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# STRONG CONVERGENCE THEOREM FOR QUADRATIC MINIMIZATION PROBLEM WITH COUNTABLE CONSTRAINTS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce an iteration process of finding a unique solution of the quadratic minimization problem over the intersection of fixed point sets of countable nonexpansive mappings in a real Hilbert space. Then, we obtain a strong convergence theorem.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The quadratic minimization problem with some constraints has been studied by many researchers. Let H be a real Hilbert space. Let  $C_1, C_2, ...$  be closed convex subsets of H with  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \neq \emptyset$ . Let u be an element of H. Then, we consider the following quadratic minimization problem:

$$\min\left\{\frac{1}{2}\langle Ax,x\rangle - \langle u,x\rangle : x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n\right\},\$$

where A is strongly positive. To find an optimal point of the quadratic minimization problem is connected with the *convex feasibility problem*, the problem of *image recovery* and *variational inequality problem*; see [6], [7], [10], [15], [25] and so on.

In particular, let H be a real Hilbert space. Let  $T_1, T_2, ..., T_N$  be nonexpansive mappings of H into itself such that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{N} F(T_n) \neq \emptyset$ , where  $F(T_n)$  is the set of fixed points of  $T_n$ . Let u be an element of H. Many authors have studied the following quadratic minimization problem concerning a finite family of nonexpansive mappings:

$$\min\left\{\frac{1}{2}\langle Ax,x\rangle - \langle u,x\rangle : x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{N} F(T_n)\right\}.$$

In this setting, Yamada, Ogura, Yamashita and Sakaniwa [23] considered the following iterative scheme in a Hilbert space H:

$$x_1 = x \in H, \ x_{n+1} = \beta_n u + (I - \beta_n A) T_n \mod N x_n$$

for all n = 1, 2, ..., where  $0 \le \beta_n \le 1$  for every n = 1, 2, ... Then, they showed that  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to the unique solution of  $\min\{(1/2)\langle Ax, x\rangle - \langle u, x\rangle : x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^N F(T_n)\}$ , where  $\bigcap_{n=1}^N F(T_n)$  is the set of common fixed points of  $T_1, T_2, ..., T_N$  satisfying

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{N} F(T_n) = F(T_1 T_2 \cdots T_N) = F(T_N T_1 \cdots T_{N-1}) = \cdots = F(T_2 T_3 \cdots T_N T_1) \neq \emptyset,$$

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and  $\{\beta_n\}$  satisfies  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \beta_n = 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n = \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\beta_{n+N} - \beta_n| < \infty$ . Xu [20] showed a complementary result to Yamada, Ogura, Yamashita and Sakaniwa's theorem by replaced  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\beta_{n+N} - \beta_n| < \infty$  with the general condition:  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \beta_n / \beta_{n+N} = 1$ .

On the other hand, Takahashi [14] and Shimoji and Takahashi [10] studied a mapping, called a *W*-mapping, which was introduced for finding a common fixed point of infinite countable nonexpansive mappings; see Lemma 3.4 and Lemma 3.5.

In this paper, motivated by Takahashi [14], Shimoji and Takahashi [10], and Yamada, Ogura, Yamashita and Sakaniwa [23], we introduce an iteration process of finding a unique solution of the quadratic minimization problem over the intersection of fixed point sets of countable nonexpansive mappings in a real Hilbert space. Then, we obtain a strong convergence theorem.

### 2. Preliminaries

Let H be a real Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , and let I be the identity mapping on H. We also denote by  $\mathbb{R}$  the set of real numbers. Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. Then, a mapping T of C into itself is said to be *nonexpansive* if  $\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \|x - y\|$  for all  $x, y \in C$ . We denote by F(T)the set of fixed points of T. For any  $x \in H$ , there exists a unique nearest point in C, denoted by  $P_C x$ , such that  $\|x - P_C x\| \leq \|x - y\|$  for all  $y \in C$ .  $x_n \to x$  implies that  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to x.  $x_n \to x$  implies that  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to x. In a real Hilbert space H, we have

$$\|\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y\|^{2} = \lambda \|x\|^{2} + (1-\lambda)\|y\|^{2} - \lambda(1-\lambda)\|x - y\|^{2}$$

for all  $x, y \in H$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Using this equality, we can prove that if  $T : C \to C$  is nonexpansive, then the set F(T) is closed and convex; see [15]. We also know the following inequality:

$$||x+y||^2 \le ||x||^2 + 2\langle y, x+y \rangle$$

for all  $x, y \in H$ .

Let H be a Hilbert space and let  $f: H \to (-\infty, \infty]$  be a proper convex function. Then, we can define a multivalued mapping  $\partial f$  on H into  $2^H$  by

$$\partial f(x) = \{ z \in H : f(y) \ge \langle z, y - x \rangle + f(x), y \in H \}$$

for all  $x \in H$ . Such  $\partial f$  is said to be the subdifferential of f; see, for instance, [16].

Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H. Then we define a function  $i_C: H \to (-\infty, \infty]$  called the *indicator function* of C as follows:

$$i_C(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & (x \in C), \\ \infty & (x \notin C). \end{cases}$$

For any  $x \in C$ , we also define the set  $N_C(x)$  as follows:

$$N_C(x) = \{ z \in H : \langle z, y - x \rangle \le 0 \text{ for all } y \in C \}.$$

Such  $N_C(x)$  is said to be the normal cone to C at  $x \in C$ . We know the following lemma; see, for example, [16].

**Lemma 2.1.** Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H. Let  $i_C : H \to (-\infty, \infty]$  be the indicator function of C and let  $N_C(x)$  be the normal cone to C at  $x \in C$ . Then  $\partial i_C(x) = N_C(x)$  for all  $x \in C$ .

We also know the following theorem; see [15].

**Theorem 2.1.** Let H be a Hilbert space and let f be a proper convex function of H into  $(-\infty, \infty]$ . If g is a continuous convex function of H into  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , then, for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$\partial (f+g)(x) = \partial f(x) + \partial g(x).$$

The following lemmas [13] and [1] play important roles in the proof of our main theorem.

**Lemma 2.2** ([13]). Let  $\{s_n\}$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers, let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a sequence of [0,1] with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ , let  $\{\beta_n\}$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n < \infty$ . Suppose that

$$s_{n+1} \le (1 - \alpha_n)s_n + \beta_n$$

for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  Then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} s_n = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.3** ([1]). Let  $\{s_n\}$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers, let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a sequence of [0, 1] with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ , let  $\{\beta_n\}$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n < \infty$ , and let  $\{\gamma_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers with  $\limsup_{n\to\infty} \gamma_n \leq 0$ . Suppose that

$$s_{n+1} \le (1 - \alpha_n)s_n + \alpha_n\gamma_n + \beta_n$$

for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  Then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} s_n = 0$ .

### 3. Strongly positive operators and W-mappings

Let H be a real Hilbert space. Let A be a self-adjoint bounded linear operator of H into itself. Then, A is called strongly positive if there exists a real number  $\gamma$  with  $0 < \gamma < 1$  such that

$$\langle Ax, x \rangle \ge \gamma \|x\|^2$$

for all  $x \in H$ . In particular, such A is called  $\gamma$ -strongly positive.

*Remark.* Since  $\langle Ax, x \rangle \geq \gamma ||x||^2$  for all  $x \in H$ , we have from the Schwarz inequality that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$||Ax|| ||x|| \ge \langle Ax, x \rangle \ge \gamma ||x||^2$$

and hence  $||Ax|| \ge \gamma ||x||$ . So, we have

$$||A|| = \sup_{||x||=1} ||Ax|| \ge \sup_{||x||=1} \gamma ||x|| \ge \gamma > 0$$

and hence

$$\|A\|^{-1} \leq \frac{1}{\gamma}.$$
 If  $0 < \alpha < \|A\|^{-1}$ , then  $0 < \alpha \gamma < \gamma \|A\|^{-1} \leq 1$ .

The following lemma is in [20].

**Lemma 3.1.** Let H be a Hilbert space. Let A be a  $\gamma$ -strongly positive self-adjoint bounded linear operator of H into itself, where  $0 < \gamma < 1$ . Then, for all  $\alpha$  with  $0 < \alpha < ||A||^{-1}$ ,  $||I - \alpha A|| \le 1 - \alpha \gamma$ , where I is the identity mapping.

*Proof.* From [12], we have

$$\|I - \alpha A\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \langle (I - \alpha A)x, x \rangle$$

Hence, we have

$$\|I - \alpha A\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \langle (I - \alpha A)x, x \rangle = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \{ \langle x, x \rangle - \alpha \langle Ax, x \rangle \}$$
  
$$\leq \sup_{\|x\|=1} \{ \|x\|^2 - \alpha \gamma \|x\|^2 \} = \sup_{\|x\|=1} (1 - \alpha \gamma) \|x\|^2$$
  
$$= 1 - \alpha \gamma.$$

The following lemma is also well-known. However, for the sake of completeness, we give the proof.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let H be a Hilbert space. Let A be a strongly positive self-adjoint bounded linear operator of H into itself. If f is defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \langle Ax, x \rangle - \langle u, x \rangle$$

for all  $x \in H$ , then  $\partial f(x) = Ax - u$ .

*Proof.* Since A is strongly positive and self-adjoint, we have that, for all  $x, y \in H$ ,

$$\begin{split} f(y) &- f(x) - \langle Ax - u, y - x \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle Ay, y \rangle - \langle u, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle Ax, x \rangle + \langle u, x \rangle - \langle Ax - u, y - x \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\langle Ay, y \rangle - 2 \langle Ax, y \rangle + \langle Ax, x \rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\langle Ay, y \rangle - \langle Ay, x \rangle - \langle Ax, y \rangle + \langle Ax, x \rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle A(y - x), y - x \rangle \ge 0, \end{split}$$

which means that  $f(y) \ge \langle Ax - u, y - x \rangle + f(x)$ . Hence,  $Ax - u \in \partial f(x)$ . Next, to show that  $\partial f(x) \subset \{Ax - u\}$ , let  $z \in \partial f(x)$ , that is,

$$\frac{1}{2}\langle Ay, y \rangle - \langle u, y \rangle \ge \langle z, y - x \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle Ax, x \rangle - \langle u, x \rangle \text{ for all } y \in H.$$

Set y = x + tw with t > 0 and  $w \in H$ . Then we have

$$\frac{1}{2}\langle A(x+tw), x+tw\rangle - \langle u, x+tw\rangle \ge \langle z, tw\rangle + \frac{1}{2}\langle Ax, x\rangle - \langle u, x\rangle.$$

Since A is self-adjoint, this implies that

$$t\langle Ax - u, w \rangle + \frac{1}{2}t^2 \langle Aw, w \rangle \ge t \langle z, w \rangle.$$

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Dividing by t, we see that  $\langle Ax - u, w \rangle + \frac{1}{2}t\langle Aw, w \rangle \geq \langle z, w \rangle$ . Further as  $t \downarrow 0$ , we obtain

$$\langle Ax - u, w \rangle \ge \langle z, w \rangle.$$

Setting w = z - (Ax - u), we have that  $||z - (Ax - u)||^2 \le 0$ , that is, z = Ax - u. Thus, we conclude that  $\partial f(x) = Ax - u$ .

Using Theorem 2.1, we can prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.3.** Let C be a closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H. Let A be a  $\gamma$ -strongly positive self-adjoint bounded linear operator of H into itself, where  $0 < \gamma < 1$ . Let g be a function of H into  $(-\infty, \infty]$  defined by

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2} \langle Ax, x \rangle - \langle u, x \rangle + i_C(x) \text{ for all } x \in H,$$

where  $i_C$  is the indicator function of C. Let  $z \in H$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $g(z) = \min\{g(x) : x \in H\},\$
- (2)  $0 \in \partial g(z)$ ,
- (3)  $\langle u Az, x z \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $x \in C$ .

In this case,  $z \in C$  and such z is unique.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) is obvious. Further, by the definition of  $i_C$  we have  $z \in C$ . So, we shall show (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3). Using Lemma 2.1, Lemma 3.2 and Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\partial g(z) = Az - u + N_C(z).$$

So, we have

$$0 \in \partial g(z)$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 \in Az - u + N_C(z)$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow u - Az \in N_C(z)$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle u - Az, x - z \rangle \leq 0 \text{ for all } x \in C.$$

Next, we show that such a point z is unique. Suppose that  $\langle u - Az_1, x - z_1 \rangle \leq 0$ and  $\langle u - Az_2, y - z_2 \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $x, y \in C$ . Putting  $x = z_2$  and  $y = z_1$ , we have

$$\langle A(z_1 - z_2), z_1 - z_2 \rangle \le 0.$$

Since A is strongly positive, we have  $\gamma ||z_1 - z_2||^2 \leq \langle A(z_1 - z_2), z_1 - z_2 \rangle$ . Then we have  $z_1 = z_2$ .

Let C be a convex subset of a Hilbert space H. Let  $T_1, T_2, ...$  be infinite mappings of C into itself and let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ...$  be real numbers such that  $0 \le \alpha_i \le 1$  for all i = 1, 2, ... Then, for all n = 1, 2, ..., Takahashi [14] defined a mapping  $W_n$  of C into itself as follows:

$$U_{n,n+1} = I,$$
  

$$U_{n,n} = \alpha_n T_n U_{n,n+1} + (1 - \alpha_n) I,$$
  

$$U_{n,n-1} = \alpha_{n-1} T_{n-1} U_{n,n} + (1 - \alpha_{n-1}) I,$$
  
:

$$U_{n,k} = \alpha_k T_k U_{n,k+1} + (1 - \alpha_k) I,$$
  

$$U_{n,k-1} = \alpha_{k-1} T_{k-1} U_{n,k} + (1 - \alpha_{k-1}) I,$$
  

$$\vdots$$
  

$$U_{n,2} = \alpha_2 T_2 U_{n,3} + (1 - \alpha_2) I,$$
  

$$W_n = U_{n,1} = \alpha_1 T_1 U_{n,2} + (1 - \alpha_1) I.$$

Such a mapping  $W_n$  is called the *W*-mapping generated by  $T_n, T_{n-1}, ..., T_1$  and  $\alpha_n, \alpha_{n-1}, ..., \alpha_1$ . We know the following lemmas by Shimoji and Takahashi [10].

**Lemma 3.4** ([10]). Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H. Let  $T_1, T_2, ...$  be nonexpansive mappings of C into itself such that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)$  is nonempty and let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ...$  be real numbers such that  $0 < \alpha_n \leq b < 1$  for all n = 1, 2, ... Then, for every  $x \in C$  and  $k = 1, 2, ..., \lim_{n \to \infty} U_{n,k}x$  exists.

Using Lemma 3.4, for all k = 1, 2, ... we define mappings  $U_{\infty,k}$  and W of C into itself as follows:

$$U_{\infty,k}x:=\lim_{n\to\infty}U_{n,k}x \text{ and } Wx:=\lim_{n\to\infty}W_nx=\lim_{n\to\infty}U_{n,1}x$$

for every  $x \in C$ . Such W is called the W-mapping generated by  $T_1, T_2, ...,$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ...$ 

**Lemma 3.5** ([10]). Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H. Let  $T_1, T_2, ...$  be nonexpansive mappings of C into itself such that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)$ is nonempty and let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ...$  be real numbers such that  $0 < \alpha_n \leq b < 1$  for all n = 1, 2, ... Then,  $F(W) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)$ .

# 4. MAIN THEOREM

Let *H* be a real Hilbert space. Let  $T_1, T_2, ...$  be nonexpansive mappings of *H* into itself such that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n) \neq \emptyset$ . Let *u* be an element of *H*. Consider the following quadratic minimization problem:

(P) 
$$\min\left\{\frac{1}{2}\langle Ax,x\rangle - \langle u,x\rangle : x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)\right\},\$$

where A is strongly positive. It is known that the problem (P) has a unique solution z; see [15].

Now, we prove the following strong convergence theorem which is our main theorem in this paper:

**Theorem 4.1.** Let H be a real Hilbert space. Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ...$  be real numbers such that  $0 < \alpha_i \le b < 1$  for every i = 1, 2, ... and  $T_1, T_2, ...$  be nonexpansive mappings of H into itself such that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n) \ne \emptyset$ . For every n = 1, 2, ..., let  $W_n$  be the W-mapping generated by  $T_n, T_{n-1}, ..., T_1$  and  $\alpha_n, \alpha_{n-1}, ..., \alpha_1$ . Let  $\{\beta_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers such that  $0 \le \beta_n \le 1$  for every n = 1, 2, ...,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \beta_n = 0, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\beta_{n+1} - \beta_n| < \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n = \infty$ . Let u be an element of H and let A be a  $\gamma$ -strongly positive self-adjoint bounded linear operator of H into itself. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by  $x_1 \in H$  and

$$x_{n+1} = \beta_n u + (I - \beta_n A) W_n x_n$$

for every n = 1, 2, ... Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to z, where z is a unique solution of  $\min\{(1/2)\langle Ax, x \rangle - \langle u, x \rangle : x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)\}.$ 

*Proof.* Since  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \beta_n = 0$ , we may assume without loss of generality that

$$\beta_n < \|A\|^{-1}$$

for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  From Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\|I - \beta_n A\| \le 1 - \beta_n \gamma.$$

It follows that, for  $y \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - y\| &= \|\beta_n u + (I - \beta_n A) W_n x_n - y\| \\ &= \|\beta_n (u - Ay) + (I - \beta_n A) (W_n x_n - y)\| \\ &\leq \beta_n \|u - Ay\| + (1 - \beta_n \gamma) \|x_n - y\| \\ &= \beta_n \gamma \cdot \frac{1}{\gamma} \|u - Ay\| + (1 - \beta_n \gamma) \|x_n - y\|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by mathematical induction, we obtain

$$||x_n - y|| \le \max\left\{||x_1 - y||, \frac{1}{\gamma}||u - Ay||\right\}$$

This implies that  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded. Then we also have that  $\{W_n x_n\}$  and  $\{T_n x_n\}$  are bounded. Put  $K = \max\{\|u\|, \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|x_n\|, \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|T_n x_n\|, \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|A\| \|W_n x_n\|\}$ . Then, we have that for every n = 1, 2, ...,

$$\begin{split} \|x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}\| &= \|\beta_{n+1}u + (I - \beta_{n+1}A)W_{n+1}x_{n+1} - (\beta_n u + (I - \beta_n A)W_n x_n)\| \\ &\leq |\beta_{n+1} - \beta_n| \|u\| + \|(I - \beta_{n+1}A)W_{n+1}x_{n+1} - (I - \beta_{n+1}A)W_n x_{n+1} \\ &+ (I - \beta_{n+1}A)W_n x_{n+1} - (I - \beta_n A)W_n x_n\| \\ &\leq |\beta_{n+1} - \beta_n| \|u\| + (1 - \beta_{n+1}\gamma)\|W_{n+1}x_{n+1} - W_n x_{n+1}\| \\ &+ (1 - \beta_{n+1}\gamma)\|W_n x_{n+1} - W_n x_n\| + |\beta_{n+1} - \beta_n|\|A\|\|W_n x_n\| \\ &\leq (1 - \beta_{n+1}\gamma)\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + 2K|\beta_{n+1} - \beta_n| \\ &+ (1 - \beta_{n+1}\gamma)\|W_{n+1}x_{n+1} - W_n x_{n+1}\|. \end{split}$$

As in the proof of Lemma 3.4 in [10], we also have

$$||W_{n+1}x_{n+1} - W_n x_{n+1}|| = ||U_{n+1,1}x_{n+1} - U_{n,1}x_{n+1}||$$
  

$$= ||\alpha_1 T_1 U_{n+1,2}x_{n+1} + (1 - \alpha_1)x_{n+1}|$$
  

$$- (\alpha_1 T_1 U_{n,2}x_{n+1} + (1 - \alpha_1)x_{n+1})||$$
  

$$= \alpha_1 ||T_1 U_{n+1,2}x_{n+1} - T_1 U_{n,2}x_{n+1}||$$
  

$$\leq \alpha_1 ||U_{n+1,2}x_{n+1} - U_{n,2}x_{n+1}||$$
  

$$\leq \alpha_1 \alpha_2 ||U_{n+1,3}x_{n+1} - U_{n,3}x_{n+1}||$$
  

$$\leq \cdots$$
  

$$\leq \prod_{i=1}^n \alpha_i ||U_{n+1,n+1}x_{n+1} - U_{n,n+1}x_{n+1}||$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{i} \|\alpha_{n+1} T_{n+1} U_{n+1,n+2} x_{n+1} + (1 - \alpha_{n+1}) x_{n+1} - x_{n+1} \|$$
$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \alpha_{i} \|T_{n+1} x_{n+1} - x_{n+1} \|$$
$$\leq 2K \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \alpha_{i} \right).$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}\| &\leq (1 - \beta_{n+1}\gamma) \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + 2K |\beta_{n+1} - \beta_n| \\ &+ 2K(1 - \beta_{n+1}\gamma) \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \alpha_i\right) \\ &\leq (1 - \beta_{n+1}\gamma) \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + 2K |\beta_{n+1} - \beta_n| + 2K \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \alpha_i\right) \\ &= (1 - \beta_{n+1}\gamma) \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + 2K \left(|\beta_{n+1} - \beta_n| + \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \alpha_i\right) \end{aligned}$$

for every n = 1, 2, ... On the other hand, since  $0 < \alpha_i \leq b < 1$ , we have that  $\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \alpha_i \leq \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} b = b^{n+1}$ . This implies that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \alpha_i = \lim_{m \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{m} \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \alpha_i \le \lim_{m \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{m} b^{n+1} = \lim_{m \to \infty} \frac{b^2(1-b^m)}{1-b} = \frac{b^2}{1-b} < \infty.$$

Thus  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|\beta_{n+1} - \beta_n| + \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \alpha_i) < \infty$ . Therefore it follows from Lemma 2.2 that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_{n+1} - x_n|| = 0$ . Since

$$||x_{n+1} - W_n x_n|| = ||\beta_n u + (I - \beta_n A) W_n x_n - W_n x_n||$$
  
=  $\beta_n ||u - A W_n x_n|| \le 2K\beta_n$ 

for every n = 1, 2, ..., we have  $\lim_{n \to \infty} ||x_{n+1} - W_n x_n|| = 0$ . From

$$||x_n - W_n x_n|| \le ||x_n - x_{n+1}|| + ||x_{n+1} - W_n x_n||,$$

we also have  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - W_n x_n|| = 0$ . Let z be the unique solution of  $\min\{(1/2)\langle Ax, x\rangle - \langle u, x\rangle : x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)\}$ . To show  $\limsup_{n\to\infty} \langle u - Az, x_n - z\rangle \leq 0$ , choose a subsequence  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle u - Az, x_n - z \rangle = \lim_{i \to \infty} \langle u - Az, x_{n_i} - z \rangle.$$

As  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  is bounded, we have that a subsequence  $\{x_{n_{ij}}\}$  of  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  converges weakly to  $z_0$ . We may assume without loss of generality that  $x_{n_i} \rightarrow z_0$ . We show that  $z_0 \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)$ . Suppose that  $z_0 \notin \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)$ . By Lemma 3.5, we have  $z_0 \neq Wz_0$ .

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From Opial's theorem [9],  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - W_n x_n|| = 0$  and the definition of W, we have

$$\begin{split} \liminf_{i \to \infty} \|x_{n_{i}} - z_{0}\| &< \liminf_{i \to \infty} \|x_{n_{i}} - Wz_{0}\| \\ &\leq \liminf_{i \to \infty} \{\|x_{n_{i}} - W_{n_{i}}x_{n_{i}}\| + \|W_{n_{i}}x_{n_{i}} - W_{n_{i}}z_{0}\| \\ &+ \|W_{n_{i}}z_{0} - Wz_{0}\| \} \\ &\leq \liminf_{i \to \infty} \{\|x_{n_{i}} - W_{n_{i}}x_{n_{i}}\| + \|x_{n_{i}} - z_{0}\| + \|W_{n_{i}}z_{0} - Wz_{0}\| \} \\ &= \lim_{i \to \infty} \|x_{n_{i}} - W_{n_{i}}x_{n_{i}}\| + \liminf_{i \to \infty} \|x_{n_{i}} - z_{0}\| \\ &+ \lim_{i \to \infty} \|W_{n_{i}}z_{0} - Wz_{0}\| \\ &= \liminf_{i \to \infty} \|x_{n_{i}} - z_{0}\|. \end{split}$$

This is a contradiction. Hence, we obtain  $z_0 \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)$ . From Lemma 3.3, we have

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle u - Az, x_n - z \rangle = \langle u - Az, z_0 - z \rangle \le 0.$$

Since

$$x_{n+1} - z = (I - \beta_n A)(W_n x_n - z) + \beta_n (u - Az),$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - z\|^2 &= \|(I - \beta_n A)(W_n x_n - z) + \beta_n (u - Az)\|^2 \\ &\leq \|(I - \beta_n A)(W_n x_n - z)\|^2 + 2\beta_n \langle u - Az, x_{n+1} - z \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \beta_n \gamma) \|x_n - z\|^2 + \beta_n \gamma \left(\frac{2}{\gamma} \langle u - Az, x_{n+1} - z \rangle\right). \end{aligned}$$
  
emma 2.3, we conclude that  $\|x_n - z\| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ .

Using Lemma 2.3, we conclude that  $||x_n - z|| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ .

## 5. Applications

Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H, and let A be a mapping C into H. The variational inequality problem for A is to find  $z \in C$  such that

$$\langle Az, x-z \rangle \ge 0$$

for all  $x \in C$ . The set of solutions of the variational inequality problem is denoted by VI(C, A).

Using Theorem 4.1, we prove the following two theorems.

**Theorem 5.1.** Let H be a real Hilbert space. Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots$  be real numbers such that  $0 < \alpha_i \leq b < 1$  for every i = 1, 2, ... and  $T_1, T_2, ...$  be nonexpansive mappings of H into itself such that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n) \neq \emptyset$ . For every  $n = 1, 2, ..., let W_n$  be the Wmapping generated by  $T_n, T_{n-1}, ..., T_1$  and  $\alpha_n, \alpha_{n-1}, ..., \alpha_1$ . Let  $\{\beta_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers such that  $0 \leq \beta_n \leq 1$  for every  $n = 1, 2, ..., \lim_{n \to \infty} \beta_n = 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\beta_{n+1} - \beta_n| < \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n = \infty$ . Let A be a  $\gamma$ -strongly positive self-adjoint bounded linear operator of H into itself. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by  $x_1 \in H$  and

$$x_{n+1} = (I - \beta_n A) W_n x_n$$

for every n = 1, 2, ... Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to z, where z is the unique solution of  $VI(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n), A)$ .

*Proof.* Putting u = 0 in Theorem 4.1, we have  $x_n \to z$ , where z is the unique solution of  $\min\{(1/2)\langle Ax, x\rangle : x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)\}$ . From Lemma 3.3, we have that z satisfies  $\langle -Az, x-z \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)$ . This implies that  $x_n$  converges to the unique solution of  $VI(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n), A)$ .

*Remark.* Putting  $T_n = P_C$  for all n = 1, 2, ..., we have from Theorem 5.1 that  $x_n$  converges strongly to the unique solution of VI(C, A).

**Theorem 5.2.** Let H be a real Hilbert space. Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots$  be real numbers such that  $0 < \alpha_i \le b < 1$  for every  $i = 1, 2, \ldots$  and  $T_1, T_2, \ldots$  be nonexpansive mappings of H into itself such that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n) \ne \emptyset$ . For every  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ , let  $W_n$  be the W-mapping generated by  $T_n, T_{n-1}, \ldots, T_1$  and  $\alpha_n, \alpha_{n-1}, \ldots, \alpha_1$ . Let  $\{\beta_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers such that  $0 \le \beta_n \le 1$  for every  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ ,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \beta_n = 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\beta_{n+1} - \beta_n| < \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n = \infty$ . Let u be an element of H. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by  $x_1 \in H$  and

$$x_{n+1} = \beta_n u + (1 - \beta_n) W_n x_n$$

for every n = 1, 2, ... Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $P_{\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)}u$ .

*Proof.* Putting A = I in Theorem 4.1, we have  $x_n \to z$ , where z is the unique solution of  $\min\{(1/2)||x||^2 - \langle u, x \rangle : x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)\}$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \|x\|^2 - \langle u, x \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \|x\|^2 - 2\langle u, x \rangle + \|u\|^2 - \|u\|^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \|x - u\|^2 - \|u\|^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

we also have that z is the unique solution of  $\min\{(1/2) (||x-u||^2 - ||u||^2) : x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)\}$ . This implies that z is the unique solution of  $\min\{||x-u|| : x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)\}$ . From the definition of  $P_{\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)}$ , we have  $z = P_{\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)}u$ .

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