

## SHRINKING PROJECTION METHODS FOR A FAMILY OF MAXIMAL MONOTONE OPERATORS

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**Abstract.** We deal with a common zero problem for a countable family of maximal monotone operators. Using the shrinking projection method, we obtain strong convergence of an iterative sequence. This result can be applied to a system of equilibrium problems and the iterative sequence converges strongly to their common solution.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $E$  be a real Banach space and  $A$  a set-valued mapping of  $E$  into  $E^*$  such that

$$\langle x - y, x^* - y^* \rangle \geq 0$$

whenever  $x, y \in E$  and  $x^*, y^* \in E^*$  satisfy that  $x^* \in Ax$  and  $y^* \in Ay$ . This mapping is called a monotone operator of  $E$  into  $E^*$ . Finding a zero of a monotone operator is a significant problem in nonlinear analysis because it contains various important problems such as convex optimization problems, saddle point problems, equilibrium problems, and others. We call it a zero point problem for  $A$ . It is also closely related with fixed point problems for nonexpansive mappings because the resolvent operator for  $A$  is a nonexpansive mapping in the case where  $E$  is a Hilbert space.

In 2008, Takahashi, Takeuchi, and Kubota established a strong convergence theorem by a new type of projection method.

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**Theorem 1.1** (Takahashi-Takeuchi-Kubota [12]). *Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space and  $C$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$ . Let  $T$  be a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into itself such that the set  $F(T)$  of fixed points of  $T$  is nonempty. Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a sequence in  $[0, a]$ , where  $0 < a < 1$ . For a point  $x \in H$ , generate a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by the following iterative scheme:  $x_1 \in C$ ,  $C_1 = C$ , and*

$$\begin{aligned} y_n &= \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) T x_n, \\ C_{n+1} &= \{z \in H : \|z - y_n\| \leq \|z - x_n\|\} \cap C_n, \\ x_{n+1} &= P_{C_{n+1}} x \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $P_{F(T)} x \in C$ , where  $P_K$  is the metric projection of  $H$  onto a nonempty closed convex subset  $K$  of  $H$ .

This iterative scheme is known as the shrinking projection method. We remark that their original result is a strongly convergent iterative scheme to a common fixed point of a family of nonexpansive mappings under certain conditions.

Inspired by this result, Kimura and Takahashi [8] obtained the following convergence theorem for the zero point problem for a maximal monotone operator defined on a Banach space.

**Theorem 1.2** (Kimura-Takahashi [8]). *Let  $E$  be a strictly convex reflexive Banach space having a Fréchet differentiable norm and the Kadec-Klee property. Let  $A$  be a maximal monotone operator of  $E$  into  $E^*$  satisfying that  $A^{-1}0 \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [0, 1]$  and  $\{\rho_n\} \subset ]0, \infty[$  be real sequences such that  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n < 1$  and that  $\inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \rho_n > 0$ . For a point  $x \in E$ , generate a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by the following iterative scheme:  $x_1 \in E$ ,  $C_1 = E$ , and*

$$\begin{aligned} y_n &= J^*(\alpha_n J x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) J(J + \rho_n A)^{-1} J x_n), \\ C_{n+1} &= \{z \in E : \phi(z, y_n) \leq \phi(z, x_n)\} \cap C_n, \\ x_{n+1} &= P_{C_{n+1}} x \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $P_{A^{-1}0} x \in C$ , where  $P_K$  is the metric projection of  $E$  onto a nonempty closed convex subset  $K$  of  $E$ .

On the other hand, using another type of resolvent, Kimura, Nakajo, and Takahashi proved a strong convergence theorem for a countable family of monotone operators as follows:

**Theorem 1.3** (Kimura-Nakajo-Takahashi [7]). *Let  $E$  be a strictly convex, smooth, and reflexive Banach space having the Kadec-Klee property. Let  $\{A_j : j \in I\}$  be a countable family of maximal monotone operators of  $E$  into  $E^*$  and suppose that  $Z = \bigcap_{j \in I} A_j^{-1}0 \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{\rho_n\} \subset ]0, \infty[$  be a real sequence. Let  $i : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow I$  and suppose that for each  $j \in I$ , there exists a subsequence  $\{n_k\}$  of*

$\mathbb{N}$  such that  $i(n_k) = j$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and that  $\inf_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \rho_{n_k} > 0$ . Let  $x \in E$  and generate a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by the following iterative scheme:  $x_1 \in E$ ,  $C_1 = E$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} y_n &= (I + \rho_n J^* A_{i(n)})^{-1} x_n, \\ C_{n+1} &= \{u \in E : \langle y_n - u, J(x_n - y_n) \rangle \geq 0\} \cap C_n, \\ x_{n+1} &= P_{C_{n+1}} x \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $P_Z x \in E$ .

Motivated by these results, we prove strong convergence of an iterative scheme by the shrinking projection method for a countable family for maximal monotone operators, which generalizes Theorem 1.2. This result can be applied to a system of equilibrium problems and the iterative sequence converges to their common solution.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In what follows,  $E$  is a real Banach space with a norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . The dual space of  $E$  is denoted by  $E^*$  and its norm is also denoted by  $\|\cdot\|$ .

The normalized duality mapping on  $E$  is denoted by  $J$ . That is,

$$Jx = \{x^* \in E^* : \|x\|^2 = \langle x, x^* \rangle = \|x^*\|^2\}$$

for  $x \in E$ , where  $\langle x, x^* \rangle = x^*(x) \in \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that  $E$  is strictly convex, reflexive, and smooth. Then,  $J$  is a single-valued one-to-one mapping of  $E$  onto  $E^*$ . In this case,  $J^{-1}$  coincides with the duality mapping  $J^*$  on  $E^*$ . If the norm of  $E$  is Fréchet differentiable, then  $J$  is norm-to-norm continuous.

We say  $E$  has the Kadec-Klee property if a weakly convergent sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of  $E$  with a limit  $x_0$  converges strongly to  $x_0$  whenever  $\{\|x_n\|\}$  converges to  $\|x_0\|$ . It is known that  $E^*$  has a Fréchet differential norm if and only if  $E$  is reflexive, is strictly convex, and has the Kadec-Klee property. For more details, see [11].

Let  $\{K_n\}$  be a sequence of nonempty closed convex subsets of a reflexive Banach space  $E$ . Define  $\text{s-Li}_n K_n$  and  $\text{w-Ls}_n K_n$  as follows:  $x \in \text{s-Li}_n K_n$  if and only if there exists  $\{x_n\} \subset E$  such that  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $x$  and that  $x_n \in K_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;  $y \in \text{w-Ls}_n K_n$  if and only if there exist a subsequence  $\{K_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{K_n\}$  and a sequence  $\{y_i\} \subset E$  such that  $\{y_i\}$  converges weakly to  $y$  and that  $y_i \in K_{n_i}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $K_0$  satisfies that

$$K_0 = \text{s-Li}_n K_n = \text{w-Ls}_n K_n,$$

then we say that  $\{K_n\}$  converges to  $K_0$  in the sense of Mosco [10] and we write  $K_0 = \text{M-lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_n$ . It is easy to show that if  $\{K_n\}$  is decreasing with respect to inclusion, then  $\{K_n\}$  converges to  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n$  in the sense of Mosco. For more details, see [3].

Let  $K$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a strictly convex reflexive Banach space  $E$ . Then, for arbitrarily fixed  $x \in E$ , there exists a unique point  $y_x \in K$  such that

$$\|x - y_x\| = \inf_{y \in K} \|x - y\|.$$

Using this point, we define the metric projection  $P_K : E \rightarrow K$  by  $P_K x = y_x$  for  $x \in E$ .

The following theorem proved by Tsukada [13] plays an important role in the main result.

**Theorem 2.1** (Tsukada [13]). *Let  $\{K_n\}$  be a sequence of nonempty closed convex subsets of a strictly convex reflexive Banach space  $E$  having the Kadec-Klee property. If  $\{K_n\}$  converges to a nonempty closed convex subset  $K_0$  of  $E$  in the sense of Mosco, then  $\{P_{K_n} x\}$  converges strongly to  $P_{K_0} x$  for each  $x \in E$ .*

A set-valued mapping  $A : E \rightrightarrows E^*$  is said to be monotone if the inequality

$$\langle x - y, x^* - y^* \rangle \geq 0$$

holds for any  $x, y \in E$  and  $x^*, y^* \in E^*$  satisfying  $x^* \in Ax$  and  $y^* \in Ay$ . A monotone operator  $A$  is said to be maximal if the graph of  $A$  is not a proper subset of the graph of any other monotone operator. A point  $z \in E$  satisfying that  $0 \in Az$  is called a zero of  $A$  and the set of such points is denoted by  $A^{-1}0$ . We know that if  $A$  is maximal monotone, then  $A^{-1}0$  is a closed convex subset of  $E$ .

Suppose that a Banach space  $E$  is strictly convex, reflexive, and smooth. Then, for a maximal monotone operator  $A : E \rightrightarrows E^*$  and a positive real number  $\rho$ , a mapping  $J + \rho A : E \rightrightarrows E^*$  has a single-valued inverse. Further, its range is the whole space  $E^*$ . Therefore, we may define a single-valued mapping  $(J + \rho A)^{-1} J : E \rightarrow E$ , which is called a resolvent of  $A$  for  $\rho > 0$ . For more details, see [2, 11] and others.

Let  $E$  be a smooth Banach space. Define a function  $\phi : E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\phi(x, y) = \|x\|^2 - 2 \langle x, Jy \rangle + \|y\|^2$$

for  $x, y \in E$ . We know several fundamental properties of  $\phi$  as follows:  $\phi(x, y) \geq 0$  for all  $x, y \in E$ . For a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $E$  and  $x \in E$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  is bounded if and only if  $\{\phi(x, y_n)\}$  is bounded. Suppose that  $E$  be a strictly convex reflexive smooth Banach space. Let  $A : E \rightrightarrows E^*$  be maximal monotone and  $\rho > 0$ . Then, we know from [9] that

$$\phi(z, (J + \rho A)^{-1} Jx) \leq \phi(z, (J + \rho A)^{-1} Jx) + \phi((J + \rho A)^{-1} Jx, x) \leq \phi(z, x)$$

for any  $z \in A^{-1}0$  and  $x \in E$ . For more details of  $\phi$ , see, for example, [5].

## 3. THE MAIN RESULT

We consider a common zero problem for a countable family  $\{A_j : j \in I\}$  of maximal monotone operators defined on a real Banach space  $E$ . The set of solutions of this problem is

$$\bigcap_{j \in I} A_j^{-1}0 = \{z \in E : A_j z = 0 \text{ for all } j \in I\}.$$

Using the shrinking projection method, we obtain strong convergence of an iterative scheme.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $E$  be a strictly convex reflexive Banach space having a Fréchet differentiable norm and the Kadec-Klee property. Let  $\{A_j : j \in I\}$  be a countable family of maximal monotone operators of  $E$  into  $E^*$  and suppose that  $Z = \bigcap_{j \in I} A_j^{-1}0 \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [0, 1]$  and  $\{\rho_n\} \subset ]0, \infty[$  be real sequences. Let  $i : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow I$  and suppose that for each  $j \in I$ , there exists a subsequence  $\{n_k\}$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  such that  $i(n_k) = j$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_{n_k} < 1$ , and  $\inf_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \rho_{n_k} > 0$ . Let  $x \in E$  and generate a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by the following iterative scheme:  $x_1 \in E$ ,  $C_1 = E$ , and*

$$\begin{aligned} y_n &= J^*(\alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n)J(J + \rho_n A_{i(n)})^{-1}Jx_n), \\ C_{n+1} &= \{u \in E : \phi(u, y_n) \leq \phi(u, x_n)\} \cap C_n, \\ x_{n+1} &= P_{C_{n+1}}x \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $P_Z x \in E$ , where  $P_K$  is the metric projection of  $E$  onto a nonempty closed convex subset  $K$  of  $E$ .

*Proof.* For the well-definedness of the iterative sequence  $\{x_n\}$ , we suppose that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are defined and  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$  are nonempty closed convex subsets of  $E$  which include  $Z$ . Then, since

$$\begin{aligned} C_{n+1} &= \{u \in E : \phi(u, y_n) \leq \phi(u, x_n)\} \cap C_n \\ &= \{u \in E : \langle u, Jx_n - Jy_n \rangle + (\|y_n\|^2 - \|x_n\|^2)/2 \leq 0\} \cap C_n, \end{aligned}$$

$C_{n+1}$  is a closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $w_n = (J + \rho_n A_{i(n)})^{-1}Jx_n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $z \in Z = \bigcap_{j \in I} A_j^{-1}0$ . Since  $\phi(z, w_n) \leq \phi(z, x_n)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} &\phi(z, y_n) \\ &= \|z\|^2 - 2\langle z, \alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n)Jw_n \rangle + \|\alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n)Jw_n\|^2 \\ &\leq \|z\|^2 - 2\alpha_n \langle z, Jx_n \rangle - 2(1 - \alpha_n) \langle z, Jw_n \rangle + \alpha_n \|x_n\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_n) \|w_n\|^2 \\ &= \alpha_n \left( \|z\|^2 - 2\langle z, Jx_n \rangle + \|x_n\|^2 \right) + (1 - \alpha_n) \left( \|z\|^2 - 2\langle z, Jw_n \rangle + \|w_n\|^2 \right) \\ &= \alpha_n \phi(z, x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \phi(z, w_n) \\ &\leq \phi(z, x_n). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $z \in C_{n+1}$  and hence  $Z \subset C_{n+1}$ . Since  $Z$  is nonempty, so is  $C_{n+1}$ . Therefore  $x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}}x_n$  is well defined. Since  $x_1 \in E$  is given and  $C_1 = E$  is obviously nonempty, closed, convex, and contains  $Z$ , we obtain that  $\{x_n\}$  is well defined by induction.

By definition, a sequence  $\{C_n\}$  is decreasing with respect to inclusion. Thus we have that

$$\text{M-lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \supset Z \neq \emptyset.$$

Let  $C_0 = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n$ . Then, by Theorem 2.1 we have that  $\{x_n\} = \{P_{C_n}x\}$  converges strongly to  $x_0 = P_{C_0}x \in E$ . This also implies that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x_0, x_n) = 0$ . Since  $x_0$  belongs to  $C_n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we get that  $0 \leq \phi(x_0, y_n) \leq \phi(x_0, x_n)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x_0, y_n) = 0.$$

Since

$$0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\|x_0\| - \|y_n\|)^2 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x_0, y_n) = 0,$$

we have that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y_n\| = \|x_0\|$ . We also have that  $\{Jy_n\} \subset E^*$  is bounded. For fixed  $j \in I$ , there exists a subsequence  $\{n_k\}$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  such that  $i(n_k) = j$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\{\alpha_{n_k}\}$  converges to  $\alpha_0 \in [0, 1[$ ,  $\inf_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \rho_{n_k} > 0$ , and  $\{Jy_{n_k}\}$  converges weakly to  $y_0^* \in E^*$ . Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x_0, y_{n_k}) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left( \|x_0\|^2 - 2 \langle x_0, Jy_{n_k} \rangle + \|y_{n_k}\|^2 \right) \\ &= 2 \|x_0\|^2 - 2 \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_0, Jy_{n_k} \rangle \\ &= 2(\|x_0\|^2 - \langle x_0, y_0^* \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\|x_0\|^2 = \langle x_0, y_0^* \rangle \leq \|x_0\| \|y_0^*\| \leq \|x_0\| \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|Jy_{n_k}\| = \|x_0\| \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|y_{n_k}\| = \|x_0\|^2.$$

It follows that  $\|x_0\|^2 = \langle x_0, y_0^* \rangle = \|y_0^*\|^2$  and hence  $Jx_0 = y_0^*$ . We also have that

$$\|Jx_0\| = \|x_0\| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|y_{n_k}\| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|Jy_{n_k}\|.$$

Since  $E$  is reflexive and its norm is Fréchet differentiable,  $E^*$  has the Kadec-Klee property. Therefore  $\{Jy_{n_k}\}$  converges strongly to  $Jx_0$ . We also have

that

$$\begin{aligned} Jy_{n_k} - Jx_{n_k} &= JJ^*(\alpha_{n_k}Jx_{n_k} + (1 - \alpha_{n_k})Jw_{n_k}) - Jx_{n_k} \\ &= \alpha_{n_k}Jx_{n_k} + (1 - \alpha_{n_k})Jw_{n_k} - Jx_{n_k} \\ &= (1 - \alpha_{n_k})(Jw_{n_k} - Jx_{n_k}) \end{aligned}$$

for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and it follows that

$$0 = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|Jy_{n_k} - Jx_0\| = (1 - \alpha_0) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|Jw_{n_k} - Jx_{n_k}\|.$$

Since  $\alpha_0 < 1$ , we have that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|Jx_0 - Jw_{n_k}\| = 0$ . From the Fréchet differentiability of the norm on  $E^*$ ,  $J^*$  is norm-to-norm continuous and thus we have that  $\{w_{n_k}\}$  converges strongly to  $x_0$ . Let  $v \in E$  and  $v^* \in E^*$  be such that  $v^* \in A_j v$ . Since  $i(n_k) = j$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that

$$w_{n_k} = (J + \rho_{n_k}A_{i(n_k)})^{-1}Jx_{n_k} = (J + \rho_{n_k}A_j)^{-1}Jx_{n_k}$$

and thus

$$\frac{1}{\rho_{n_k}}(Jx_{n_k} - Jw_{n_k}) \in A_j w_{n_k}$$

for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Using the monotonicity of  $A_j$ , we have that

$$\left\langle w_{n_k} - v, \frac{1}{\rho_{n_k}}(Jx_{n_k} - Jw_{n_k}) - v^* \right\rangle \geq 0$$

for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . As  $k \rightarrow \infty$  we have that  $\langle x_0 - v, 0 - v^* \rangle \geq 0$ . Since  $A_j$  is maximal monotone, it follows that  $0 \in A_j x_0$ . Therefore we obtain that  $x_0 \in \bigcap_{j \in I} A_j^{-1}0 = Z$  and hence  $x_0 = P_Z x$ , which is the desired result.  $\square$

In the case where the number of the operators is finite, that is, the index set is  $I = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, N - 1\}$ , we may use a mapping  $i : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow I$  defined by  $i(n) = n \bmod N$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 3.2** (Kimura [6]). *Let  $E$  be a strictly convex reflexive Banach space having the Kadec-Klee property and a Fréchet differentiable norm. Let  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  be a finite family of maximal monotone operators of  $E$  into  $E^*$  with an index set  $I = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, N - 1\}$  and suppose that  $Z = \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i^{-1}0 \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [0, 1]$  and  $\{\rho_n\} \subset ]0, \infty[$  be sequences such that  $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_{Nk+i} < 1$  for every  $i \in I$  and that  $\inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \rho_n > 0$ . For a point  $x \in E$ , generate a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by the following iterative scheme:  $x_1 \in E$ ,  $C_1 = E$ , and*

$$\begin{aligned} y_n &= J^*(\alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n)J(J + \rho_n A_{(n \bmod N)})^{-1}Jx_n), \\ C_{n+1} &= \{u \in E : \phi(u, y_n) \leq \phi(u, x_n)\} \cap C_n, \\ x_{n+1} &= P_{C_{n+1}} x \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $P_Z x \in E$ .

4. APPLICATION TO AN INFINITE SYSTEM OF EQUILIBRIUM PROBLEMS

Let  $C$  be a nonempty convex subset of a Banach space  $E$ . For a function  $f : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we consider the following problem which is called an equilibrium problem for  $f$ : Find  $x \in C$  such that  $f(x, y) \geq 0$  for all  $y \in C$ . The set of solutions to this problem is denoted by  $EP(f)$ . We assume the following conditions:

- (i)  $f(x, x) = 0$  for every  $x \in C$ ;
- (ii)  $f(x, y) + f(y, x) \leq 0$  for every  $x, y \in C$ ;
- (iii)  $f(x, \cdot)$  is convex and lower semicontinuous for every  $x \in C$ ;
- (iv)  $\limsup_{t \downarrow 0} f(ty + (1 - t)x, y) \leq f(x, y)$  for every  $x, y \in C$ .

Equilibrium problems are closely related to the zero point problems for maximal monotone operators. Indeed, suppose that  $C$  is a closed convex subset of a strictly convex reflexive smooth Banach space  $E$ . For  $f : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying four conditions above, define  $A_f : E \rightrightarrows E^*$  by

$$A_f x = \begin{cases} \{x^* \in E^* : f(x, y) \geq \langle y - x, x^* \rangle \text{ for all } y \in C\} & (x \in C) \\ \emptyset & (x \notin C). \end{cases}$$

Then,  $A_f$  is a maximal monotone operator satisfying  $A_f^{-1}0 = EP(f)$ . In this case, the resolvent  $z = (J + \rho A_f)^{-1}Jx$  for  $\rho > 0$  and  $x \in E$  is the unique element which satisfies

$$f(z, y) + \frac{1}{\rho} \langle y - z, Jz - Jx \rangle \geq 0$$

for all  $y \in C$ . For more details, see [4, 1].

Let us consider an infinite system of equilibrium problems for  $\{f_n\}$ . Using the fact mentioned above, we may apply Theorem 3.1 to approximate a common solution  $x_0 \in \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty EP(f_n)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a strictly convex reflexive Banach space  $E$  having the Kadec-Klee property and a Fréchet differentiable norm. Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a countable family of functions of  $C \times C$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying the conditions (i)–(iv) and suppose that the set of common solutions  $Z = \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty EP(f_n)$  to the equilibrium problems for  $\{f_n\}$  is nonempty. Let  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [0, 1]$  and  $\{\rho_n\} \subset ]0, \infty[$  be real sequences. Let  $i : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow I$  and suppose that for each  $j \in I$ , there exists a subsequence  $\{n_k\}$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  such that  $i(n_k) = j$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_{n_k} < 1$ , and  $\inf_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \rho_{n_k} > 0$ . Let  $x \in E$  and generate a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by the following iterative scheme:  $x_1 \in E$ ,  $C_1 = E$ , and*

$$\begin{aligned} y_n &= J^*(\alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n)JF_{\rho_n}x_n), \\ C_{n+1} &= \{u \in E : \phi(u, y_n) \leq \phi(u, x_n)\} \cap C_n, \\ x_{n+1} &= P_{C_{n+1}}x \end{aligned}$$



for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $F_{\rho_n}x_n$  is the unique element in  $C$  satisfying that

$$f_n(F_{\rho_n}x_n, y) + \frac{1}{\rho_n} \langle y - F_{\rho_n}x_n, JF_{\rho_n}x_n - Jx_n \rangle \geq 0$$

for all  $y \in C$ . Then,  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $x_0 = P_Z x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} EP(f_n)$ .

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