

## APPROXIMATION METHODS OF SOLUTIONS FOR EQUILIBRIUM PROBLEM IN HILBERT SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** The purpose of this paper is, by using viscosity approximation methods, to find a common element of the set of solutions of an equilibrium problem and the set of fixed point of a nonexpansive mappings in a Hilbert space and to prove, under suitable conditions, some strong convergence theorems for approximating a solution of the problem under consideration.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper, we always assume that  $H$  is a real Hilbert space,  $C$  is a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$  and  $\phi : C \times C \rightarrow R$  is a real functional with  $\phi(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in C$ . The “so called” *equilibrium problem for functional  $\phi$*  is to finding a point  $x^* \in C$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \phi(x^*, y) \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

Denote the set of solutions of the equilibrium problem (1.1) by  $EP(\phi)$ .

This equilibrium problem contains fixed point problem, optimization problem, variational inequality problem and Nash equilibrium problem as its special cases (see, for example, Blum and Oetti [2]).

Recently, Antipin and Flam [1], Blum and Oettli [2], Moudafi [7], Moudafi et al. [8], Combettes and Hirstoaga [4] introduced and studied iterative schemes of finding the best approximation to the initial data when  $EP(\phi)$  is nonempty and proved some strong convergence theorems in Hilbert spaces.

Very recently, Takahashi and Takahashi [10] introduced a new iterative scheme by using the viscosity approximation methods (see Moudafi [7] and Xu [11]) for finding a common element of the set of solutions of the equilibrium problem (1.1) and the set

of fixed points of a nonexpansive mapping in a Hilbert space and proved some strong convergence theorems. Their results extend and improve the corresponding results given in [4, 7].

Motivated and inspired by Combettes-Histoaga [4], Takahashi and Takahashi [10], the purpose of this paper is, by using viscosity approximation methods, to find a common element of the set of solutions of equilibrium problem (1.1) and the set of fixed points of a nonexpansive mappings in Hilbert spaces and to establish some strong convergence theorems.

For this purpose, first, we recall some definitions, lemmas and notations.

In the sequel, we use  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$  to denote the weak convergence and strong convergence of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $H$ , respectively.

In a Hilbert space  $H$ , for any  $x \in H$ , there exists a unique nearest point in  $C$ , denoted by  $P_C(x)$ , such that

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

Such a mapping  $P_C$  from  $H$  onto  $C$  is called the *metric projection*. We know that  $P_C$  is nonexpansive. Further, for any  $x \in H$  and  $z \in C$ ,

$$z = P_C(x) \Leftrightarrow \langle x - z, z - y \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

For solving the equilibrium problem (1.1) for the functional  $\phi : C \times C \rightarrow R$ , let us assume that  $\phi$  satisfies the following conditions:

(A1)  $\phi(x, x) = 0, \quad \forall x \in C;$

(A2)  $\phi$  is monotone, i.e.,

$$\phi(x, y) + \phi(y, x) \leq 0, \quad \forall x, y \in C;$$

(A3) for any  $x, y, z \in C$  the functional  $x \mapsto \phi(x, y)$  is upper-hemicontinuous, i.e.,

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \phi(tz + (1-t)x, y) \leq \phi(x, y), \quad \forall x, y, z \in C;$$

(A4)  $y \mapsto \phi(x, y)$  is convex and lower semi-continuous.

The following lemmas will be needed in proving our main results:

**Lemma 1.1.** ([2]) *Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space,  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$ ,  $\phi : C \times C \rightarrow R$  be a functional satisfying the conditions (A1)–(A4). Then, for any given  $x \in H$  and  $r > 0$ , there exists  $z \in C$  such that*

$$\phi(z, y) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, z - x \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

**Lemma 1.2.** ([4]) *Let all the conditions in Lemma 1.1 are satisfied. For any  $r > 0$  and  $x \in C$ , define a mapping  $T_r : H \rightarrow C$  as follows:*

$$T_r(x) = \{z \in C : \phi(z, y) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, z - x \rangle \geq 0, \forall y \in C\}, \quad \forall x \in H.$$

*Then the following holds:*

- (1)  $T_r$  is single-valued;
- (2)  $T_r$  is firmly nonexpansive, i.e.,

$$\|T_r x - T_r y\|^2 \leq \langle T_r x - T_r y, x - y \rangle, \quad \forall x, y \in H,$$

*and so  $\|T_r x - T_r y\| \leq \|x - y\|$ ,  $\forall x, y \in H$ .*

- (3)  $F(T_r) = EP(\phi)$ ,  $\forall r > 0$ ;
- (4)  $EP(\phi)$  is a closed and convex set.

**Lemma 1.3.** ([9]) *Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$  be two bounded sequences in  $X$  and  $\{\beta_n\}$  be a sequence in  $[0, 1]$  satisfying*

$$0 < \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n < 1.$$

*Suppose that  $x_{n+1} = \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n) y_n$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$  and*

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{ \|y_{n+1} - y_n\| - \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \} \leq 0,$$

*then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y_n - x_n\| = 0$ .*

**Lemma 1.4.** ([6]) *Let  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  be two nonnegative real sequences satisfying the following condition:*

$$a_{n+1} \leq (1 - \lambda_n) a_n + b_n, \quad \forall n \geq n_0,$$

*where  $n_0$  is some nonnegative integer,  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  with  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_n = \infty$  and  $b_n = o(\lambda_n)$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .*

**Lemma 1.5.** ([5]) *Let  $X$  be a uniformly convex Banach space,  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $X$  and  $T : C \rightarrow X$  be a nonexpansive mapping with a fixed point. Then  $I - T$  is demiclosed in the sense that if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $C$  and if  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  and  $(I - T)x_n \rightarrow 0$ , then  $(I - T)x = 0$ .*

**Lemma 1.6.** ([3]) *Let  $E$  be a real Banach space,  $J : E \rightarrow 2^{E^*}$  be the normalized duality mapping and  $x, y$  be any given points in  $E$ . Then the following conclusion holds:*

$$\|x + y\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 + 2 \langle y, j(x + y) \rangle, \quad \forall j(x + y) \in J(x + y).$$

*Especially, if  $E = H$  is a real Hilbert space, then*

$$\|x + y\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 + 2 \langle y, x + y \rangle, \quad \forall x, y \in H.$$

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we shall prove our main theorems in this paper:

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space,  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$ ,  $\phi : C \times C \rightarrow R$  be a functional satisfying the conditions (A1)–(A4),  $T : C \rightarrow H$  be a nonexpansive mapping with  $F(T) \cap EP(\phi) \neq \emptyset$  and  $f : H \rightarrow H$  be a contraction mapping with a contractive constant  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$  be two sequences in  $[0, 1]$  and  $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$  be a real sequence satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i)  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$ ;  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ ;  $|1 - \frac{\alpha_n}{\alpha_{n+1}}| \rightarrow 0$ ;
- (ii) There exist  $a, b \in (0, 1)$  such that  $a \leq \beta_n \leq b$  for all  $n \geq 0$ ;
- (iii)  $0 < r < r_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$  and  $|r_n - r_{n+1}| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

where  $r, a$  and  $b$  are some positive constants. For any  $x_0 \in H$ , let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  be the sequences defined by

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{cases} \phi(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\ x_{n+1} = \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n) z_n, \\ z_n = \alpha_n f(u_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) T u_n, \quad \forall n \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $x_n \rightarrow x^* \in F(T) \cap EP(\phi)$ , where  $x^* = P_{F(T) \cap EP(\phi)} f(x^*)$ .

*Proof.* We divide the proof into six steps:

**(I)** We first prove that the mapping  $P_{F(T) \cap EP(\phi)} f : H \rightarrow C$  has a unique fixed point.

In fact, since  $f : H \rightarrow H$  is a contraction and  $P_{F(T) \cap EP(\phi)} : H \rightarrow F(T) \cap EP(\phi)$  is also a contraction, we have

$$\|P_{F(T) \cap EP(\phi)} f(x) - P_{F(T) \cap EP(\phi)} f(y)\| \leq \alpha \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in H.$$

Therefore, there exists a unique  $x^* \in C$  such that  $x^* = P_{F(T) \cap EP(\phi)} f(x^*)$ .

**(II)** Now we prove that the sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  are bounded in  $H$  and  $C$ , respectively.

In fact, from the definition of  $T_r$  in Lemma 1.2, we know that  $u_n = T_{r_n} x_n$ . Therefore, for any  $p \in F(T) \cap EP(\phi)$ , we have

$$(2.2) \quad \|u_n - p\| = \|T_{r_n} x_n - T_{r_n} p\| \leq \|x_n - p\|.$$

Therefore, it follows from (2.1) and (2.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_{n+1} - p\| \\ & \leq \beta_n \|x_n - p\| + (1 - \beta_n) \|z_n - p\| \\ & \leq \beta_n \|x_n - p\| + (1 - \beta_n) \|\alpha_n (f(u_n) - p) + (1 - \alpha_n) (T u_n - p)\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \beta_n \|x_n - p\| + (1 - \beta_n) \{ \alpha_n \|f(u_n) - f(p)\| \\
&\quad + \alpha_n \|f(p) - p\| + (1 - \alpha_n) \|Tu_n - p\| \} \\
&\leq \beta_n \|x_n - p\| + (1 - \beta_n) \alpha_n \alpha \|u_n - p\| \\
&\quad + (1 - \beta_n) \alpha_n \|f(p) - p\| + (1 - \beta_n) (1 - \alpha_n) \|u_n - p\| \\
&\leq \beta_n \|x_n - p\| + (1 - \beta_n) (1 - \alpha_n (1 - \alpha)) \|x_n - p\| + (1 - \beta_n) \alpha_n \|f(p) - p\| \\
&\leq \max \{ \|x_n - p\|, \frac{\|f(p) - p\|}{1 - \alpha} \} \\
&\leq \dots \\
&\leq \max \{ \|x_0 - p\|, \frac{\|f(p) - p\|}{1 - \alpha} \}.
\end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\{x_n\}$  is a bounded sequence in  $H$ . By (2.2), we know that  $\{u_n\}$  is a bounded sequence in  $C$  and so  $\{Tu_n\}$ ,  $\{f(u_n)\}$ ,  $\{z_n\}$  all are bounded sequences in  $H$ . Let

$$(2.3) \quad M = \sup_{n \geq 0} \{ \|u_n - x_n\| + \|x_n - y\|^2 + \|f(u_n)\| + \|T(u_n)\| \},$$

where  $y \in H$  is some given point.

(III) Now, we make an estimation for  $\{\|u_{n+1} - u_n\|\}$ .

By the definition of  $T_r$ ,  $u_n = T_{r_n} x_n$  and  $u_{n+1} = T_{r_{n+1}} x_{n+1}$ . Hence we have

$$(2.4) \quad \phi(u_{n+1}, y) + \frac{1}{r_{n+1}} \langle y - u_{n+1}, u_{n+1} - x_{n+1} \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C,$$

$$(2.5) \quad \phi(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

Take  $y = u_{n+1}$  in (2.5) and  $y = u_n$  in (2.4). Then, adding the resulting inequalities and noting the condition (A2), we have

$$\langle u_{n+1} - u_n, \frac{u_n - x_n}{r_n} - \frac{u_{n+1} - x_{n+1}}{r_{n+1}} \rangle \geq 0$$

and hence

$$\langle u_{n+1} - u_n, u_n - u_{n+1} + u_{n+1} - x_n - \frac{r_n}{r_{n+1}} (u_{n+1} - x_{n+1}) \rangle \geq 0.$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_{n+1} - u_n\|^2 &\leq \langle u_{n+1} - u_n, x_{n+1} - x_n + (1 - \frac{r_n}{r_{n+1}}) (u_{n+1} - x_{n+1}) \rangle \\
&\leq \|u_{n+1} - u_n\| \{ \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + |1 - \frac{r_n}{r_{n+1}}| \cdot \|u_{n+1} - x_{n+1}\| \}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, by the condition (iii), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.6) \quad \|u_{n+1} - u_n\| &\leq \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + |1 - \frac{r_n}{r_{n+1}}| \|u_{n+1} - x_{n+1}\| \\
&\leq \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + \frac{1}{r} |r_{n+1} - r_n| \cdot M.
\end{aligned}$$

(IV) Now we prove that  $\|Tu_n - u_n\| \rightarrow 0$ .

In fact, it follows from (2.1) and (2.6) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|z_{n+1} - z_n\| \\
&= \|\alpha_{n+1}f(u_{n+1}) + (1 - \alpha_{n+1})Tu_{n+1} - \alpha_n f(u_n) - (1 - \alpha_n)Tu_n\| \\
&= \|\alpha_{n+1}f(u_{n+1}) - \alpha_{n+1}f(u_n) + \alpha_{n+1}f(u_n) - \alpha_n f(u_n) \\
&\quad + (1 - \alpha_{n+1})Tu_{n+1} - (1 - \alpha_{n+1})Tu_n + (1 - \alpha_{n+1})Tu_n - (1 - \alpha_n)Tu_n\| \\
&\leq \alpha_{n+1}\|f(u_{n+1}) - f(u_n)\| + 2|\alpha_n - \alpha_{n+1}|M + (1 - \alpha_{n+1})\|Tu_{n+1} - Tu_n\| \\
&\leq \alpha_{n+1}\alpha\|u_{n+1} - u_n\| + 2|\alpha_n - \alpha_{n+1}|M + (1 - \alpha_{n+1})\|u_{n+1} - u_n\| \\
&\leq \|u_{n+1} - u_n\| + 2|\alpha_n - \alpha_{n+1}|M \\
&\leq \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + \frac{1}{r}|r_{n+1} - r_n|M + 2\left|1 - \frac{\alpha_n}{\alpha_{n+1}}\right|M
\end{aligned}$$

It follows from the conditions (i) and (iii) that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{\|z_{n+1} - z_n\| - \|x_{n+1} - x_n\|\} \leq 0.$$

By virtue of Lemma 1.3, we obtain that

$$(2.7) \quad \|x_n - z_n\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

From (2.1) and (2.7), we have

$$(2.8) \quad \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| = (1 - \beta_n)\|x_n - z_n\| \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

It follows from (2.6), (2.8) and the condition (iii) that

$$(2.9) \quad \|u_{n+1} - u_n\| \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $\{z_n\}$ ,  $\{f(u_n)\}$ ,  $\{Tu_n\}$  all are bounded, from (2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.10) \quad \|x_n - Tu_n\| &\leq \|x_n - z_n\| + \|z_n - Tu_n\| \\
&\leq \|x_n - z_n\| + \alpha_n\|f(u_n) - Tu_n\| \rightarrow 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, for any  $p \in F(T) \cap EP(\phi)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_n - p\|^2 &= \|T_{r_n}x_n - T_{r_n}p\|^2 \\
&\leq \langle T_{r_n}x_n - T_{r_n}p, x_n - p \rangle \\
&= \langle u_n - p, x_n - p \rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{2}\{\|u_n - p\|^2 + \|x_n - p\|^2 - \|x_n - u_n\|^2\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$(2.11) \quad \|u_n - p\|^2 \leq \|x_n - p\|^2 - \|x_n - u_n\|^2.$$

From the convexity of function  $x \mapsto \|x\|^2$  and (2.11), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 &= \|\beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n)z_n - p\|^2 \\
 &\leq \beta_n \|x_n - p\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n) \|z_n - p\|^2 \\
 &\leq \beta_n \|x_n - p\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n) \{ \alpha_n \|f(u_n) - p\|^2 \\
 &\quad + (1 - \alpha_n) \|Tu_n - p\|^2 \} \\
 &\leq \beta_n \|x_n - p\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n) \alpha_n \|f(u_n) - p\|^2 \\
 &\quad + (1 - \alpha_n)(1 - \beta_n) \|u_n - p\|^2 \\
 &\leq \beta_n \|x_n - p\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n) \alpha_n \|f(u_n) - p\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n) \|u_n - p\|^2 \\
 &\leq \beta_n \|x_n - p\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n) \alpha_n \|f(u_n) - p\|^2 \\
 &\quad + (1 - \beta_n) \{ \|x_n - p\|^2 - \|x_n - u_n\|^2 \}
 \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(1 - \beta_n) \|x_n - u_n\|^2 \\
 &\leq \|x_n - p\|^2 - \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n) \alpha_n \|f(u_n) - p\|^2 \\
 &\leq (\|x_n - p\| - \|x_{n+1} - p\|)(\|x_n - p\| + \|x_{n+1} - p\|) + \alpha_n \|f(u_n) - p\|^2 \\
 &\leq (\|x_n - x_{n+1}\|)(\|x_n - p\| + \|x_{n+1} - p\|) + \alpha_n \|f(u_n) - p\|^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{f(u_n)\}$  are bounded and  $\|x_n - x_{n+1}\| \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$(2.12) \quad \|x_n - u_n\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

and so

$$(2.13) \quad \|Tu_n - u_n\| \leq \|Tu_n - x_n\| + \|x_n - u_n\| \rightarrow 0.$$

The desired conclusion is proved.

(V) Now, we prove that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f(x^*) - x^*, x_n - x^* \rangle \leq 0,$$

where  $x^* = P_{F(T) \cap EP(\phi)} f(x^*)$ .

In fact, we can choose a subsequence  $\{x_{n_j}\} \subset \{x_n\}$  such that

$$(2.14) \quad \lim_{n_j \rightarrow \infty} \langle f(x^*) - x^*, x_{n_j} - x^* \rangle = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f(x^*) - x^*, x_n - x^* \rangle.$$

Since  $\{u_{n_j}\}$  is bounded, without loss of generality, we can assume that  $u_{n_j} \rightharpoonup w \in C$ . By (2.13),  $\|Tu_n - u_n\| \rightarrow 0$  and hence  $\|Tu_{n_j} - u_{n_j}\| \rightarrow 0$ . It follows from the demiclosed principle (see Lemma 1.4) that  $Tw = w$  and  $Tu_{n_j} \rightharpoonup w$ .

Next, we prove that  $w \in F(T) \cap EP(\phi)$ . It is sufficient to prove that  $w \in EP(\phi)$ . In fact, since  $u_n = T_{r_n} x_n$ , we have

$$\phi(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

It follows from the condition (A2) that

$$\frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq \phi(y, u_n)$$

and so

$$(2.15) \quad \langle y - u_{n_j}, \frac{u_{n_j} - x_{n_j}}{r_{n_j}} \rangle \geq \phi(y, u_{n_j}).$$

Since  $\frac{\|u_{n_j} - x_{n_j}\|}{r_{n_j}} \leq \frac{\|u_{n_j} - x_{n_j}\|}{r} \rightarrow 0$  and  $u_{n_j} \rightharpoonup w$ , by virtue of the condition (A4), we have

$$\liminf_{n_j \rightarrow \infty} \phi(y, u_{n_j}) \leq \lim_{n_j \rightarrow \infty} \langle y - u_{n_j}, \frac{u_{n_j} - x_{n_j}}{r_{n_j}} \rangle = 0,$$

that is,

$$(2.16) \quad \phi(y, w) \leq 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

For any  $t \in (0, 1)$  and  $y \in C$ , let  $y_t = ty + (1-t)w$ . Then  $y_t \in C$  and so we have  $\phi(y_t, w) \leq 0$ . It follows from the conditions (A1), (A4) and (2.16) that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \phi(y_t, y_t) \\ &\leq t\phi(y_t, y) + (1-t)\phi(y_t, w) \\ &\leq t\phi(y_t, y). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\phi(y_t, y) \geq 0$  for all  $t \in (0, 1)$ . Letting  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ , by the condition (A3), we have

$$\phi(w, y) \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

This shows that  $w \in EP(\phi)$  and so  $w \in F(T) \cap EP(\phi)$ .

Since  $x^* = P_{F(T) \cap EP(\phi)} f(x^*)$ ,  $u_{n_j} \rightharpoonup w$  and  $\|u_n - x_n\| \rightarrow 0$  (see (2.12)), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2.17) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f(x^*) - x^*, x_n - x^* \rangle &= \lim_{n_j \rightarrow \infty} \langle f(x^*) - x^*, x_{n_j} - x^* \rangle \\ &= \lim_{n_j \rightarrow \infty} \langle f(x^*) - x^*, u_{n_j} - (u_{n_j} - x_{n_j}) - x^* \rangle \\ &= \langle f(x^*) - x^*, w - x^* \rangle \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

The desired conclusion is proved.

**(VI)** Finally, we prove that  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

In fact, it follows from (2.1) and Lemma 1.6 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_n - x^*\|^2 &= \|\alpha_n(f(u_n) - x^*) + (1 - \alpha_n)(Tu_n - x^*)\|^2 \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|Tu_n - x^*\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \langle f(u_n) - x^*, z_n - x^* \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|u_n - x^*\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \langle f(u_n) - f(x^*) + f(x^*) - x^*, z_n - x^* \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|u_n - x^*\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \alpha \|u_n - x^*\| \cdot \|z_n - x^*\| \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle f(x^*) - x^*, z_n - x^* \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|u_n - x^*\|^2 + \alpha_n \alpha \{ \|u_n - x^*\|^2 + \|z_n - x^*\|^2 \} \end{aligned}$$



$$+ 2\alpha_n \langle f(x^*) - x^*, z_n - x^* \rangle$$

and so, from (2.2),

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} \|z_n - x^*\|^2 &\leq \frac{(1 - \alpha_n)^2 + \alpha_n \alpha}{1 - \alpha_n \alpha} \|u_n - x^*\|^2 + \frac{2\alpha_n \langle f(x^*) - x^*, z_n - x^* \rangle}{1 - \alpha_n \alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{(1 - \alpha_n)^2 + \alpha_n \alpha}{1 - \alpha_n \alpha} \|x_n - x^*\|^2 + \frac{2\alpha_n \langle f(x^*) - x^*, z_n - x^* \rangle}{1 - \alpha_n \alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$ , for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a nonnegative integer  $n_0$  such that  $1 - \alpha_n > \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Note that

$$(2.19) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{(1 - \alpha_n)^2 + \alpha_n \alpha}{1 - \alpha_n \alpha} &\leq \frac{1 - \alpha_n + \alpha_n^2}{1 - \alpha_n \alpha} \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n(1 - \alpha)) + \frac{\alpha_n^2}{1 - \alpha_n \alpha} \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n(1 - \alpha)) + 2\alpha_n^2, \quad \forall n \geq n_0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, substituting (2.19) into (2.18) and noting (2.3), we have

$$(2.20) \quad \begin{aligned} \|z_n - x^*\|^2 &\leq (1 - \alpha_n(1 - \alpha)) \|x_n - x^*\|^2 + 2\alpha_n^2 M \\ &\quad + \frac{2\alpha_n \langle f(x^*) - x^*, z_n - x^* \rangle}{1 - \alpha_n \alpha}, \quad \forall n \geq n_0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $M = \sup_{n \geq 0} \|x_n - x^*\|^2$ . And so, from (2.1), (2.20) and the convexity of  $x \mapsto \|x\|^2$ , we have

$$(2.21) \quad \begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 &\leq \beta_n \|x_n - x^*\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n) \|z_n - x^*\|^2 \\ &\leq \beta_n \|x_n - x^*\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n) \left\{ (1 - \alpha_n(1 - \alpha)) \|x_n - x^*\|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2\alpha_n^2 M + \frac{2\alpha_n \langle f(x^*) - x^*, z_n - x^* \rangle}{1 - \alpha_n \alpha} \right\} \\ &\leq (1 - (1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n(1 - \alpha)) \|x_n - x^*\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n^2 M + (1 - \beta_n) \frac{2\alpha_n \langle f(x^*) - x^*, z_n - x^* \rangle}{1 - \alpha_n \alpha} \\ &\leq (1 - (1 - b)\alpha_n(1 - \alpha)) \|x_n - x^*\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n^2 M + (1 - \beta_n) \frac{2\alpha_n \langle f(x^*) - x^*, z_n - x^* \rangle}{1 - \alpha_n \alpha}, \quad \forall n \geq n_0 \end{aligned}$$

From (2.7), since we have  $\|x_n - z_n\| \rightarrow 0$ , it follows from (2.17) that

$$(2.22) \quad \begin{aligned} &\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f(x^*) - x^*, z_n - x^* \rangle \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f(x^*) - x^*, z_n - x_n + x_n - x^* \rangle \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f(x^*) - x^*, x_n - x^* \rangle \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\gamma_n = \max\{0, \langle f(x^*) - x^*, z_n - x^* \rangle\}.$$

Then  $\gamma_n \geq 0$ .

Next, we prove that

$$(2.23) \quad \gamma_n \rightarrow 0.$$

In fact, it follows from (2.22) that for any given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_1 \geq n_0$  such that

$$\langle f(x^*) - x^*, z_n - x^* \rangle < \varepsilon.$$

and so we have

$$0 \leq \gamma_n < \varepsilon \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

By the arbitrariness of  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we get  $\gamma_n \rightarrow 0$ . By virtue of  $\{\gamma_n\}$ , we can rewrite (2.21) as follows:

$$(2.24) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 \\ & \leq (1 - (1 - b)\alpha_n(1 - \alpha))\|x_n - x^*\|^2 + 2\alpha_n^2 M + 4\alpha_n \gamma_n, \quad \forall n \geq n_0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, taking  $a_n = \|x_n - x^*\|^2$ ,  $\lambda_n = (1 - b)\alpha_n(1 - \alpha)$  and  $b_n = 2\alpha_n^2 M + 4\alpha_n \gamma_n$ , by Lemma 1.4 and the conditions (i)–(iii), the sequence  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This completes the proof.

From Theorem 2.1, we can obtain the following:

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space,  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$ ,  $T : C \rightarrow H$  be a nonexpansive mapping with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$  and  $f : H \rightarrow H$  be a contraction mapping with a contractive constant  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$  be two sequences in  $[0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i)  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$ ;  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ ;  $|1 - \frac{\alpha_n}{\alpha_{n+1}}| \rightarrow 0$ ;
- (ii) *There exist  $a, b \in (0, 1)$  such that  $a \leq \beta_n \leq b$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .*

For any  $x_0 \in H$ , let  $\{x_n\}$  be the sequences defined by

$$(2.25) \quad \begin{cases} x_{n+1} = \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n) z_n, \\ z_n = \alpha_n f(u_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) T(u_n), \quad \forall n \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $u_n = P_C x_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$  and  $P_C$  is the metric projection from  $H$  onto  $C$ . Then  $x_n \rightarrow x^* \in F(T)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $x^* = P_{F(T)} f(x^*)$ .

*Proof.* Taking  $\phi(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in C$  and  $r_n = 1$  for all  $n \geq 1$  in Theorem 2.1, then we have

$$\langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

This implies that  $u_n = P_C x_n$ . Therefore, the conclusion of Theorem 2.2 can be obtained from Theorem 2.1 immediately.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space,  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$ ,  $\phi : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a functional satisfying the conditions (A1)–(A4) such that  $EP(\phi) \neq \emptyset$  and  $f : H \rightarrow H$  be a contraction mapping with a contractive constant  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$  be two sequences in  $[0, 1]$  and  $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$  be a real sequence satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i)  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$ ;  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ ;  $|1 - \frac{\alpha_n}{\alpha_{n+1}}| \rightarrow 0$ ;
- (ii) There exist  $a, b \in (0, 1)$  such that  $a \leq \beta_n \leq b$  for all  $n \geq 0$ ;
- (iii)  $0 < r < r_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$  and  $|r_n - r_{n+1}| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

For any  $x_0 \in H$ , let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  be the sequences defined by

$$(2.26) \quad \begin{cases} \phi(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\ x_{n+1} = \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n) z_n, \\ z_n = \alpha_n f(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) u_n, \quad \forall n \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $x_n \rightarrow x^* \in EP(\phi)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $x^* = P_{EP(\phi)} f(x^*)$ .

*Proof.* Taking  $T = I$  in Theorem 2.1, then  $F(T) = H$  and so  $P_{F(T) \cap EP(\phi)} = P_{EP(\phi)}$ . Therefore, the conclusion of Theorem 2.3 can be obtained from Theorem 2.1.

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