

## STRONG CONVERGENCE FOR SEMIGROUP OF ASYMPTOTICALLY PSEUDOCONTRACTIVE MAPPINGS

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we propose a viscosity iteration process for semigroup of asymptotically pseudocontractive mappings, and prove a strong convergence theorem in uniformly convex Banach space for the proposed iteration process.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $E$  be a real Banach space,  $E^*$  be its dual space,  $K$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$  and  $J : E \rightarrow 2^{E^*}$  the normalized duality mapping defined by

$$Jx = \{f \in E^* : \langle x, f \rangle = \|x\|^2 = \|f\|^2, \|f\| = \|x\|\}, \quad \text{for all } x \in E,$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denote the duality pairing between  $E$  and  $E^*$ . The single-valued normalized duality mapping is denoted by  $j$ .

A mapping  $T : K \rightarrow K$  is said to be

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- nonexpansive, if

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

for all  $x, y \in K$ ,

- pseudocontractive, if there exists some  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  such that

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

for all  $x, y \in K$ ,

- strongly pseudocontractive, if there exists a constant  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\langle Tx - Ty, j(x - y) \rangle \leq \alpha \|x - y\|^2$$

for all  $x, y \in K$ ,

- asymptotically nonexpansive [9], if there exists a sequence  $\{k_n\} \subset [1, \infty)$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n = 1$  such that

$$\|T^n x - T^n y\| \leq k_n \|x - y\|$$

for all  $x, y \in K$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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$$\langle T^n x - T^n y, j(x - y) \rangle \leq k_n \|x - y\|^2$$

for all  $x, y \in K$ , and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

It can be seen from the above definitions that every nonexpansive mapping is asymptotically nonexpansive and every asymptotically nonexpansive mapping is asymptotically pseudocontractive. A mapping  $T$  is called uniformly  $L$ -Lipschitzian, if there exists  $L > 0$  such that  $\|T^n x - T^n y\| \leq L \|x - y\|$ , for all  $x, y \in K$  and for each integer  $n \geq 1$ . Uniformly asymptotically regular if  $\|T^{n+1}x - T^n x\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in K$ .

Let  $K$  be a closed convex subset of a Banach space  $E$  and  $\mathbb{R}^+$  the set of nonnegative real numbers.  $\mathcal{T} := \{T(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$  is said to be *strongly continuous semigroup of asymptotically pseudocontractive mappings* from  $K$  in to  $K$  if the following conditions are satisfied [5]:

- (1)  $T(0)x = x$  for all  $x \in K$ ;
- (2)  $T(s + t) = T(s) \circ T(t)$  for all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ;
- (3) there exist  $\{k_n\} \subset [1, \infty)$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n = 1$  and  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  such that

$$\langle (T(t_n))^n x - (T(t_n))^n y, j(x - y) \rangle \leq k_n \|x - y\|^2, \quad \forall t_n > 0, x, y \in K;$$

- (4) for each  $x \in K$ , the mapping  $T(\cdot)x$  from  $\mathbb{R}^+$  into  $K$  is continuous.

If in the above definition, condition (3) is replaced by the following condition:

(3)\* there exist  $\{k_n\} \subset [1, \infty)$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n = 1$  such that

$$\|(T(t_n))^n x - (T(t_n))^n y\| \leq k_n \|x - y\|, \quad \forall t_n > 0, x, y \in K$$

then  $\mathcal{T}$  is called strongly continuous semi-group of asymptotically nonexpansive mappings on  $K$ .

$\mathcal{T}$  is said to have a fixed point if there exists  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $T(t)x_0 = x_0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . We denote by  $F$  the set of fixed point of  $\mathcal{T}$ , i.e.  $F := \bigcap_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} F(T(t))$ .

Numerous problems in mathematics and physical sciences can be recast in terms of a fixed point problem for nonexpansive mappings. Due to practical importance of these problems, algorithms for finding fixed points of nonexpansive mappings continue to be a flourishing topic of interest in fixed point theory.

The most straightforward attempt to solve the fixed point problem for nonexpansive mappings is by Picard iteration :

$$x_{n+1} = Tx_n, \quad \forall n \geq 0 \quad (x_0 \in K) \quad (1.1)$$

Unfortunately, algorithm (1.1) may fail to produce a norm convergence sequence  $\{x_n\}$ .

In view of celebrated Banach contraction principle, the attempt to approximate fixed point of nonexpansive self mappings seems very promising : For given  $u \in K$  and each  $t \in (0, 1)$  define a contraction  $T_t : K \rightarrow K$  by

$$T_t x = tu + (1 - t)Tx \quad \forall x \in K.$$

Clearly  $T_t$  is  $(1 - t)$  contraction, so by Banach contraction principle, it has a unique fixed point  $z_t \in K$ , i.e.  $z_t$  is the unique solution of equation

$$z_t = tu + (1 - t)Tz_t, \quad (1.2)$$

here  $z_t$  is defined implicitly.

In 1967, Browder [2] proved that  $z_t$  defined by (1.2) converges strongly to a fixed point of  $T$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . In the same year, Halpern [10] devised an explicit iteration method which converges in norm to a fixed point of  $T$ , the iteration process is known as Halpern iterative method and defined as below : For a sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$  in  $(0, 1)$ , obtain the modified version of (1.1)

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n u + (1 - \alpha_n)Tx_n, \quad n \geq 0 \quad (1.3)$$

Further, it is proved that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by (1.3) converges strongly to a fixed point of  $T$  if  $\{\alpha_n\}$  satisfies certain conditions.

It is an interesting problem to extend results related to nonexpansive, asymptotically nonexpansive, pseudocontractive, asymptotically pseudocontractive mappings to semigroup of respective mappings.

Suzuki [14] proved the following result for strongly continuous semigroup of nonexpansive mappings:

**Theorem S.** *Let  $K$  be a closed convex subset of a Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $\{T(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$  be a strongly continuous semigroup of nonexpansive mappings on  $K$  such that  $F = \bigcap_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} F(T(t)) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{t_n\}$  be sequences of real numbers satisfying  $0 < \alpha_n < 1$ ,  $t_n > 0$  and  $\lim_n t_n = \lim_n \alpha_n/t_n = 0$ . Fix  $u \in K$  and define a sequence  $\{u_n\}$  in  $K$  by*

$$u_n = \alpha_n u + (1 - \alpha_n)T(t_n)u_n$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\{u_n\}$  converges strongly to the element of  $F$  nearest to  $u$ .

Chidume [5] proved following result for strongly continuous semigroup of asymptotically pseudocontractive mappings in the setting of Banach space:

**Theorem C.** *Let  $K$  be a closed convex and bounded subset of a real uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  having uniformly Gâteaux differential norm,  $L < N(E)^{1/2}$ . Let  $\mathcal{T} := \{T(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$  be a strongly continuous uniformly asymptotically regular and uniformly  $L$ -Lipschitzian semigroup of asymptotically pseudocontractive mappings from  $K$  into  $K$  with a sequence  $\{k_n\} \subset [1, \infty)$ . Then for  $u \in K$ ,  $t_n > 0$  and  $s_n \in (0, 1)$ , there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\} \in K$  satisfying the following condition:*

$$x_n = \alpha_n u + (1 - \alpha_n)(T(t))^{k_n} x_n,$$

where  $\alpha_n := (1 - s_n/k_n)$ . Moreover, if  $\lim t_n = \lim(\alpha_n/t_n) = 0$ ,  $\frac{(k_n-1)}{k_n-s_n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and

$$\|x_n - (T(t))^{k_n} x_n\|^2 \leq \langle x_n - (T(t))^{k_n} x_n, j(x_n - x) \rangle,$$

$\forall m, n \geq 1$ ,  $\forall x \in C$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , where  $C := \{x \in K : \Phi(y) = \min_{z \in K} \Phi(z)\}$  where  $\Phi(z) := LIM \|x_n - z\|^2$  for each  $z \in K$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a fixed point of  $\mathcal{T}$ .

On the other hand viscosity method provide an efficient approach to a large number of ill-posed problems (lack of existence, or uniqueness, or stability of a solution) coming from different branches of mathematics. A major feature of these methods is to provide as a limit of the solution of the approximate problems, a particular (possibly relaxed or generalized) solution of the original

problem.

First abstract formulation of the properties of the viscosity approximation have been given by A.N.Tykhonov [15] in 1963 when studying ill-posed problems (see [8] for details).

Let us now make precise the mathematical abstract setting. Let  $X$  be a abstract space, given  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{+\infty\}$  an extended real valued function, let us consider the minimization problem

$$\min\{f(x) : x \in X\} \quad (\mathcal{P})$$

which is assumed to be ill-posed.

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let us consider the approximate minimization problem

$$\min\{f(x) + \varepsilon g(x) : x \in X\} \quad (\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon)$$

which is well posed due to nice properties of a nonnegative real valued function  $g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{+\infty\}$ . So, it is assumed that, for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a solution  $u_\varepsilon$  of  $(\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon)$ . The central question is to study the convergence of the sequence  $\{u_\varepsilon; \varepsilon \rightarrow 0\}$  and the characterization of its limit. The function  $g$  is called viscosity function.

Using contraction mapping as a viscosity function, Moudafi [12] introduced viscosity approximation method of selecting a particular fixed point of a non-expansive mapping. Given a real number  $t \in (0, 1)$  and a contraction mapping  $f : K \rightarrow K$  with contraction constant  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ . Define a mapping  $T_t = T_t^f : K \rightarrow K$  by

$$T_t x = t f(x) + (1 - t) T x, \quad x \in K. \quad (1.4)$$

Clearly  $T_t$  is a  $(1 - t(1 - \alpha))$  contraction, and so has a unique fixed point  $x_t = x_t^f \in K$ . Thus  $x_t$  is the unique solution of the fixed point equation

$$x_t = t f(x_t) + (1 - t) T x_t. \quad (1.5)$$

Xu [16] studied the strong convergence of  $x_t$  defined by (1.5) as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . He also introduced the following iterative algorithm to approximate fixed points of nonexpansive mappings: For arbitrary chosen  $x_0 \in K$ , construct a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n f(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) T x_n, \quad \forall n \geq 0. \quad (1.6)$$

More recently Cho and Kang [6] proved following theorem for strongly continuous semigroup of nonexpansive mappings:

**Theorem CK.** *Let  $K$  be a closed convex subset of a real uniformly convex Banach space  $E$  having uniformly Gâteaux differential norm. Let  $\{T(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$*

be a strongly continuous  $L$ - Lipschitz semigroup of pseudocontractive mappings on  $K$  such that  $F \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $f : K \rightarrow K$  be a fixed bounded, continuous and strong pseudocontraction with the coefficient  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{t_n\}$  be sequences of real numbers satisfying  $0 < \alpha_n < 1$ ,  $t_n > 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\alpha_n}{t_n} = 0$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated in the following manner :

$$x_n = \alpha_n f(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) (T(t)) x_n, \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

Assume that  $LIM \|T(t)x_n - T(t)x^*\| \leq LIM \|x_n - x^*\|$ ,  $\forall x^* \in C$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , where  $C := \{x^* \in K : \Phi(x^*) = \min_{x \in K} \Phi(x)\}$  where  $\Phi(x) := LIM \|x_n - x\|^2$  for each  $x \in K$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a fixed point of  $\mathcal{T}$ , which solves the following variational inequality

$$\langle (I - f)x^*, j(x^* - x) \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall x \in F.$$

Motivated by the above results and a viscosity iteration defined by Ceng, Xu and Yao [3], in this paper we propose a viscosity iteration method (VIM) for strongly continuous semigroup of asymptotically pseudocontractive mappings and prove a strong convergence theorem for proposed VIM.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $E$  be a real normed space of dimension  $\geq 2$ . The norm of  $E$  is said to be uniformly Gâteaux differentiable if for each  $y \in S_1(0) := \{x \in E : \|x\| = 1\}$  the limit  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x+ty\| - \|x\|}{t}$  exist uniformly for  $x \in S_1(0)$ .

Let  $l^\infty$  be the Banach space of all bounded real-valued sequences. A Banach limit  $LIM$  is a bounded linear functional on  $l^\infty$  such that

$$\|LIM\| = 1, \quad \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n \leq LIM t_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n,$$

and  $LIM t_n = LIM t_{n+1}$  for all  $t_n \in l^\infty$ .

We need following results to prove our main result:

**Lemma 2.1.** ([1]) *Let  $K$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$ ,  $\{x_n\}$  a bounded sequence in  $K$ ,  $LIM$  a Banach limit, and  $\Phi$  a real valued function on  $K$  defined by  $\Phi(z) = LIM \|x_n - z\|^2$ ,  $z \in K$ . Then the set  $M$  defined by*

$$M = \left\{ u \in K : LIM \|x_n - u\|^2 = \inf_{z \in K} LIM \|x_n - z\|^2 \right\}$$

*is a nonempty closed convex bounded set and has exactly one point.*

**Lemma 2.2.** ([7]) *Let  $E$  be a Banach space,  $K$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$  and  $T : K \rightarrow K$  be a continuous and strong pseudocontraction. Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.*

**Lemma 2.3.** ([4]) *For any  $x, y \in E$  the following holds:*

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

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $K$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $E$ . Let  $\mathcal{T} := \{T(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$  be a strongly continuous uniformly asymptotically regular and uniformly  $L$ -Lipschitzian semigroup of asymptotically pseudocontractive mappings from  $K$  into  $K$  such that  $F := \bigcap_{\mathbb{R}^+} F(T(t)) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $f : K \rightarrow K$  be a fixed bounded, continuous strong pseudocontraction with constant  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by*

$$x_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{k_n}\right) x_n + \frac{1 - \alpha_n}{k_n} f x_n + \frac{\alpha_n}{k_n} (T(t_n))^n x_n \tag{3.1}$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{t_n\}$  are sequences of real numbers satisfying

$$\begin{cases} 0 < \alpha_n < \frac{1 - \alpha}{k_n - \alpha} & \text{and} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k_n - 1}{1 - \alpha_n} = 0, \\ t_n > 0 \ (\forall n) & \text{and} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \alpha_n}{t_n}. \end{cases} \tag{3.2}$$

Assume that  $LIM \|x_n - (T(t))^m x^*\| \leq LIM \|x_n - x^*\|$ , for all  $x^* \in M$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , where  $M := \{x^* \in K : \Phi(x^*) = \inf_{x \in K} \Phi(x)\}$  with  $\Phi(x) := LIM \|x_n - x\|^2$ , for all  $x \in K$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x^* \in F$  which solves the variational inequality:

$$\langle (f - I)x^*, j(x - x^*) \rangle \leq 0 \quad \forall x \in F. \tag{3.3}$$

*Proof.* First we show that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (3.1) is well defined. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define a mapping  $\widetilde{T}_n$  as follows

$$\widetilde{T}_n x := \left(1 - \frac{1}{k_n}\right) x + \frac{1 - \alpha_n}{k_n} f x + \frac{\alpha_n}{k_n} (T(t_n))^n x, \quad \text{for all } x \in K,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle \widetilde{T}_n x - \widetilde{T}_n y, j(x-y) \rangle \\
&= \left\langle \left(1 - \frac{1}{k_n}\right)(x-y) + \frac{1-\alpha_n}{k_n}(fx_n - fy) + \frac{\alpha_n}{k_n}((T(t_n))^n x - (T(t_n))^n y), j(x-y) \right\rangle \\
&\leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{k_n}\right) \|x-y\|^2 + \frac{1-\alpha_n}{k_n} \|x-y\|^2 + \alpha_n \|x-y\|^2 \\
&= \left(1 - \frac{1}{k_n} + \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha_n)}{k_n} + \alpha_n\right) \|x-y\|^2
\end{aligned}$$

and  $\left(1 - \frac{1}{k_n} + \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha_n)}{k_n} + \alpha_n\right) < 1$  by choice of  $\alpha_n$ . So  $\widetilde{T}_n$  is continuous and strongly pseudocontractive mapping, therefore from Lemma 2.2, the mapping  $\widetilde{T}_n$  has a unique fixed point say  $x_n \in K$ , that is, the equation

$$x_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{k_n}\right) x_n + \frac{1-\alpha_n}{k_n} fx_n + \frac{\alpha_n}{k_n} (T(t_n))^n x_n$$

has a unique solution for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Next we show that  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded. For any fixed  $p \in F$ , from Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|x_n - p\|^2 \\
&= \left\langle \left(1 - \frac{1}{k_n}\right)(x_n - p) + \frac{1-\alpha_n}{k_n}(fx_n - p) + \frac{\alpha_n}{k_n}((T(t_n))^n x_n - p), j(x_n - p) \right\rangle \\
&= \left(1 - \frac{1}{k_n}\right) \langle x_n - p, j(x_n - p) \rangle + \frac{1-\alpha_n}{k_n} \langle fx_n - fp, j(x_n - p) \rangle \\
&\quad + \frac{1-\alpha_n}{k_n} \langle fp - p, j(x_n - p) \rangle + \frac{\alpha_n}{k_n} \langle (T(t_n))^n x_n - p, j(x_n - p) \rangle \\
&\leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{k_n}\right) \|x_n - p\|^2 + \frac{(1-\alpha_n)\alpha}{k_n} \|x_n - p\|^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{1-\alpha_n}{k_n} \langle fp - p, j(x_n - p) \rangle + \alpha_n \|x_n - p\|^2 \\
&= \left[1 - \frac{1}{k_n} + \frac{(1-\alpha_n)\alpha}{k_n} + \alpha_n\right] \|x_n - p\|^2 + \frac{1-\alpha_n}{k_n} \langle fp - p, j(x_n - p) \rangle \\
&= \left[1 - \frac{1-\alpha(1-\alpha_n) - \alpha_n k_n}{k_n}\right] \|x_n - p\|^2 + \frac{1-\alpha_n}{k_n} \langle fp - p, j(x_n - p) \rangle \\
&= (1 - \eta_n) \|x_n - p\|^2 + \frac{1-\alpha_n}{k_n} \langle fp - p, j(x_n - p) \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$



where  $\eta_n = \frac{1-\alpha(1-\alpha_n)-\alpha_n k_n}{k_n}$ . Therefore,

$$\|x_n - p\|^2 \leq \frac{1-\alpha_n}{k_n \eta_n} \langle f p - p, j(x_n - p) \rangle, \quad (3.4)$$

since using (3.2), we have

$$\frac{1-\alpha_n}{k_n \eta_n} = \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{k_n-1}{1-\alpha_n} \alpha_n - \alpha\right)} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \quad (3.5)$$

thus  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded and so  $\{f(x_n)\}$  and  $\{(T(t_n))^n x_n\}$  are bounded.

Now for any given  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n - (T(t))^n x_n\| &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{t}{t_n}\right]-1} \|(T((k+1)t_n))^n x_n - (T(kt_n))^n x_n\| \\ &\quad + \left\| \left( T \left( \left[ \frac{t}{t_n} \right] t_n \right) \right)^n x_n - (T(t))^n x_n \right\| \\ &\leq \left[ \frac{t}{t_n} \right] L \|(T(t_n))^n x_n - x_n\| \\ &\quad + L \left\| \left( T \left( t - \left[ \frac{t}{t_n} \right] t_n \right) \right)^n x_n - x_n \right\| \\ &= \left[ \frac{t}{t_n} \right] (1-\alpha_n) L \|(T(t_n))^n x_n - f(x_n)\| \\ &\quad + L \max \{ \|(T(s))^n x_n - x_n\| : 0 \leq s \leq t_n \} \\ &\leq t \left( \frac{1-\alpha_n}{t_n} \right) L \|(T(t_n))^n x_n - f(x_n)\| \\ &\quad + L \max \{ \|(T(s))^n x_n - x_n\| : 0 \leq s \leq t_n \} \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , which gives that

$$\|x_n - (T(t))^n x_n\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.6)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n - (T(t)) x_n\| &\leq \|x_n - (T(t))^n x_n\| + \left\| (T(t))^n x_n - (T(t))^{n+1} x_n \right\| \\ &\quad + \left\| (T(t))^{n+1} x_n - (T(t)) x_n \right\| \\ &\leq (1+L) \|x_n - (T(t))^n x_n\| + \left\| (T(t))^n x_n - (T(t))^{n+1} x_n \right\| \end{aligned}$$

therefore, from (3.6) and uniform asymptotic regularity of  $T(t)$ , we have

$$\|x_n - (T(t)) x_n\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.7)$$

On the other hand, since  $K$  is closed, we see from Lemma 2.1 that  $M$  is a nonempty closed convex bounded subset of  $K$  and  $M$  is singleton. For any  $t \geq 0$ ,  $x^* \in M$ , we obtain by assumption that

$$\Phi((T(t))^m x^*) = LIM \|x_n - (T(t))^m x^*\| \leq LIM \|x_n - x^*\| = \Phi(x^*).$$

That is  $(T(t))^m M \subseteq M$ , since  $M$  is singleton, we have  $(T(t))^m x^* = x^*$ , by continuity of  $T(t)$  we have  $T(t)x^* = x^*$ , i.e. there exists a unique  $x^* \in M$  such that  $x^* \in F$ .

Now, for any  $x \in F$ , from (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle fx_n - x_n, j(x_n - x) \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_n} \langle x_n - (T(t_n))^n x_n, j(x_n - x) \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_n} [\langle x_n - x, j(x_n - x) \rangle - \langle (T(t))^n x_n - x, j(x_n - x) \rangle] \\ &\geq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_n} (\|x_n - x\|^2 - k_n \|x_n - x\|^2) \\ &= - \left( \frac{k_n - 1}{1 - \alpha_n} \right) \|x_n - x\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

From (3.8), we have

$$LIM \langle x_n - fx_n, j(x_n - x) \rangle \leq LIM \left( \frac{k_n - 1}{1 - \alpha_n} \right) \|x_n - x\|^2 \rightarrow 0, \quad (3.9)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . On the other hand, for any  $s \in (0, 1)$ , it follows from Lemma 2.3, that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_n - x^* - s(fx^* - x^*)\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x_n - x^*\|^2 + 2 \langle -s(fx^* - x^*), j(x_n - x^* - s(fx^* - x^*)) \rangle \\ &= \|x_n - x^*\|^2 - 2s \langle fx^* - x^*, j(x_n - x^*) \rangle \\ &\quad - 2s \langle fx^* - x^*, j(x_n - x^* - s(fx^* - x^*)) - j(x_n - x^*) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle fx^* - x^*, j(x_n - x^*) \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2s} \left[ \|x_n - x^*\|^2 - \|x_n - x^* - s(fx^* - x^*)\|^2 \right] \\ &\quad - \langle fx^* - x^*, j(x_n - x^* - s(fx^* - x^*)) - j(x_n - x^*) \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Since  $E$  has uniform Gâteaux differential norm, so  $j$  is norm-to-weak\* uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of  $E$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$

such that for all  $s \in (0, \delta)$ , we have

$$\langle fx^* - x^*, j(x_n - x^*) \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2s} \left[ \|x_n - x^*\|^2 - \|x_n - x^* - s(fx^* - x^*)\|^2 \right] + \varepsilon.$$

Taking Banach limit  $LIM$  on the above inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & LIM \langle fx^* - x^*, j(x_n - x^*) \rangle \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2s} \left[ LIM \|x_n - x^*\|^2 - LIM \|x_n - x^* - s(fx^* - x^*)\|^2 \right] + \varepsilon \\ & < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Now, since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, this implies that

$$LIM \langle fx^* - x^*, j(x_n - x^*) \rangle \leq 0. \tag{3.11}$$

Again by inequality (3.4), we have

$$LIM \|x_n - x^*\|^2 \leq LIM \frac{1 - \alpha_n}{k_n \eta_n} \langle fx^* - x^*, j(x_n - x^*) \rangle \leq 0,$$

and hence

$$LIM \|x_n - x^*\|^2 = 0 \tag{3.12}$$

therefore, there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_j}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  which converges strongly to  $x^*$ . Using (3.8), for any  $x \in F$ , we have

$$\langle x_{n_j} - fx_{n_j}, j(x_{n_j} - x) \rangle \leq \left( \frac{k_{n_j} - 1}{1 - \alpha_{n_j}} \right) \|x_{n_j} - x\|^2, \tag{3.13}$$

taking limit in (3.13), we get

$$\langle x^* - fx^*, j(x^* - x) \rangle \leq 0, \text{ for any } x \in F. \tag{3.14}$$

Now, suppose there exists another subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  which converges strongly to  $z^*$  (say). Since  $\lim \|x_n - T(t)x_n\| = 0$  for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , we have that  $z^*$  is a fixed point of  $\mathcal{T}$ . Thus from (3.14), we have

$$\langle x^* - fx^*, j(x^* - z^*) \rangle \leq 0. \tag{3.15}$$

Now, since  $x^* \in F$ , using (3.8) again, we get

$$\langle x_{n_k} - fx_{n_k}, j(x_{n_k} - x^*) \rangle \leq \left( \frac{k_{n_k} - 1}{1 - \alpha_{n_k}} \right) \|x_{n_k} - x^*\|^2, \tag{3.16}$$

taking limit in (3.16), we get

$$\langle z^* - fz^*, j(z^* - x^*) \rangle \leq 0. \tag{3.17}$$

Adding (3.15) and (3.17), we get

$$\langle x^* - z^* + fz^* - fx^*, j(x^* - z^*) \rangle \leq 0.$$

This gives

$$\|x^* - z^*\|^2 \leq \langle fx^* - fz^*, j(x^* - z^*) \rangle \leq \alpha \|x^* - z^*\|^2.$$

Since  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , we have,  $x^* = z^*$ . This proves that  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $x^* \in F$ , which is the unique solution to the variational inequality (3.3). This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 3.2.** Theorem 3.1 includes as special case the corresponding results in [3, 5, 6, 11, 14, 16, 17].

**Remark 3.3.** In Theorem 3.1, viscosity iteration method involves strong pseudocontractive mapping, and therefore  $x^* \in F$  is the solution of larger class of variational inequality (3.3).

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