac{1}{r}(I - J_r^A)$  and  $B_r = \frac{1}{r}(I - J_r^B)$ . Then  $\{x_r\}$  converges strongly to  $\hat{x}$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$ , where  $\hat{x} = J_r^A(\hat{x})$

*Proof.* The viscosity formulation  $0 = A_r(x_r) + rB_r(x_r)$  can be rewritten as

$$x_r = \frac{1}{1+r} J_r^A x_r + \frac{r}{1+r} J_r^B x_r.$$

Since  $J_r^A$  is a nonexpansive mapping and  $J_r^B$  is  $\frac{1}{1+rc}$ -contractive, by Theorem 3.1, we obtain  $x_r \rightarrow \hat{x} \in F(J_r^A)$ .  $\blacksquare$

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