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# CONVERGENCE THEOREMS BASED ON THE SHRINKING PROJECTION METHOD FOR HEMI-RELATIVELY NONEXPANSIVE MAPPINGS, VARIATIONAL INEQUALITIES AND EQUILIBRIUM PROBLEMS

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Abstract. In this paper, hemi-relatively nonexpansive mappings, variational inequalities and equilibrium problems are considered based on a shrinking projection method. Strong convergence of iterative sequences is obtained in a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space. As an application, the problem of finding zeros of maximal monotone operators is studied.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $E$  be a Banach space and  $E^*$  the dual space of  $E$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $J$  be the normalized duality mapping from  $E$ into  $2^{E^*}$  defined by

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

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the generalized duality pairing.

It is known that the duality mapping  $J$  has the following properties:

- (1) If E is smooth, then  $J$  is single-valued.
- (2) If E is strictly convex, then  $J$  is one-to-one.
- (3) If  $E$  is reflexive, then  $J$  is surjective.

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- (4) If E is uniformly smooth, then J is uniformly norm-to-norm continuous on each bounded subset of E.
- (5) If  $E^*$  is uniformly convex, then  $J$  is uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of E and J is single-valued and also one-to-one; see,  $[6, 12, 27,$ 35].

Let  $A: C \to E^*$  be an operator. We consider the following variational inequality: Find  $x \in C$  such that

$$
\langle Ax, y - x \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C. \tag{1.1}
$$

A point  $x_0 \in C$  is called a solution of the variational inequality (1.1) if  $\langle Ax_0, y-\rangle$  $x_0 \geq 0$ . The solutions set of the variational inequality (1.1) is denoted by  $VI(A, C)$ . The variational inequality (1.1) has been intensively considered due to its various applications in operations research, economic equilibrium and engineering design. When  $A$  has some monotonicity, many iterative methods for solving the variational inequality  $(1.1)$  have been developed; see,  $[1, 2, 3, 3]$ 4, 7, 8, 24, 25, 26].

Let  $C$  is a nonempty closed and convex subset of a Hilbert space  $H$  and  $P_C: H \to C$  be the metric projection of H onto C, then  $P_C$  is nonexpansive, that is,

$$
||P_Cx - P_Cy|| \le ||x - y||, \quad \forall x, y \in H.
$$

This fact actually characterizes Hilbert spaces, however, it is not available in more general Banach spaces. In this connection, Alber [1] recently introduced a generalized projection operator  $\Pi_C$  in a Banach space E which is an analogue of the metric projection in Hilbert spaces.

Recently, applying the generalized projection operator, Li [16] established the following Mann type iterative scheme for solving variational inequalities without assuming the monotonicity of A in compact subset of Banach spaces.

**Theorem 1.1.** ([16], Theorem 3.1) Let E be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and C be a compact convex subset of E. Let  $A: C \to E^*$ be a continuous mapping on C such that

$$
\langle Ax - \xi, J^{-1}(Jx - (Ax - \xi)) \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall x \in C,
$$

where  $\xi \in E^*$ . For any  $x_0 \in C$ , define the Mann type iteration scheme as follows:

$$
x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)x_n + \alpha_n \Pi_C(Jx_n - (Ax_n - \xi)), \quad \forall n \ge 1,
$$

where the sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$  satisfies the following conditions:

(a)  $0 \leq \alpha_n \leq 1$  for all  $n \in N$ ; (b)  $\Sigma_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n (1 - \alpha_n) = \infty.$ 

Then the variational inequality  $\langle Ax - \xi, y - x \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $y \in C$  (when  $\xi = 0$ , the variational inequality (1.1)) has a solution  $x^* \in C$  and there exists a subsequence  $\{n_i\} \subset \{n\}$  such that

$$
x_{n_i}\to x^* \quad (i\to\infty).
$$

In addition, Fan [11] established some existence results of solutions and the convergence of the Mann type iterative scheme for the variational inequality (1.1) in a noncompact subset of a Banach space and proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.2.** ([11], Theorem 3.3) Let E be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a compact convex subset of  $E$ . Suppose that there exists a positive number  $\beta$  such that

$$
\langle Ax, J^{-1}(Jx - \beta Ax) \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall x \in C,
$$

and  $J - \beta A : C \to E^*$  is compact. if

$$
\langle Ax, y \rangle \le 0, \quad \forall x \in C, y \in VI(A, C),
$$

then the variational inequality (1.1) has a solution  $x^* \in C$  and the sequence  ${x_n}$  defined by the following iteration scheme:

$$
x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)x_n + \alpha_n \Pi_C(Jx_n - \beta Ax_n), \quad \forall n \ge 1,
$$

where the sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$  satisfies that  $0 < a \leq \alpha_n \leq b < 1$  for all  $n \geq 1$  $(a, b \in (0, 1] \text{ with } a < b), \text{ converges strongly to } x^* \in C.$ 

Motivated by Li [16] and Fan [11], Liu [17] introduced the iterative sequence for approximating a common element of the fixed points set of a relatively weak nonexpansive mapping defined by Kohasaka and Takahashi [15] and the solutions set of the variational inequality in a noncompact subset of Banach spaces without assuming the compactness of the operator  $J - \beta A$ . More precisely, Liu [17] proved the following theorems.

**Theorem 1.3.** ([17], Lemma 2.5) Let E be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty, closed convex subset of  $E$ . Suppose that there exists a positive number  $\beta$  such that

$$
\langle Ax, J^{-1}(Jx - \beta Ax) \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall x \in C,
$$
\n(1.2)

and

$$
\langle Ax, y \rangle \le 0, \quad \forall x \in C, y \in VI(A, C), \tag{1.3}
$$

then  $VI(A, C)$  is closed and convex.

**Theorem 1.4.** ([17], Theorem 3.1) Let E be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Assume that A is a continuous operator of C into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3) and  $S: C \to C$  is a relatively weak nonexpansive mapping with

$$
F := F(S) \cap VI(A, C) \neq \emptyset.
$$

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by the following iterative scheme:

$$
\begin{cases}\nx_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\
z_n = \Pi_C(\alpha_n J x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) J S x_n), \\
y_n = J^{-1}(\delta_n J x_n + (1 - \delta_n) J \Pi_C(J z_n - \beta A z_n)), \\
C_0 = \{ z \in C : \phi(z, y_0) \le \phi(z, x_0) \}, \\
C_n = \{ z \in C_{n-1} \cap Q_{n-1} : \phi(z, y_n) \le \phi(z, x_n) \}, \\
Q_0 = C, \\
Q_n = \{ z \in C_{n-1} \cap Q_{n-1} : \langle J x_0 - J x_n, x_n - z \rangle \ge 0 \}, \\
x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_n \cap Q_n} J x_0, \quad \forall n \ge 1,\n\end{cases} \tag{1.4}
$$

where the sequences  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\delta_n\}$  satisfy the following conditions:

$$
0 \le \delta_n < 1, \quad \limsup_{n \to \infty} \delta < 1, \quad 0 < \alpha_n < 1, \quad \liminf_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n (1 - \alpha) > 0,
$$

converges strongly to  $\Pi_{F(S) \cap VI(A,C)} Jx_0$ .

A mapping  $A: D(A) \subset E \to E^*$  is said to be monotone if the following inequality holds:

$$
\langle Ax - Ay, x - y \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall x, y \in D(A). \tag{1.5}
$$

A is said to be  $\lambda$ -inverse strongly monotone if there exists a positive real number  $\lambda$  such that

$$
\langle x - y, Ax - Ay \rangle \ge \lambda \|Ax - Ay\|^2, \quad \forall x, y \in D(A). \tag{1.6}
$$

If A is  $\lambda$ −inverse strongly monotone, then it is *Lipschitz* continuous with constant  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ , *i.e.*,  $||Ax - Ay|| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} ||x - y||$ ,  $\forall x, y \in D(A)$ , and hence uniformly continuous.

For finding an element of a nonexpansive mapping and  $VI(A, C)$ , Takahashi and Toyoda [38] introduced the following iterative scheme in a Hilbert space  $H:$ 

$$
x_{n+1} = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) SP_C(x_n - \mu_n A x_n), \quad n \ge 1,
$$
 (1.7)

where  $x_0 \in C$ ,  $P_C$  is a metric projection of H onto C, A is a  $\lambda$ −inverse strongly monotone operator. Furthermore they proved a weak convergence theorem.

**Theorem 1.5.** ([38], Theorem 3.1) Let C be a closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space H. Let  $\lambda > 0$ . Let A be an  $\lambda$ -inverse strongly-monotone mapping of  $C$  into  $H$ , and let  $S$  be a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into itself such that  $F(S) \cap VI(A, C) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by (1.7) for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , where  $\{\mu_n\} \subset [a, b]$  for some  $a, b \in (0, 2\lambda)$  and  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [c, d]$ for some c,  $d \in (0,1)$ . Then,  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to  $z \in F(S) \cap VI(A,C)$ , where  $z = \lim_{n \to \infty} P_{F(S) \cap VI(A,C)} x_n$ .

Let  $f: C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  be a bifunction. The equilibrium problem for f is as follows: Find  $\hat{x} \in C$  such that

$$
f(\hat{x}, y) \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C. \tag{1.8}
$$

The set of solutions of the problem  $(1.8)$  is denoted by  $EP(f)$ . For solving the equilibrium problem, let us assume that a bifunction  $f$  satisfies the following conditions:

(A1)  $f(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in C$ ; (A2) f is monotone, that is,  $f(x, y) + f(y, x) \leq 0$  for all  $x, y \in C$ ; (A3) for all  $x, y, z \in C$ ,

$$
\limsup_{t\downarrow 0} f(tz + (1-t)x, y) \le f(x, y);
$$

(A4) for all  $x \in C$ ,  $f(x, \cdot)$  is convex and lower semicontinuous.

For example, let A be a continuous and monotone operator of C into  $E^*$ and define

$$
f(x, y) = \langle Ax, y - x \rangle, \quad \forall x, y \in C.
$$

Then f satisfies  $(A1)-(A4)$ .

Let  $f: C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  be a bifunction and let  $B: C \to E^*$  be a monotone mapping. The generalized equilibrium problem (for short, GEP) for  $f$  and  $B$ is to find  $\hat{x} \in C$  such that

$$
f(\hat{x}, y) + \langle B\hat{x}, y - \hat{x} \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall \ y \in C. \tag{1.9}
$$

The set of solutions for the problem  $(1.9)$  is denoted by  $GEP(f, B)$ , *i.e.*,

$$
GEP(f, B) := \{ \hat{x} \in C : f(\hat{x}, y) + \langle B\hat{x}, y - \hat{x} \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C \}.
$$

If  $B = 0$  in (1.9), then  $GEP(1.9)$  reduces to the classical equilibrium problem and  $GEP(f, 0)$  is denoted by  $EP(f)$ , *i.e.*,

$$
EP(f) := \{ \hat{x} \in C : f(\hat{x}, y) \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C \}.
$$

Equilibrium problems, which were introduced in [5] in 1994, have had a great impact and influence in the development of several branches of pure and applied sciences. It has been shown that equilibrium problem theory provides a

novel and unified treatment of a wide class of problems which arise in economics, finance, physics, image reconstruction, ecology, transportation, network, elasticity and optimization. Numerous problems in physics, optimization and economics reduce to finding a solution of the problem (1.5). Some methods have been proposed to solve the equilibrium problem in a Hilbert space; See [5, 20, 21].

In this paper, motivated and inspired by the results mentioned above, we introduce a new hybrid projection algorithm based on the shrinking projection method [31, 37] for two hemi-relatively nonexpansive mappings. Using the new algorithm, we prove some strong convergence theorem which approximate a common element in the fixed points set of two hemi-relatively nonexpansive mappings, the solutions set of a variational inequality and the solutions set of the equilibrium problem in a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space. Our results extend and improve the recent ones announced by Li [16], Fan [11], Liu [17], Takahashi and Toyoda [38], Kamraksa and Wangkeeree [14] and many others.

#### 2. Preliminaries

A Banach space E is said to be strictly convex if  $\frac{x+y}{2} < 1$  for all  $x, y \in$ E with  $||x|| = ||y|| = 1$  and  $x \neq y$ . It is said to be uniformly convex if  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - y_n|| = 0$  for any two sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in E such that  $||x_n|| = ||y_n|| = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \to \infty} ||\frac{x_n + y_n}{2}$  $\frac{+y_n}{2}$   $\|= 1.$ 

Let  $U_E = \{x \in E : ||x|| = 1\}$  be the unit sphere of E. Then the Banach space  $E$  is said to be smooth provided

$$
\lim_{t \to 0} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t}
$$
\n(2.1)

exists for each  $x, y \in U_E$ . It is also said to be uniformly smooth if the limit  $(2.1)$  is attained uniformly for  $x, y \in U_E$ .

It is well known that, if E is uniformly smooth, then  $J$  is uniformly norm-tonorm continuous on each bounded subset of  $E$  and, if  $E$  is uniformly smooth if and only if  $E^*$  is uniformly convex.

A Banach space E is said to have the Kadec-Klee property if, for a sequence  ${x_n}$  of E satisfying that  $x_n \rightharpoonup x \in E$  and  $||x_n|| \rightharpoonup ||x||$ ,  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ . It is known that, if  $E$  is uniformly convex, then  $E$  has the Kadec-Klee property; see, [9, 35, 36] for more details.

Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $E$  and  $T$  be a mapping from  $C$  into itself. A point  $p$  in  $C$  is said to be an asymptotic fixed point of  $T$  if  $C$ contains a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  which converges weakly to p such that the strong  $\lim_{n\to\infty}(x_n-Tx_n)=0$ . The set of asymptotic fixed points of T is denoted by  $\widehat{F}(T).$ 

Recall that an operator T in Banach space is said to be closed if  $x_n \to x$ and  $Tx_n \to y$  implies  $Tx = y$ .

A mapping T from C into itself is said to be nonexpansive if

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

The mapping T is said to be relatively nonexpansive  $[13, 18, 19]$  if

$$
F(T) = F(T) \neq \emptyset, \quad \phi(p, Tx) \le \phi(p, x), \quad \forall x \in C, \ p \in F(T).
$$

The asymptotic behavior of a relatively nonexpansive mapping was studied in [13, 18, 19]. A point  $p \in C$  is called a strong asymptotic fixed point of T if C contains a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  which converges strongly to p such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty}(x_n-Tx_n)=0$ . The set of strong asymptotic fixed points of T is denoted by  $\widetilde{F}(T)$ .

A mapping  $T$  from  $C$  into itself is said to be relatively weak nonexpansive if

$$
\tilde{F}(T) = F(T) \neq \emptyset, \quad \phi(p, Tx) \le \phi(p, x), \quad \forall x \in C, \ p \in F(T).
$$

The mapping  $T$  is said to be hemi-relatively nonexpansive if

$$
\phi(p, Tx) \le \phi(p, x), \quad \forall x \in C, \, p \in F(T).
$$

It is obvious that a relatively nonexpansive mapping is a relatively and weakly nonexpansive mapping and, further, a relatively and weakly nonexpansive mapping is a hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping, but the converses are not true as in the following example.

**Example 2.1.** ([34]) Let E be any smooth Banach space and  $x_0 \neq 0$  be any element of E. We define a mapping  $T : E \to E$  as follows: For all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$
T(x) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\right)x_0, & \text{if } x = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^n}\right)x_0, \\ -x, & \text{if } x \neq \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^n}\right)x_0. \end{cases}
$$

Then T is a hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping, but it is not relatively nonexpansive mapping.

Next, we give some important examples which are hemi-relatively nonexpansive.

**Example 2.2.** ([23]) Let E be a strictly convex reflexive smooth Banach space. Let A be a maximal monotone operator of E into  $E^*$  and  $J_r$  be the resolvent for A with  $r > 0$ . Then  $J_r = (J + rA)^{-1}J$  is a hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping from E onto  $D(A)$  with  $F(J_r) = A^{-1}0$ .

In [4, 12], Alber introduced the functional  $V : E^* \times E \to \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$
V(\phi, x) = \|\phi\|^2 - 2\langle \phi, x \rangle + \|x\|^2,
$$
\n(2.2)

where  $\phi \in E^*$  and  $x \in E$ . It is easy to see that

$$
V(\phi, x) \ge (\|\phi\| - \|x\|)^2 \tag{2.3}
$$

and so the functional  $V: E^* \times E \to \mathbb{R}^+$  is nonnegative.

In order to prove our results in the next section, we present several definitions and lemmas here.

**Definition 2.3.** ([13]) If E be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space, then the generalized projection  $\Pi_C : E^* \to C$  is a mapping that assigns an arbitrary point  $\phi \in E^*$  to the minimum point of the functional  $V(\phi, x)$ , *i.e.*, a solution to the minimization problem

$$
V(\phi, \Pi_C(\phi)) = \inf_{y \in C} V(\phi, y). \tag{2.4}
$$

Li [16] proved that the generalized projection operator  $\Pi_C : E^* \to C$  is continuous if E is a reflexive, strictly convex and smooth Banach space.

Consider the function  $\phi : E \times E \to \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$
\phi(x, y) = V(Jy, x), \quad \forall x, y \in E.
$$

The following properties of the operator  $\Pi_C$  and V are useful for our paper (see, for example,  $[1, 16]$ ).

- (B1)  $V: E^* \times E \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.
- (B2)  $V(\phi, x) = 0$  if and only if  $\phi = Jx$ .
- (B3)  $V(J\Pi_C(\phi), x) \leq V(\phi, x)$  for all  $\phi \in E^*$  and  $x \in E$ .
- (B4) The operator  $\Pi_C$  is J fixed at each point  $x \in E^*$  and  $x \in E$ .
- (B5) If E is smooth, then, for any given  $\phi \in E^*$  and  $x \in C$ ,  $x \in \Pi_C(\phi)$  if and only if

$$
\langle \phi - Jx, x - y \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C.
$$

- (B6) The operator  $\Pi_C : E^* \to c$  is single valued if and only if E is strictly convex.
- (B7) If E is smooth, then, for any given point  $\phi \in E^*$  and  $x \in \Pi_C(\phi)$ , the following inequality holds:

$$
V(Jx, y) \le V(\phi, y) - V(\phi, x), \quad \forall y \in C.
$$

- (B8)  $v(\phi, X)$  is convex with respect to  $\phi$  when x is fixed and with respect to x when  $\phi$  is fixed.
- (B9) If E is reflexive, then, for any point  $\phi \in E^*$ ,  $\Pi_C(\phi)$  is a nonempty closed convex and bounded subset of C.

Using some properties of the generalized projection operator  $\Pi_C$ , Alber [1] proved the following theorem.

**Lemma 2.4.** ([1]) Let  $E$  be a strictly convex reflexive smooth Banach space. Let A be an arbitrary operator from a Banach space E to  $E^*$  and  $\beta$  be an arbitrary fixed positive number. Then  $x \in C \subset E$  is a solution of the variational inequality (1.1) if and only if x is a solution of the following operator equation in E:

$$
x = \Pi_C(Jx - \beta Ax). \tag{2.5}
$$

**Lemma 2.5.**  $([13])$  Let E be a uniformly convex smooth Banach space and  ${y_n}$ ,  ${z_n}$  be two sequences of E such that either  ${y_n}$  or  ${z_n}$  is bounded. If  $\lim_{n\to\infty}\phi(y_n, z_n) = 0$ , then  $\lim_{n\to\infty}||y_n - z_n|| = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** ([7]) Let E be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space. We have

$$
\|\phi + \Phi\|^2 \le \|\phi\|^2 + 2\langle \Phi, J(\phi + \Phi) \rangle, \quad \forall \phi, \Phi \in E^*.
$$
 (2.6)

From Qin *et al.* [22], the following lemma can be obtained immediately.

**Lemma 2.7.** Let E be a uniformly convex Banach space,  $s > 0$  be a positive number and  $B_s(0)$  be a closed ball of E. Then there exists a continuous, strictly increasing and convex function  $g : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  with  $g(0) = 0$  such that

$$
\|\Sigma_{i=1}^{N}(\alpha_{i}x_{i})\|^{2} \leq \Sigma_{i=1}^{N}(\alpha_{i}||x_{i}||^{2}) - \alpha_{i}\alpha_{j}g(||x_{i} - x_{j}||)
$$
\n(2.7)

for all  $x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_N \in B_s(0) = \{x \in E : ||x|| \leq s\}, i \neq j$  for all  $i, j \in$  $\{1, 2, \cdots, N\}$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \cdots, \alpha_N \in [0, 1]$  such that  $\Sigma_{i=1}^N \alpha_i = 1$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** ([5]) Let C be a closed and convex subset of a smooth, strictly convex and reflexive Banach spaces E, f be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to R satisfying the conditions (B1)-(B4) and let  $r > 0$ ,  $x \in E$ . Then there exists  $z \in C$  such that

$$
f(z,y) + \frac{1}{r}\langle y-z, Jz-Jx \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C.
$$
 (2.8)

**Lemma 2.9.** ([39]) Let C be a closed and convex subset of a uniformly smooth, strictly convex and reflexive Banach spaces E, let f be a bifunction from  $C \times C$ to R satisfying (B1)-(B4). For all  $r > 0$  and  $x \in E$ , define the mapping

$$
T_rx = \bigg\{ z \in C : f(z,y) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y-z, Jz-Jx \rangle \ge 0, \ \forall y \in C \bigg\}.
$$

Then, the following statements hold:

- (C1)  $T_r$  is single-valued;
- (C2)  $T_r$  is a firmly nonexpansive-type mapping, that is, for all  $x, y \in E$ ,
	- $\langle T_r x T_r y, J T_r x J T_r y \rangle \le \langle T_r x T_r y, J x J y \rangle;$

(C3) 
$$
F(T_r) = \hat{F}(T_r) = EP(f);
$$
  
(C4)  $EP(f)$  is closed and convex.

**Lemma 2.10.** ([39]) Let C be a closed convex subset of a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive Banach space E, let f be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to R satisfying (C1)-(A4), and let  $r > 0$ . Then, for  $x \in E$  and  $q \in F(T_r)$ ,

$$
\phi(q, T_r x) + \phi(T_r x, x) \le \phi(q, x). \tag{2.9}
$$

**Remark 2.11.** Replacing x with  $J^{-1}(Jx-rB(x))$  in (2.8), where B is monotone mapping from C into  $E^*$ , then there exists  $z \in C$  such that

$$
f(z,y) + \langle Bx, y-z \rangle + \frac{1}{r} \langle y-z, Jz-Jx \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C.
$$
 (2.10)

**Lemma 2.12.** Let  $C$  be a closed and convex subset of a smooth, strictly convex and reflexive Banach space E,  $B: C \to E^*$  a monotone and continuous mapping, f a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to R satisfying the conditions  $(A1)$ – $(A4)$ . For all  $r > 0$ , the following statements hold.

(i) for  $x \in E$ , there exists  $z \in C$  such that

$$
f(z,y) + \langle Bz, y-z \rangle + \frac{1}{r} \langle y-z, Jz-Jx \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C;
$$

(ii) if E is additionally uniformly smooth and  $K_r : E \to C$  is defined as

$$
K_rx = \left\{ z \in C : f(z,y) + \langle Bz, y - z \rangle + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, Jz - Jx \rangle \right\}
$$
  
 
$$
\geq 0, \ \forall y \in C \right\}, \ \ \forall x \in E.
$$
 (2.11)

Then the mapping  $K_r$  has the following Properties:

- (D1)  $K_r$  is single-valued;
- (D2)  $K_r$  is a firmly nonexpansive-type mapping, that is, for all  $x, y \in E$ ,

$$
\langle K_r x - K_r y, J K_r x - J K_r y \rangle \le \langle K_r x - K_r y, J x - J y \rangle; \tag{2.12}
$$

- (D3)  $F(K_r) = \hat{F}(K_r) = EP(f, B);$
- (D4)  $EP(f, B)$  is closed and convex subset of C;
- (D5)  $\phi(p, K_rx) + \phi(K_rx, x) \leq \phi(p, x), \quad \forall p \in F(K_r).$

*Proof.* Define a bifunction  $F: C \times C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as follows:

$$
F(z, y) = f(z, y) + \langle Bz, y - z \rangle, \quad \forall z, y \in C.
$$

Then it is easy to imply that F satisfies conditions  $(A1)$ – $(A4)$ . Therefore, from Lemma 2.8–2.10, statements (i), (ii) of Lemma 2.12 follow immediately.  $\square$ 

**Lemma 2.13.** ([17], Lemma 2.6) If E is a reflexive, strictly convex and smooth Banach space, then  $\Pi_C = J^{-1}$ .

**Lemma 2.14.** ([34], Lemma 2.6) Let E be a strictly convex and smooth real Banach space,  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $E$  and  $T$  be a hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping from C into itself. Then  $F(T)$  is closed and convex.

### 3. Main results

**Theorem 3.1.** Let E be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $f$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to R satisfying the conditions  $(A_1)$ - $(A_4)$ . Assume that  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ are two continuous operators of C into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3), B is a continuous and monotone operator of C into  $E^*$  and  $S, T: C \to C$ are two closed hemi-relatively nonexpansive mappings with  $F := F(S) \cap F(T) \cap F(T)$  $VI(A_1, C) \cap VI(A_2, C) \cap GEP(f, B) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following iterative scheme:

$$
\begin{cases}\nx_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\
z_n^i = \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n), \quad i = 1, 2, \\
y_n = \Pi_C(\beta_n^0 Jx_n + \beta_n^1 J T z_n^1 + \beta_n^2 J S z_n^2), \\
u_n \in C \text{ such that } f(u_n, y) + \langle Bu_n, y - u_n \rangle \\
\quad + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\
C_{n+1} = \{ z \in C_n : \bigcap_{i=1,2} \phi(z, u_n) \le \phi(z, y_n) \\
\le (1 - \beta_n^i) \phi(z, x_n) + \beta_n^i \phi(z, z_n^i) \\
\le \phi(z, x_n) \}, \\
C_0 = C, \\
x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \ge 1,\n\end{cases} \tag{3.1}
$$

where  $\{\beta_n^0\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n^1\}$  and  $\{\beta_n^2\}$  are the sequences in  $[0,1]$  with the following restrictions:

- (a)  $\beta_n^0 + \beta_n^1 + \beta_n^2 = 1;$
- (b)  $\{r_n\} \subset [a,\infty)$  for some  $a > 0$ ;
- (c)  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 > 0$  and  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \beta_n^0 \beta_n^2 > 0$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F J x_0$ , where  $\Pi_F$  is the generalized projection from C onto F.

*Proof.* We divide the proof into five steps.

Step 1.  $\Pi_F Jx_0$  and  $\Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0$  are well defined.

From Lemma 2.12 (D5), Lemma 2.14 and Theorem 1.1, one has that  $\Pi_F J x_0$ is well defined. Next, we show that  $C_n$  is closed and convex for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . From the definitions of  $C_n$ , it is obvious that  $C_n$  is closed for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

Next, we prove that  $C_n$  is convex for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Since  $\phi(z, u_n) \leq$  $\phi(z, y_n)$  is equivalent to  $2\langle z, Jy_n - Ju_n \rangle \le ||y_n||^2 - ||u_n||^2$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ , we have

$$
\phi(z, y_n) \le (1 - \beta_n^i)\phi(z, x_n) + \beta_n^i \phi(z, z_n^i)
$$

is equivalent to

$$
2\langle z, (1-\beta_n^i)Jx_n+\beta_n^iJz_n^i-Jy_n\rangle \leq (1-\beta_n^i)\|x_n\|^2+\beta_n^i\|z_n^i\|^2-\|y_n\|^2,
$$

and

$$
(1 - \beta_n^i)\phi(z, x_n) + \beta_n^i\phi(z, z_n^i) \le \phi(z, x_n)
$$

is equivalent to

$$
2\langle z, Jx_n - Jz_n^i \rangle \le ||x_n||^2 - ||z_n^i||^2,
$$

it follows that  $C_n$  is convex for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Thus, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $C_n$ is closed and convex and so  $\Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0$  is well defined.

Step 2.  $F \subset C_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

Observe that  $F \subset C_0 = C$  is obvious. Suppose that  $F \subset C_n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $w \in F \subset C_n$ . Then, from the definition of  $\phi$  and V, the property (B3) of *V*, Lemma 2.6, the conditions (1.2) and (1.3), for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , it follows that

$$
\phi(w, \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n))
$$
\n
$$
= V(J\Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n), w)
$$
\n
$$
\leq V(Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n, w)
$$
\n
$$
= ||Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n||^2 - 2\langle Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n, w \rangle + ||w||^2
$$
\n
$$
\leq ||Jx_n||^2 - 2\eta_i \langle A_i x_n, J^{-1}(Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n) \rangle
$$
\n
$$
- 2\langle Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n, w \rangle + ||w||^2
$$
\n
$$
\leq ||Jx_n||^2 - 2\langle Jx_n, w \rangle + ||w||^2
$$
\n
$$
= \phi(w, x_n).
$$
\n(3.2)

Since  $u_n = K_{r_n} y_n$ , applying Lemma 2.12, the properties (B3) and (B8) of the operator  $V$  and  $(3.4)$ , we obtain

$$
\phi(w, u_n) = \phi(w, K_{r_n} y_n) \leq \phi(w, y_n) = V(Jy_n, w)
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq \beta_n^0 V(Jx_n, w) + \beta_n^1 V(JTz_n^1, w) + \beta_n^2 V(JSz_n^2, w)
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq \beta_n^0 \phi(w, x_n) + \beta_n^1 \phi(w, z_n^1) + \beta_n^2 \phi(w, z_n^2)
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq \beta_n^0 \phi(w, x_n) + \beta_n^1 \phi(w, x_n) + \beta_n^2 \phi(w, x_n)
$$
  
\n
$$
= \phi(w, x_n),
$$
  
\n(3.3)

which shows that  $w \in C_{n+1}$ . This implies that  $F \subset C_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . **Step 3.**  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Since  $x_n = \Pi_{C_n} Jx_0$  and  $F \subset C_n$ , we have  $V(Jx_0, x_n) \le V(Jx_0, w)$  for all  $w \in F$ . Therefore,  $\{V(Jx_0, x_n)\}\$ is bounded. Moreover, from the definition of V, it follows that  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded. Since  $x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} J x_0 \in C_{n+1}$  and  $x_n = \prod_{C_n} Jx_0$ , we have  $V(Jx_0, x_n) \le V(Jx_0, x_{n+1})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Hence  ${V(Jx_0, x_n)}$  is nondecreasing and so  $\lim_{n\to\infty} V(Jx_0, x_n)$  exists. By the construction of  $C_n$ , we have that  $C_m \subset C_n$  and  $x_m = \prod_{C_m} Jx_0 \in C_n$  for any positive integer  $m \geq n$ . From the property (B3), we have

$$
V(Jx_n, x_m) \le V(Jx_0, x_m) - V(Jx_0, x_n)
$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and any positive integer  $m \geq n$ . This implies that

$$
V(Jx_n, x_m) \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n, m \to \infty.
$$

The definition of  $\phi$  implies that

$$
\phi(x_m, x_n) \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n, m \to \infty. \tag{3.4}
$$

Applying Lemma 2.5, we obtain

$$
||x_m - x_n|| \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n, m \to \infty. \tag{3.5}
$$

Hence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. In view of the completeness of a Banach space  $E$  and the closeness of  $C$ , it follows that

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = p \tag{3.6}
$$

for some  $p \in C$ .

### Step 4.  $p \in F$ .

First, we show that  $p \in F(S) \cap F(T)$ . In fact, since  $x_{n+1} \in C_{n+1}$ , we have

$$
\phi(x_{n+1}, u_n) \le \phi(x_{n+1}, x_n).
$$

Thus, by (3.4) and Lemma 2.5, we have that

$$
||x_{n+1} - u_n|| \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty,
$$

and hence

$$
||x_n - u_n|| \le ||x_n - x_{n+1}|| + ||x_{n+1} - u_n|| \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty,
$$
 (3.7)

which implies that

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = p. \tag{3.8}
$$

On the other hand, since  $J$  is uniformly norm-to-norm continuous on bounded sets, one has

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} ||Jx_n - Ju_n|| = 0. \tag{3.9}
$$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded,  $\{Jx_n\}$ ,  $\{JTx_n\}$  and  $\{JSx_n\}$  are also bounded. Since E is a uniformly smooth Banach space, one knows that  $E^*$  is a uniformly convex Banach space. Let  $r = \sup_{n>0} {\{\Vert Jx_n \Vert, \Vert JTx_n \Vert, \Vert JSx_n \Vert\}}$ . Therefore, from Lemma 2.7, it follows that there exists a continuous strictly increasing convex function  $g : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  satisfying  $g(0) = 0$  and the inequality (2.7). It follows from the property  $(B3)$  of the operator  $V$ ,  $(3.2)$  and the definition of  $S$  and  $T$  that

$$
\phi(w, y_n) \n= V(Jy_n, w) \n\leq V(\beta_n^0 Jx_n + \beta_n^1 JTz_n^1 + \beta_n^2 JSz_n^2, w) \n= \phi(w, J^{-1}(\beta_n^0 Jx_n + \beta_n^1 JTz_n^1 + \beta_n^2 JSz_n^2)) \n= ||w||^2 - 2\beta_n^0 \langle w, Jx_n \rangle - 2\beta_n^1 \langle w, JTz_n^1 \rangle - 2\beta_n^2 \langle w, JSz_n^2 \rangle \n+ ||\beta_n^0 Jx_n + \beta_n^1 JTz_n^1 + \beta_n^2 JSz_n^2||^2 \n\leq ||w||^2 - 2\beta_n^0 \langle w, Jx_n \rangle - 2\beta_n^1 \langle w, JTz_n^1 \rangle - 2\beta_n^2 \langle w, JSz_n^2 \rangle \n+ \beta_n^0 ||Jx_n||^2 + \beta_n^1 ||JTz_n^1||^2 + \beta_n^2 ||JSz_n^2||^2 - \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 g(||Jx_n - JTz_n^1||) \n= \beta_n^0 \phi(w, x_n) + \beta_n^1 \phi(w, Tz_n^1) + \beta_n^2 \phi(w, Sz_n^2) - \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 g(||Jx_n - JTz_n^1||) \n\leq \beta_n^0 \phi(w, x_n) + \beta_n^1 \phi(w, x_n) + \beta_n^2 \phi(w, x_n) - \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 g(||Jx_n - JTz_n^1||) \n= \phi(w, x_n) - \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 g(||Jx_n - JTz_n^1||).
$$

On the other hand, from (3.3), we get that

$$
\phi(w, u_n) = \phi(w, K_{r_n} y_n) \le \phi(w, y_n). \tag{3.11}
$$

Substituting (3.10) into (3.11), we obtain that

$$
\phi(w, u_n) \le \phi(w, x_n) - \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 g(||Jx_n - JTz_n^1||).
$$

The above inequality implies that

$$
\beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 g(||Jx_n - JTz_n^1||) \le \phi(w, x_n) - \phi(w, u_n), \tag{3.12}
$$

and we have

$$
\phi(w, x_n) - \phi(w, u_n) = 2\langle Ju_n - Jx_n, w \rangle + ||x_n||^2 - ||u_n||^2
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq 2\langle Ju_n - Jx_n, p \rangle + (||x_n|| - ||u_n||)(||x_n|| + ||u_n||)
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq 2||Ju_n - Jx_n|| ||w|| + ||x_n - u_n|| (||x_n|| + ||u_n||).
$$

It follows from (3.7) and (3.8) that

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} (\phi(w, x_n) - \phi(w, u_n)) = 0.
$$
\n(3.13)

In view of  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 > 0$ , the inequality (3.12) implies that

$$
g(||Jx_n - JTz_n^1||) \to 0
$$
 as  $n \to \infty$ .

Therefore, from the property of  $g$ , we get that

$$
||Jx_n-JTz_n^1||\to 0 \text{ as } n\to\infty.
$$

Furthermore, since  $J^{-1}$  is uniformly norm to norm continuous on bounded sets, we see that

$$
||x_n - T z_n|| \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty. \tag{3.14}
$$

On the other hand, By the construction of  $C_n$ , we know that

$$
\phi(z, u_n) \le (1 - \beta_n^1)\phi(z, x_n) + \beta_n^1\phi(z, z_n^1) \le \phi(z, x_n).
$$

From  $x_{n+1} = \prod_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0 \in C_{n+1}$ , we have

$$
\phi(x_{n+1}, u_n) \le (1 - \beta_n^1) \phi(x_{n+1}, x_n) + \beta_n^1 \phi(x_{n+1}, z_n^1) \le \phi(x_{n+1}, x_n).
$$

It follows from (3.8) that

$$
\phi(x_{n+1}, z_n^1) \to 0
$$
 as  $n \to \infty$ .

Applying Lemma 2.5, one has

$$
||x_{n+1} - z_n|| \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty,
$$

and by (3.5), we obtain that

$$
||x_n - z_n^1|| \le ||x_n - x_{n+1}|| + ||x_{n+1} - z_n^1|| \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty. \tag{3.15}
$$

Thus, from  $(3.14)$  and  $(3.15)$ , we obtain that

$$
||z_n^1 - Tz_n^1|| \le ||z_n^1 - x_n|| + ||x_n - Tz_n^1|| \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty.
$$

Similarly, one can obtain that

$$
||x_n - z_n^2|| \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty
$$

and

$$
||z_n^2 - Sz_n^2|| \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty.
$$

Thus, from the closedness of S, T, we obtain that  $p \in F(S) \cap F(T)$ .

Secondly, we show that  $p \in GEP(f, B)$ , from  $u_n = K_{r_n} x_n$  and the construction of  $C_n$ , one has

$$
\phi(u_n, y_n) = \phi(K_{r_n} y_n, y_n)
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq \phi(w, y_n) - \phi(w, K_{r_n} y_n)
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq \phi(w, x_n) - \phi(w, K_{r_n} y_n)
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq \phi(w, x_n) - \phi(w, u_n).
$$

And by (3.13) it follows that

$$
\phi(u_n, y_n) \to 0
$$
 as  $n \to \infty$ .

Applying Lemma 2.5, we obtain

$$
||u_n - y_n|| \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty.
$$

Since  $J$  is a uniformly norm-to-norm continuous on bounded sets, one has

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} ||Ju_n - Jy_n|| = 0.
$$

From the assumption that  $r_n \geq a$ , one has

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\|Ju_n - Jy_n\|}{r_n} = 0.
$$

Observing that  $u_n = K_{r_n} y_n$ , one obtains

$$
F(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C,
$$

where  $F(u_n, y) = f(u_n, y) + \langle Bu_n, y - u_n \rangle$ . From (A2), one gets

$$
||y_n - u_n|| \frac{||Ju_n - Jy_n||}{r_n} \ge \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle
$$
  
\n
$$
\le -F(u_n, y)
$$
  
\n
$$
\le F(y, u_n), \quad \forall y \in C.
$$

Taking  $n \to \infty$  in above inequality, it follows from (A4) and (3.8) that

$$
F(y, p) \le 0, \quad \forall y \in C.
$$

For all  $0 < t < 1$  and  $y \in C$ , define  $y_t = ty + (1-t)p$ . Note that  $y, p \in C$ , one obtains  $y_t \in C$ , which yields that  $F(y_t, p) \leq 0$ . It follows from (A1) that

$$
0 = F(y_t, y_t) \le tF(y_t, y) + (1 - t)F(y_t, p) \le tF(y_t, y),
$$

that is

 $F(y_t, y) \geq 0.$ 

Let  $t \downarrow 0$ . From  $(A3)$ , we obtain  $F(p, y) \geq 0$  for all  $y \in C$ , which imply that  $p \in GEP(f, B).$ 

Finally, we show that  $p \in VI(A_1, C) \cap VI(A_2, C)$ . In fact, by (3.15), we have

$$
\|\Pi_C(Jx_n-\eta_1A_1x_n)-x_n\|\to 0 \text{ as } n\to\infty.
$$

Since  $\lim_{n\to\infty}x_n=p$ , we obtain

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} z_n^1 = p.
$$

Similarly, one can also have

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} z_n^2 = p.
$$

By the continuity of the operator  $J, A_1, \Pi_C$ , we have

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} \|\Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_1 A_1 x_n) - \Pi_C(Jp - \eta_1 A_1 p)\| = 0
$$

Note that

$$
\|\Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_1 A_1 x_n) - p)\| \le \|\Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_1 A_1 x_n) - x_n\| + \|x_n - p\|
$$
  
\n
$$
\to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty.
$$

Hence it follows from the uniqueness of the limit that  $p = \Pi_C(Jp - \eta_1 A_1 p)$ . From Lemma 2.4, we have  $p \in VI(A_1, C)$ . By the same way, we can also know that  $p \in VI(A_2, C)$  and so  $p \in VI(A_1, C) \cap VI(A_2, C)$ . Therefore, we have  $p \in F$ .

## Step 5.  $p = \prod_F Jx_0$ .

Since  $p \in F$ , from the property (B3) of the operator  $\Pi_C$ , we have

$$
V(J\Pi_F Jx_0, p) + V(Jx_0, \Pi_F Jx_0) \le V(Jx_0, p). \tag{3.16}
$$

On the other hand, since  $x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0$  and  $F \subset C_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\},$ it follows from the property (B7) of the operator  $\Pi_C$  that

$$
V(Jx_{x+1}, \Pi_F Jx_0) + V(Jx_0, x_{n+1}) \le V(Jx_0, \Pi_F Jx_0). \tag{3.17}
$$

Furthermore, by the continuity of the operator  $V$ , we get

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} V(Jx_0, x_{n+1}) = V(Jx_0, p). \tag{3.18}
$$

Combining  $(3.16)$ ,  $(3.17)$  with  $(3.18)$ , we obtain

$$
V(Jx_0, p) = V(Jx_0, \Pi_F Jx_0).
$$

Therefore, it follows from the uniqueness of  $\Pi_F Jx_0$  that  $p = \Pi_F Jx_0$ . This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

Remark 3.2. Theorem 3.1 improves Theorem 3.1 of Liu [17] and Theorem 3.1 of Kamraksa *et al.* [14] in the following senses.

- (1) The hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping is more general than the relatively weak nonexpansive one in Liu [17] and Kamraksa et al. [14].
- (2) The iteration algorithms of Theorem 3.1 is modified Mann iteration which is different from the modified Mann iteration given in Liu [17] and Kamraksa et al. [14]; And, in contrast to Theorem 3.1 of Kamraksa *et al.* [14], our algorithm in Theorem 3.1 contacts with generalized equilibrium problem which is more general than equilibrium problem.

Remark 3.3. See Remark 3.1 of Liu [17], Theorem 3.1 also does the corresponding promotions about Liu [17] and Fan [11].

When  $S = T = I$  in (3.1), we can obtain the new modified Mann iteration for the variational inequality  $(1.1)$ , the generalized equilibrium problem  $(1.9)$ as follows.

Corollary 3.4. Let E be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let f be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to R satisfying the conditions  $(A_1)$ - $(A_4)$ . Assume that  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ are two continuous operators of C into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3), B is a continuous and monotone operator of C into  $E^*$  with  $F :=$  $VI(A_1, C) \cap VI(A_2, C) \cap GEP(f, B) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following iterative scheme:

$$
\begin{cases}\nx_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\
z_n^i = \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n), \quad i = 1, 2, \\
y_n = \Pi_C(\beta_n^0 Jx_n + \beta_n^1 J z_n^1 + \beta_n^2 J z_n^2), \\
u_n \in C \text{ such that } f(u_n, y) + \langle Bu_n, y - u_n \rangle \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\
C_{n+1} = \{ z \in C_n : \bigcap_{i=1,2} \phi(z, u_n) \le \phi(z, y_n) \\
&\le (1 - \beta_n^i) \phi(z, x_n) + \beta_n^i \phi(z, z_n^i) \le \phi(z, x_n) \}, \\
C_0 = C, \\
x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \ge 1,\n\end{cases}
$$

where  $\{\beta_n^0\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n^1\}$  and  $\{\beta_n^2\}$  are the sequences in  $[0,1]$  with the following restrictions:

(a)  $\beta_n^0 + \beta_n^1 + \beta_n^2 = 1;$ (b)  $\{r_n\} \subset [a,\infty)$  for some  $a > 0$ ; (c)  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 > 0$  and  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \beta_n^0 \beta_n^2 > 0$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F Jx_0$ , where  $\Pi_F$  is the generalized projection from C onto F.

If  $\beta_n^2 = 0$  in (3.1), then the iteration scheme (3.1) reduces to the new modified Mann iteration for one closed hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping, the variational inequality (1.1) and the generalized equilibrium problem (1.9) as follows.

Corollary 3.5. Let E be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let f be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to R satisfying the conditions  $(A_1)$ - $(A_4)$ . Assume that A is a continuous operator of C into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3), B is a continuous and monotone operator of C into  $E^*$  and  $T: C \to C$  is a closed hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping with

$$
F := F(T) \cap VI(A, C) \cap GEP(f, B) \neq \emptyset.
$$

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following iterative scheme:

$$
\begin{cases}\nx_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\
z_n = \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta Ax_n), \\
y_n = \Pi_C(\alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n)JTz_n), \\
u_n \in C \text{ such that } f(u_n, y) + \langle Bu_n, y - u_n \rangle \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\
C_{n+1} = \{ z \in C_n : \phi(z, u_n) \le \phi(z, y_n) \\
&\quad \le \alpha_n \phi(z, x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \phi(z, z_n) \le \phi(z, x_n) \}, \\
C_0 = C, \\
x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \ge 1,\n\end{cases}
$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence in [0, 1] with the following restrictions:

(a)  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n(1-\alpha_n) > 0;$ (b)  $\{r_n\} \subset [a,\infty)$  for some  $a > 0$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F J x_0$ , where  $\Pi_F$  is the generalized projection from C onto F.

If the mapping A is a  $\lambda$ -inverse strongly monotone mapping in Corollary 3.5, then the following result can be also obtained by Corollary 2.5 and Theorem 3.1.

Corollary 3.6. Let E be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $f$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to R satisfying the conditions  $(A_1)$ - $(A_4)$ . Assume that A is a  $\lambda$ −inverse strongly monotone mapping of C into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3), B is a continuous and monotone operator of C into  $E^*$  and  $T: C \to C$  is a closed hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping with  $F := F(T) \cap$  $VI(A, C) \cap GEP(f, B) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following iterative scheme:

$$
\begin{cases}\nx_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\
z_n = \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta Ax_n), \\
y_n = \Pi_C(\alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n)JTz_n), \\
u_n \in C \text{ such that } f(u_n, y) + \langle Bu_n, y - u_n \rangle \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\
C_{n+1} = \{ z \in C_n : \phi(z, u_n) \le \phi(z, y_n) \\
&\quad \le \alpha_n \phi(z, x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \phi(z, z_n) \le \phi(z, x_n) \}, \\
C_0 = C, \\
x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \ge 1,\n\end{cases}
$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence in [0, 1] with the following restrictions:

(a)  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n(1-\alpha_n) > 0;$ 

(b)  $\{r_n\} \subset [a,\infty)$  for some  $a > 0$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F J x_0$ , where  $\Pi_F$  is the generalized projection from C onto F.

*Proof.* Since A is  $\lambda$ -inverse strongly monotone, by (1.6), we have

$$
||Ax - Ay|| \le \frac{1}{\lambda} ||x - y||,
$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ , then it is *Lipschitz* continuous with constant  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ . By Corollary 3.5, we can directly obtain that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F J x_0$ .

Remark 3.7. Corollary 3.6 improves Theorem 3.1 of Takahashi and Toyoda [38] in the following senses:

- (1) The hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping is more general than a nonexpansive one in Takahashi and Toyoda [38].
- (2) Our modified Mann iteration obtains strong convergence result about a  $\lambda$ –inverse strongly monotone mapping and a closed hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping and generalized equilibrium problem (1.9) in a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space.

### 4. Applications to maximal monotone operators

In this section, we apply the our main results to proving some strong convergence theorem concerning maximal monotone operators in a Banach space E.

Let B be a multi-valued operator from E to  $E^*$  with domain  $D(B) = \{z \in$  $E: Bz \neq \emptyset$  and range  $R(B) = \{z \in E : z \in D(B)\}\)$ . An operator B is said to be monotone if

$$
\langle x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2 \rangle \ge 0
$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in D(B)$  and  $y_1 \in Bx_1, y_2 \in Bx_2$ . A monotone operator B is said to be maximal if it's graph  $G(B) = \{(x, y) : y \in Bx\}$  is not properly contained in the graph of any other monotone operator.

It is well known that, if B is a maximal monotone operator, then  $B^{-1}0$  is closed and convex.

The following result is also well known.

**Lemma 4.1.** ([30]) Let E be a reflexive, strictly convex and smooth Banach space and B be a monotone operator from  $E$  to  $E^*$ . Then B is maximal if and only if  $R(J + rB) = E^*$  for all  $r > 0$ .

Let  $E$  be a reflexive, strictly convex and smooth Banach space and  $B$  be a maximal monotone operator from  $E$  to  $E^*$ . Using Lemma 4.1 and the strict convexity of E, it follows that, for all  $r > 0$  and  $x \in E$ , there exists a unique  $x_r \in D(B)$  such that

$$
Jx \in Jx_r + rBx_r.
$$

If  $J_rx = x_r$ , then we can define a single valued mapping  $J_r : E \to D(B)$  by  $J_r = (J + rB)^{-1}J$  and such a  $J_r$  is called the resolvent of B. We know that  $B^{-1}0 = F(J_r)$  for all  $r > 0$  (see [21, 35] for more details).

The following lemma plays an important role in our next theorem.

**Lemma 4.2.** ([33]) Let E be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space, B be a maximal monotone operator from E to  $E^*$  and  $J_r$  be a resolvent of  $B$ . Then  $J_r$  is closed hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping.

We consider the problem of strong convergence concerning maximal monotone operators in a Banach space. Such a problem has been also studied in [28, 29, 32]. Using Theorem 3.1, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 4.3.** Let E be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $f$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbb R$  satisfying the conditions  $(A_1)$ - $(A_4)$ . Assume that  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  are two continuous operators of C into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3), B is a continuous and monotone operator of C into  $E^*$  and  $B_1, B_2$  are two maximal monotone operators from E to  $E^*$ ,  $J_r^{B_1}$  and  $J_r^{B_2}$  are two resolvents of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  with

$$
F := B_1^{-1} 0 \cap B_2^{-1} 0 \cap VI(A_1, C) \cap VI(A_2, C) \cap GEP(f) \neq \emptyset.
$$

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following iterative scheme:

$$
\begin{cases}\nx_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\
z_n^i = \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n), \quad i = 1, 2, \\
y_n = \Pi_C(\beta_n^0 Jx_n + \beta_n^1 J J_r^{B_1} z_n^1 + \beta_n^2 J J_r^{B_2} z_n^2), \\
u_n \in C \text{ such that } f(u_n, y) + \langle Bu_n, y - u_n \rangle \\
\quad + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\
C_{n+1} = \{ z \in C_n : \bigcap_{i=1,2} \phi(z, u_n) \le \phi(z, y_n) \\
\le (1 - \beta_n^i) \phi(z, x_n) + \beta_n^i \phi(z, z_n^i) \le \phi(z, x_n) \}, \\
C_0 = C, \\
x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \ge 1,\n\end{cases} \tag{4.1}
$$

where  $\{\beta_n^0\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n^1\}$  and  $\{\beta_n^2\}$  are the sequences in  $[0,1]$  with the following restrictions:

- (a)  $\beta_n^0 + \beta_n^1 + \beta_n^2 = 1;$
- (b)  $\{r_n\} \subset [a,\infty)$  for some  $a > 0$ ;
- (c)  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 > 0$  and  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \beta_n^0 \beta_n^2 > 0$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F J x_0$ , where  $\Pi_F$  is the generalized projection from C onto F.

*Proof.* From Lemma 4.2, we know that  $J_r^{B_1}$  and  $J_r^{B_1}$  are two closed hemirelatively nonexpansive mappings. Furthermore, applying Theorem 3.1, we can obtain that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F J x_0$ .  $\Box$ 

If  $\beta_n^2 = 0$  in (4.1), then the iteration scheme (4.1) is reduced to the new modified Mann iteration for zero of maximal monotone operator  $B_1$ , the variational inequality (1.1) and the generalized equilibrium problem (1.9) as follows.

Corollary 4.4. Let E be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and C be a nonempty closed convex subset of E. Let f be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to R satisfying the conditions  $(A_1)$ - $(A_4)$ . Assume that A is a continuous operator of C into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3), B is a continuous and monotone operator of C into  $E^*$  and  $B_1$  is a maximal monotone operator from E to  $E^*$ ,  $J_r^{B_1}$  is a resolvent of  $B_1$  with

$$
F := B_1^{-1}0 \cap VI(A, C) \cap GEP(f, B) \neq \emptyset.
$$

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following iterative scheme:

$$
\begin{cases}\nx_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\
z_n = \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta Ax_n), \\
y_n = \Pi_C(\alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n)JJ_r^{B_1} z_n), \\
u_n \in C \text{ such that } f(u_n, y) + \langle Bu_n, y - u_n \rangle \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\
C_{n+1} = \{ z \in C_n : \phi(z, u_n) \le \phi(z, y_n) \\
&\quad \le \alpha_n \phi(z, x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \phi(z, z_n) \le \phi(z, x_n) \}, \\
C_0 = C, \\
x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \ge 1,\n\end{cases}
$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence in [0, 1] with the following restrictions:

- (a)  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n(1-\alpha_n) > 0;$
- (b)  $\{r_n\} \subset [a,\infty)$  for some  $a > 0$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F J x_0$ , where  $\Pi_F$  is the generalized projection from C onto F.

Considering  $B = 0$  in Corollary 4.4, we can directly obtain the following corollary by applying Corollary 4.4.

Corollary 4.5. Let E be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and C be a nonempty closed convex subset of E. Let f be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to R satisfying the conditions  $(A_1)$ - $(A_4)$ . Assume that A is a continuous operator of C into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3), B is a maximal monotone operator from E to  $E^*$ ,  $J_r^B$  is a resolvents of B with

$$
F := B^{-1}0 \cap VI(A, C) \cap EP(f) \neq \emptyset.
$$

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following iterative scheme:

$$
\begin{cases}\nx_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\
z_n = \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta Ax_n), \\
y_n = \Pi_C(\alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n)JJ_r^B z_n), \\
u_n \in C \text{ such that } f(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\
C_{n+1} = \{ z \in C_n : \phi(z, u_n) \le \phi(z, y_n) \\
&\le \alpha_n \phi(z, x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \phi(z, z_n) \le \phi(z, x_n) \}, \\
C_0 = C, \\
x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \ge 1,\n\end{cases}
$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence in [0, 1] with the following restrictions:

(a)  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n(1-\alpha_n) > 0;$ 

(b)  $\{r_n\} \subset [a,\infty)$  for some  $a > 0$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F J x_0$ , where  $\Pi_F$  is the generalized projection from C onto F.

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