



## Viscosity approximation methods with weakly contractive mappings for nonexpansive mappings

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**Abstract:** Let  $K$  be a closed convex subset of a real reflexive Banach space  $E$ ,  $T:K \rightarrow K$  be a nonexpansive mapping, and  $f:K \rightarrow K$  be a fixed weakly contractive (may not be contractive) mapping. Then for any  $t \in (0, 1)$ , let  $x_t \in K$  be the unique fixed point of the weak contraction  $x \mapsto tf(x) + (1-t)Tx$ . If  $T$  has a fixed point and  $E$  admits a weakly sequentially continuous duality mapping from  $E$  to  $E^*$ , then it is shown that  $\{x_t\}$  converges to a fixed point of  $T$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . The results presented here improve and generalize the corresponding results in (Xu, 2004).

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### INTRODUCTION

Let  $E$  be a real Banach space with dual space  $E^*$ ,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be the dual pair between  $E$  and  $E^*$ ,  $2^E$  denote the family of all the nonempty subsets of  $E$  and  $K$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . When  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $E$ , then  $x_n \rightarrow x$  (respectively  $x_n \xrightarrow{\text{weak}} x$ ,  $x_n \xrightarrow{\text{weak}^*} x$ ) will denote strong (respectively weak, weak<sup>\*</sup>) convergence of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  to  $x$ . The normalized duality mapping  $J: E \rightarrow 2^{E^*}$  is defined by  $J(x) = \{f \in E^*, \langle x, f \rangle = \|x\| \|f\|, \|x\| = \|f\|\}$ ,  $\forall x \in E$ . In the sequence, we shall denote the single-valued duality mapping by  $j$ , and denote  $F(T) = \{x \in E, Tx = x\}$ .

A self-mapping  $T:K \rightarrow K$  is called contractive if there exists a constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq k \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in K, \quad (1)$$

while  $T$  is called nonexpansive if Eq.(1) holds for  $k=1$ . The self-mapping  $f:K \rightarrow K$  is called weakly contractive of the class  $C_{\psi(s)}$  if there exists a continuous and non-

decreasing function  $\psi(s)$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^*$  such that  $\psi$  is positive on  $\mathbb{R}^* \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\psi(0)=0$ ,  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \psi(s) = +\infty$  and for any  $x, y \in K$ ,  $\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \|x - y\| - \psi(\|x - y\|)$ .

**Remark 1** Clearly a contractive mapping with constant  $k$  must be a weakly contractive mapping, where  $\psi(s) = (1-k)s$ , but the converse is not true.

**Example 1** (Alber and Guerre-Delabriere, 1997) The mapping  $Ax = \sin x$  from  $[0, 1]$  to  $[0, 1]$  is weakly contractive and  $\psi(s) = s^3/8$ . But  $A$  is not a contractive mapping.

Indeed, suppose that  $A$  is a contractive mapping with constant  $k \in (0, 1)$ , i.e.,

$$|\sin x - \sin y| \leq k |x - y|, \quad \forall x, y \in [0, 1]. \quad (2)$$

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [(\sin x)/x] = 1$ , taking  $\varepsilon = 1 - k$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  as  $0 < x < \delta$ , we have  $|(\sin x)/x - 1| < 1 - k$ . Therefore  $k < |(\sin x - \sin 0)/(x - 0)|$ , i.e.,  $k|x - 0| < |\sin x - \sin 0|$ , which contradicts the assumption of Eq.(2). Thus  $A$  is not contractive.

Recall that the norm of Banach space  $E$  is said to be "Gateaux differentiable", if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t} \quad (3)$$

exists for each  $x, y$  on the unit sphere  $S(E)$  of  $E$ . Moreover, if for each  $y$  in  $S(E)$  the limit defined by (3) is uniformly obtained for  $x$  in  $S(E)$ , we say that the norm of  $E$  is "uniformly Gateaux differentiable". A Banach space  $E$  is said to be strictly convex if  $\|x\| = \|y\| = 1, x \neq y$  implies  $\|x+y\| < 2$ . A mapping  $T:K \rightarrow K$  is called pseudocontractive (respectively, strongly pseudocontractive), if for any  $x, y \in K$ , there exists  $j(x-y) \in J(x-y)$  such that  $\langle Tx - Ty, j(x-y) \rangle \leq \|x-y\|^2$  (respectively,  $\langle Tx - Ty, j(x-y) \rangle \leq \beta \|x-y\|^2$  for some  $0 < \beta < 1$ ).

Xu (2004) studied the following viscosity iteration Eq.(4) in a uniformly smooth Banach space  $E$  for a fixed contractive mapping  $f:K \rightarrow K$  and a nonexpansive mapping  $T:K \rightarrow K$ ,

$$x_t = tf(x_t) + (1-t)Tx_t \quad (4)$$

and proved that as  $t$  approaches 0 the sequence  $\{x_t\}$  converges strongly to a fixed point of  $T$ , which is the unique solution to the following variational inequality:

$$\langle f(p) - p, j(u - p) \rangle \leq 0, \forall u \in F(T). \quad (5)$$

Chen *et al.*(2006) continued this direction of research. They studied the viscosity iteration Eq.(4) in a real reflexive Banach space  $E$  for a fixed Lipschitzian strongly pseudocontractive mapping  $f:K \rightarrow K$  and a continuous pseudocontractive mapping  $T:K \rightarrow K$ . If  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$  and  $E$  admits a weakly sequentially continuous duality mapping, they proved that  $\{x_t\}$  defined by Eq.(4) converges strongly to a fixed point of  $T$ , which is a unique solution to the inequality (5).

Recently, in a real reflexive and strictly convex Banach space  $E$  with a "uniformly Gateaux differentiable" norm, Song and Chen (2007) studied the viscosity iterative process Eq.(4) for continuous pseudocontractive self-mappings, and showed that the  $\{x_t\}$  in Eq.(4) strongly converges  $x^* \in F(T)$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$  and  $x^*$  is a unique solution to the inequality (5).

In this paper, we will further study the strong convergence for the viscosity iterative sequence  $\{x_t\}$  in Eq.(4). Here  $f:K \rightarrow K$  is a fixed weakly contractive

(may not be contractive) mapping and  $T:K \rightarrow K$  is a nonexpansive mapping with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ . We prove that  $\{x_t\}$  converges strongly to some  $p \in F(T)$ , where  $p$  is a unique solution to the variational inequality (5). Our results improve and extend the corresponding ones in (Xu, 2004).

If a Banach space  $E$  admits a sequentially continuous duality mapping  $J$  from weak topology to weak\* topology, from Lemma 1 of (Gossez and Lami Dozo, 1972), it follows that the duality mapping  $J$  is single-valued. In this case, the duality mapping  $J$  is also said to be weakly sequentially continuous, i.e., for each  $\{x_n\} \subset E$  with  $x_n \xrightarrow{\text{weak}} x$ , then  $J(x_n) \xrightarrow{\text{weak}^*} J(x)$ .

A Banach space  $E$  satisfies Opial condition if for each  $\{x_n\} \subset E$  with  $x_n \xrightarrow{\text{weak}} x$ , then

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x\| < \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y\|, \forall y \in E, y \neq x.$$

From Theorem 1 of (Gossez and Lami Dozo, 1972), if  $E$  admits a weakly sequentially continuous duality mapping, then  $E$  satisfies Opial condition.

Let  $C$  be a nonempty subset of a Banach space  $E$ , a mapping  $T$  on  $C$  is called demiclosed if for any  $\{x_n\} \subset C$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty, x_n \xrightarrow{\text{weak}} x$  and  $Tx_n \rightarrow y$  imply  $x \in C$  and  $Tx = y$ .

In what follows, we shall make use of the following lemmas:

**Lemma 1** (Jung, 2005) Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a reflexive Banach space  $E$  satisfying Opial condition, and  $T:C \rightarrow E$  be a nonexpansive mapping. Then the mapping  $I-T$  is demiclosed on  $C$ .

**Lemma 2** (Rhoades, 2001) Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space,  $T:X \rightarrow X$  be a weakly contractive mapping. Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $p$  in  $X$ .

## MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 1** Let  $K$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Banach space  $E$ . Suppose that  $T:K \rightarrow K$  is a nonexpansive mapping with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ , and  $f:K \rightarrow K$  is a fixed weakly contractive mapping of the class  $C_{\psi(s)}$ . Then

(1) for each  $t \in (0,1)$ , there exists a unique point  $x_t \in K$  satisfying Eq.(4);

(2) for any fixed  $q \in F(T)$ ,  $\psi(\|x_t - q\|) \|x_t - q\| \leq \langle f(q) - q, j(x_t - q) \rangle$ ;

(3)  $\{x_t\}$  is bounded;

(4) for any fixed  $q \in F(T)$ ,  $\langle x_t - f(x_t), j(x_t - q) \rangle \leq 0$ .

**Proof** For each  $t \in (0, 1)$ , set  $F = t f + (1-t)T$  and for any  $x, y \in K$ , since  $f$  is weakly contractive and  $T$  is non-expansive, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|F(x) - F(y)\| \\ &= \|t[f(x) - f(y)] + (1-t)(Tx - Ty)\| \\ &\leq t\|f(x) - f(y)\| + (1-t)\|Tx - Ty\| \\ &\leq t\|x - y\| - t\psi(\|x - y\|) + (1-t)\|x - y\| \\ &= \|x - y\| - t\psi(\|x - y\|). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $F$  is a weakly contractive mapping of the class  $C_{\psi(s)}$  and maps  $K$  in itself because  $f(K) \subset K$ ,  $T(K) \subset K$  and  $K$  is convex. Thus from Lemma 2,  $F$  has a unique fixed point  $x_t \in K$ . So Theorem 1(1) holds.

For any fixed  $q \in F(T)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_t - q\|^2 \\ &= \langle t(f(x_t) - q) + (1-t)(Tx_t - Tq), j(x_t - q) \rangle \\ &\leq \langle t(f(x_t) - f(q)) + t(f(q) - q), j(x_t - q) \rangle \\ &\quad + (1-t)\|Tx_t - Tq\| \cdot \|x_t - q\| \\ &\leq t\|x_t - q\|^2 - t\psi(\|x_t - q\|) \|x_t - q\| \\ &\quad + (1-t)\|x_t - q\|^2 + t\langle f(q) - q, j(x_t - q) \rangle \\ &\leq \|x_t - q\|^2 - t\psi(\|x_t - q\|) \|x_t - q\| \\ &\quad + t\langle f(q) - q, j(x_t - q) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\psi(\|x_t - q\|) \|x_t - q\| \leq \langle f(q) - q, j(x_t - q) \rangle$ . This establishes Theorem 1(2).

From Theorem 1(2), we have  $\psi(\|x_t - q\|) \|x_t - q\| \leq \|f(q) - q\| \cdot \|x_t - q\|$ . If  $\|x_t - q\| = 0$ , the result is clearly obtained. If  $\|x_t - q\| > 0$ , then  $\psi(\|x_t - q\|) \leq \|f(q) - q\|$ . This implies that  $\|x_t - q\| \leq \psi^{-1}(\|f(q) - q\|)$ . So Theorem 1(3) is proved.

For any fixed  $q \in F(T)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle x_t - f(x_t), j(x_t - q) \rangle \\ &= (1-t)\langle Tx_t - f(x_t), j(x_t - q) \rangle \\ &\leq (1-t)\langle Tx_t - Tq, j(x_t - q) \rangle + \\ &\quad (1-t)\langle q - x_t + x_t - f(x_t), j(x_t - q) \rangle \\ &\leq (1-t)\langle x_t - f(x_t), j(x_t - q) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\langle x_t - f(x_t), j(x_t - q) \rangle \leq 0$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem 2** Let  $E$  be a reflexive Banach space which admits a weakly sequentially continuous duality mapping  $J$  from  $E$  to  $E^*$ , and  $K$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Assume that  $T: K \rightarrow K$  is a non-expansive mapping with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ , and  $f: K \rightarrow K$  is a fixed weakly contractive mapping of the class  $C_{\psi(s)}$ . Then  $\{x_t\}$  defined by Eq.(4) converges strongly to a fixed point  $p$  of  $T$ , where  $p$  is the unique solution in  $F(T)$  to the variational inequality (5).

**Proof** We first show that the uniqueness of a solution to the variational inequality (5). In fact, suppose  $p, q \in F(T)$  satisfy inequality (5), i.e.,

$$\langle f(p) - p, j(q - p) \rangle \leq 0, \tag{6}$$

$$\langle f(q) - q, j(p - q) \rangle \leq 0. \tag{7}$$

Adding Eqs.(6) and (7) up, we obtain  $\langle (I - f)(p) - (I - f)(q), j(p - q) \rangle \leq 0$ . From this inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|p - q\|^2 \leq \|f(p) - f(q)\| \cdot \|q - p\| \\ & \leq \|p - q\|^2 - \psi(\|p - q\|) \cdot \|p - q\|. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $p = q$  and the uniqueness is proved.

Next we show that  $\|x_t - Tx_t\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . Indeed, it follows from Theorem 1(3) that  $\{x_t\}$ ,  $\{f(x_t)\}$  and  $\{Tx_t\}$  are bounded. As a result,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|x_t - Tx_t\| = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t\|f(x_t) - Tx_t\| = 0$ .

We claim that  $\{x_t\}$  is sequentially compact.

Since  $E$  is reflexive and  $\{x_t\}$  is bounded, there exists a weakly convergent subsequence  $\{x_{t_n}\}$ . Put  $x_n := x_{t_n}$ . We suppose  $x_n \xrightarrow{\text{weak}} p$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . And from  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|x_t - Tx_t\| = 0$  and Lemma 1, we obtain  $p = Tp$ . By Theorem 1(2) and the weakly sequential continuity of  $J$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\psi(\|x_n - p\|) \|x_n - p\| \rightarrow 0$ . This implies that  $x_n \rightarrow p$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ).

Finally we prove that  $p$  is the unique solution to the variational inequality (5). Indeed, for any  $u \in F(T)$ , since the set  $\{x_n - u\}$  is bounded,  $J$  is weakly sequentially continuous and  $x_n \rightarrow p$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ); as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|f(x_n) - x_n - [f(p) - p]\| \rightarrow 0, \\
& \left| \langle f(x_n) - x_n, j(u - x_n) \rangle - \langle f(p) - p, j(u - p) \rangle \right| \\
& \leq \left| \langle f(x_n) - x_n - [f(p) - p], j(u - x_n) \rangle \right| + \\
& \quad \left| \langle f(p) - p, j(u - x_n) - j(u - p) \rangle \right| \\
& \leq \|f(x_n) - x_n - [f(p) - p]\| \cdot \|u - x_n\| + \\
& \quad \left| \langle f(p) - p, j(u - x_n) - j(u - p) \rangle \right| \rightarrow 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by Theorem 1(4), we get

$$\langle f(p) - p, j(u - p) \rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f(x_n) - x_n, j(u - x_n) \rangle \leq 0.$$

So  $p$  is a unique solution to the variational inequality (5). The proof is completed.

Since a contractive mapping is a weakly contractive mapping, we easily get the following result:

**Corollary 1** Let  $E$  be a reflexive Banach space which admits a weakly sequentially continuous duality mapping  $J$  from  $E$  to  $E^*$ , and  $K$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Assume that  $T:K \rightarrow K$  is a nonexpansive mapping with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ , and  $f:K \rightarrow K$  is a fixed contractive mapping. Then  $\{x_t\}$  defined by Eq.(4) converges strongly to a fixed point  $p$  of  $T$ , where  $p$  is the unique solution in  $F(T)$  to the variational inequality (5).

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