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# A new iterative scheme with nonexpansive mappings for equilibrium problems

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## Abstract

In this paper, we suggest a new iteration scheme for finding a common of the solution set of monotone, Lipschitz-type continuous equilibrium problems and the set of fixed points of a nonexpansive mapping. The scheme is based on both hybrid method and extragradient-type method. We obtain a strong convergence theorem for the sequences generated by these processes in a real Hilbert space. Based on this result, we also get some new and interesting results. The results in this paper generalize, extend, and improve some well-known results in the literature.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a real Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and norm  $\| \cdot \|$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . A mapping  $S : C \rightarrow C$  is a *contraction* with a constant  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ , if

$$\|S(x) - S(y)\| \leq \delta \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in C.$$

If  $\delta = 1$ , then  $S$  is called *nonexpansive* on  $C$ .  $\text{Fix}(S)$  is denoted by the set of fixed points of  $S$ . Let  $f : C \times C \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  be a bifunction such that  $f(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in C$ . We consider the equilibrium problem in the sense of Blum and Oettli (see [1]) which is presented as follows:

$$\text{Find } x^* \in C \text{ such that } f(x^*, y) \geq 0 \text{ for all } y \in C. \quad EP(f, C)$$

The set of solutions of  $EP(f, C)$  is denoted by  $Sol(f, C)$ . The bifunction  $f$  is called *strongly monotone* on  $C$  with  $\beta > 0$ , if

$$f(x, y) + f(y, x) \leq -\beta \|x - y\|^2, \quad \forall x, y \in C;$$

*monotone* on  $C$ , if

$$f(x, y) + f(y, x) \leq 0, \quad \forall x, y \in C;$$

*pseudomonotone* on  $C$ , if

$$f(x, y) \geq 0 \text{ implies } f(y, x) \leq 0, \quad \forall x, y \in C;$$

*Lipschitz-type continuous* on  $C$  with constants  $c_1 > 0$  and  $c_2 > 0$  (see [2]), if

$$f(x, y) + f(y, z) \geq f(x, z) - c_1 \|x - y\|^2 - c_2 \|y - z\|^2, \quad \forall x, y, z \in C.$$

It is well-known that Problem  $EP(f, C)$  includes, as particular cases, the optimization problem, the variational inequality problem, the Nash equilibrium problem in noncooperative games, the fixed point problem, the nonlinear complementarity problem and the vector minimization problem (see [2-6]).

In recent years, the problem to find a common point of the solution set of problem ( $EP$ ) and the set of fixed points of a nonexpansive mapping becomes an attractive field for many researchers (see [7-15]). An important special case of equilibrium problems is the variational inequalities (shortly ( $VIP$ )), where  $F : C \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  and  $f(x, y) = \langle F(x), y - x \rangle$ . Various methods have been developed for finding a common point of the solution set of problem ( $VIP$ ) and the set of fixed points of a nonexpansive mapping when  $F$  is monotone (see [16-18]).

Motivated by fixed point techniques of Takahashi and Takahashi in [19] and an improvement set of extragradient-type iteration methods in [20], we introduce a new iteration algorithm for finding a common of the solution set of equilibrium problems with a *monotone* and *Lipschitz-type continuous* bifunction and the set of fixed points of a nonexpansive mapping. We show that all of the iterative sequences generated by this algorithm convergence strongly to the common element in a real Hilbert space.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . We write  $x^n \rightharpoonup x$  to indicate that the sequence  $\{x^n\}$  converges weakly to  $x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x^n \rightarrow x$  implies that  $\{x^n\}$  converges strongly to  $x$ . For any  $x \in \mathcal{H}$ , there exists a nearest point in  $C$ , denoted by  $Pr_C(x)$ , such that

$$\|x - Pr_C(x)\| \leq \|x - y\|, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

$Pr_C$  is called the metric projection of  $\mathcal{H}$  to  $C$ . It is well known that  $Pr_C$  satisfies the following properties:

$$\langle x - y, Pr_C(x) - Pr_C(y) \rangle \geq \|Pr_C(x) - Pr_C(y)\|^2, \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{H}, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\langle x - Pr_C(x), Pr_C(x) - y \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H}, y \in C, \tag{2.2}$$

$$\|x - y\|^2 \geq \|x - Pr_C(x)\|^2 + \|y - Pr_C(x)\|^2, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H}, y \in C. \tag{2.3}$$

Let us assume that a bifunction  $f : C \times C \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  and a nonexpansive mapping  $S : C \rightarrow C$  satisfy the following conditions:

- $A_1$ .  $f$  is Lipschitz-type continuous on  $C$ ;
- $A_2$ .  $f$  is monotone on  $C$ ;
- $A_3$ . for each  $x \in C$ ,  $f(x, \cdot)$  is subdifferentiable and convex on  $C$ ;
- $A_4$ .  $Fix(S) \cap Sol(f, C) \neq \emptyset$ .

Recently, Takahashi and Takahashi in [19] first introduced an iterative scheme by the viscosity approximation method. The sequence  $\{x^k\}$  is defined by:

$$\begin{cases} x^0 \in \mathcal{H}, \\ \text{Find } u^k \in C \text{ such that } f(u^k, \gamma) + \frac{1}{r_k} \langle \gamma - u^k, u^k - x^k \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall \gamma \in C, \\ x^{k+1} = \alpha_k g(x^k) + (1 - \alpha_k) S(u^k), \quad \forall k \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $C$  is a nonempty closed convex subset of  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $g$  is a contractive mapping of  $\mathcal{H}$  into itself. The authors showed that under certain conditions over  $\{\alpha_k\}$  and  $\{r_k\}$ , sequences  $\{x_k\}$  and  $\{u_k\}$  converge strongly to  $z = Pr_{Sol(f,C) \cap Fix(S)}(g(x^0))$ . Recently, iterative methods for finding a common element of the set of solutions of equilibrium problems and the set of fixed points of a nonexpansive mapping have further developed by many authors. These methods require to solve approximation auxiliary equilibrium problems.

In this paper, we introduce a new iteration method for finding a common point of the set of fixed points of a nonexpansive mapping  $S$  and the set of solutions of problem  $EP(f, C)$ . At each our iteration, the main steps are to solve two strongly convex problems

$$\begin{cases} \gamma^k = \operatorname{argmin} \{ \lambda_k f(x^k, \gamma) + \frac{1}{2} \|\gamma - x^k\|^2 : \gamma \in C \}, \\ t^k = \operatorname{argmin} \{ \lambda_k f(\gamma^k, \gamma) + \frac{1}{2} \|\gamma - x^k\|^2 : \gamma \in C \}, \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

and compute the next iteration point by Mann-type fixed points

$$x^{k+1} = \alpha_k g(x^k) + (1 - \alpha_k) S(t^k), \quad (2.5)$$

where  $g : C \rightarrow C$  is a  $\delta$ -contraction with  $0 < \delta < \frac{1}{2}$ .

To investigate the convergence of this scheme, we recall the following technical lemmas which will be used in the sequel.

**Lemma 2.1** (see [21]) *Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers such that:*

$$a_{n+1} \leq (1 - \alpha_n) a_n + \beta_n, \quad n \geq 0,$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$ , and  $\{\beta_n\}$  satisfy the conditions:

- (i)  $\alpha_n \in (0, 1)$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ ;
- (ii)  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\beta_n}{\alpha_n} \leq 0$  or  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\beta_n| < \infty$ .

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0.$$

**Lemma 2.2** ([22]) *Assume that  $S$  is a nonexpansive self-mapping of a nonempty closed convex subset  $C$  of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . If  $Fix(S) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $I - S$  is demiclosed; that is, whenever  $\{x^k\}$  is a sequence in  $C$  weakly converging to some  $\bar{x} \in C$  and the sequence  $\{(I - S)(x^k)\}$  strongly converges to some  $\bar{y}$ , it follows that  $(I - S)(\bar{x}) = \bar{y}$ . Here  $I$  is the identity operator of  $\mathcal{H}$ .*

**Lemma 2.3** (see [20], Lemma 3.1) *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $f : C \times C \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  be a pseudomonotone, Lipschitz-type continuous bifunction with constants  $c_1 > 0$  and  $c_2 > 0$ . For each  $x \in C$ , let  $f(x, \cdot)$  be convex and subdifferentiable on  $C$ . Suppose that the sequences  $\{x^k\}$ ,  $\{y^k\}$ ,  $\{t^k\}$  generated by Scheme (2.4) and  $x^* \in Sol(f, C)$ . Then*

$$\|t^k - x^*\|^2 \leq \|x^k - x^*\|^2 - (1 - 2\lambda_k c_1) \|x^k - y^k\|^2 - (1 - 2\lambda_k c_2) \|y^k - t^k\|^2, \quad \forall k \geq 0.$$

### 3 Main results

Now, we prove the main convergence theorem.

**Theorem 3.1** *Suppose that Assumptions  $A_1$ - $A_4$  are satisfied,  $x^0 \in C$  and two positive sequences  $\{\lambda_k\}$ ,  $\{a_k\}$  satisfy the following restrictions:*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_{k+1} - \alpha_k| < \infty, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k = 0, \\ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k = \infty, \\ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{|\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k|} < \infty, \\ \{\lambda_k\} \subset [a, b] \text{ for some } a, b \in (0, \frac{1}{L}), \text{ where } L = \max\{2c_1, 2c_2\}. \end{array} \right.$$

Then the sequences  $\{x^k\}$ ,  $\{y^k\}$  and  $\{t^k\}$  generated by (2.4) and (2.5) converge strongly to the same point  $x^*$ , where

$$x^* = Pr_{Fix(S) \cap Sol(f,C)} g(x^*).$$

The proof of this theorem is divided into several steps.

**Step 1.** Claim that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x^k - t^k\| = 0.$$

*Proof of Step 1.* For each  $x^* \in Fix(S) \cap Sol(f, C)$ , it follows from  $x^{k+1} = a_k g(x^k) + (1 - a_k)S(t^k)$ , Lemma 2.3 and  $\delta \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x^{k+1} - x^*\|^2 &= \|\alpha_k(g(x^k) - x^*) + (1 - \alpha_k)(S(t^k) - S(x^*))\|^2 \\ &\leq \alpha_k \|g(x^k) - x^*\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_k) \|S(t^k) - S(x^*)\|^2 \\ &= \alpha_k \|(g(x^k) - g(x^*)) + (g(x^*) - x^*)\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_k) \|S(t^k) - S(x^*)\|^2 \\ &\leq 2\delta^2 \alpha_k \|x^k - x^*\|^2 + 2\alpha_k \|g(x^*) - x^*\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_k) \|t^k - x^*\|^2 \\ &\leq 2\delta^2 \alpha_k \|x^k - x^*\|^2 + 2\alpha_k \|g(x^*) - x^*\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_k) \|x^k - x^*\|^2 \\ &\quad - (1 - \alpha_k)(1 - 2\lambda_k c_1) \|x^k - y^k\|^2 - (1 - \alpha_k)(1 - 2\lambda_k c_2) \|y^k - t^k\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x^k - x^*\|^2 + 2\alpha_k \|g(x^*) - x^*\|^2 - (1 - \alpha_k)(1 - 2\lambda_k c_1) \|x^k - y^k\|^2 \\ &\quad - (1 - \alpha_k)(1 - 2\lambda_k c_2) \|y^k - t^k\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha_k)(1 - 2bc_1) \|x^k - y^k\|^2 &\leq (1 - \alpha_k)(1 - 2\lambda_k c_1) \|x^k - y^k\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x^k - x^*\|^2 - \|x^{k+1} - x^*\|^2 + 2\alpha_k \|g(x^*) - x^*\|^2 \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x^k - y^k\| = 0. \tag{3.1}$$

By the similar way, also

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|y^k - t^k\| = 0.$$

Combining this, (3.1) and the inequality  $\|x^k - t^k\| = \|x^k - y^k\| + \|y^k - t^k\|$ , we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x^k - t^k\| = 0. \tag{3.2}$$

**Step 2.** Claim that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x^{k+1} - x^k\| = 0.$$

*Proof of Step 2.* It is easy to see that  $t^k = \operatorname{argmin} \{ \frac{1}{2} \|t - x^k\|^2 + \lambda_k f(y^k, t) : t \in C \}$  if and only if

$$0 \in \partial_2(\lambda_k f(y^k, \cdot) + \frac{1}{2} \|\cdot - x^k\|^2)(t^k) + N_C(t^k),$$

where  $N_C(x)$  is the (outward) normal cone of  $C$  at  $x \in C$ . This means that  $0 = \lambda_k w + t^k - x^k + \bar{w}$ , where  $w \in \partial_2 f(y^k, t^k)$  and  $\bar{w} \in N_C(t^k)$ . By the definition of the normal cone  $N_C$  we have, from this relation that

$$\langle t^k - x^k, t - t^k \rangle \geq \lambda_k \langle w, t^k - t \rangle \forall t \in C.$$

Substituting  $t = t^{k+1}$  into this inequality, we get

$$\langle t^k - x^k, t^{k+1} - t^k \rangle \geq \lambda_k \langle w, t^k - t^{k+1} \rangle. \tag{3.3}$$

Since  $f(x, \cdot)$  is convex on  $C$  for all  $x \in C$ , we have

$$f(y^k, t) - f(y^k, t^k) \geq \langle w, t - t^k \rangle \forall t \in C, w \in \partial_2 f(y^k, t^k).$$

Using this and (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle t^k - x^k, t^{k+1} - t^k \rangle &\geq \lambda_k \langle w, t^k - t^{k+1} \rangle \\ &\geq \lambda_k (f(y^k, t^k) - f(y^k, t^{k+1})). \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

By the similar way, we also have

$$\langle t^{k+1} - x^{k+1}, t^k - t^{k+1} \rangle \geq \lambda_{k+1} (f(y^{k+1}, t^{k+1}) - f(y^{k+1}, t^k)). \tag{3.5}$$

Using (3.4), (3.5) and  $f$  is Lipschitz-type continuous and monotone, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} \|x^{k+1} - x^k\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|t^{k+1} - t^k\|^2 \\ &\geq \langle t^{k+1} - t^k, t^k - x^k - t^{k+1} + x^{k+1} \rangle \\ &\geq \lambda_k (f(y^k, t^k) - f(y^k, t^{k+1})) \\ &\quad + \lambda_{k+1} (f(y^{k+1}, t^{k+1}) - f(y^{k+1}, t^k)) \\ &\geq \lambda_k (-f(t^k, t^{k+1}) - c_1 \|y^k - t^k\|^2 - c_2 \|t^k - t^{k+1}\|^2) \\ &\quad + \lambda_{k+1} (-f(t^{k+1}, t^k) - c_1 \|y^{k+1} - t^{k+1}\|^2 - c_2 \|t^k - t^{k+1}\|^2) \\ &\geq (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k) f(t^k, t^{k+1}) \\ &\geq -|\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k| |f(t^k, t^{k+1})|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|t^{k+1} - t^k\| &\leq \sqrt{\|x^{k+1} - x^k\|^2 + 2|\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k| |f(t^k, t^{k+1})|} \\ &\leq \|x^{k+1} - x^k\| + \sqrt{2|\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k| |f(t^k, t^{k+1})|} \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Since (3.6),  $a_{k+1} - a_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $g$  is contractive on  $C$ , Lemma 2.3, Step 2 and the definition of  $x^{k+1}$  that  $x^{k+1} = a_k g(x^k) + a_k S(t^k)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x^{k+1} - x^k\| &= \|\alpha_k g(x^k) + \alpha_k S(t^k) - \alpha_{k-1} g(x^{k-1}) - \alpha_{k-1} S(t^{k-1})\| \\ &= \|(\alpha_k - \alpha_{k-1})(g(x^{k-1}) - S(t^{k-1})) + (1 - \alpha_k)(S(t^k) - S(t^{k-1})) \\ &\quad + \alpha_k(g(x^k) - g(x^{k-1}))\| \\ &\leq |\alpha_k - \alpha_{k-1}| \|g(x^{k-1}) - S(t^{k-1})\| + (1 - \alpha_k) \|t^k - t^{k-1}\| + \alpha_k \delta \|x^k - x^{k-1}\| \\ &\leq |\alpha_k - \alpha_{k-1}| \|g(x^{k-1}) - S(t^{k-1})\| + (1 - \alpha_k) (\|x^k - x^{k-1}\| \\ &\quad + \sqrt{2|\lambda_k - \lambda_{k-1}|} |f(t^{k-1}, t^k)|) + \alpha_k \delta \|x^k - x^{k-1}\| \\ &= (1 - (1 - \delta)\alpha_k) \|x^k - x^{k-1}\| + |\alpha_k - \alpha_{k-1}| \|g(x^{k-1}) - S(t^{k-1})\| \\ &\quad + (1 - \alpha_k) \sqrt{2|\lambda_k - \lambda_{k-1}|} |f(t^{k-1}, t^k)| \\ &\leq (1 - (1 - \delta)\alpha_k) \|x^k - x^{k-1}\| + M |\alpha_k - \alpha_{k-1}| + K(1 - \alpha_k) \sqrt{2|\lambda_k - \lambda_{k-1}|}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta$  is contractive constant of the mapping  $g$ ,  $M = \sup\{\|g(x^{k-1}) - S(t^{k-1})\| : k = 0, 1, \dots\}$  and  $K = \sup\{\sqrt{|f(t^{k-1}, t^k)|} : k = 0, 1, \dots\}$ , since  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_k - \alpha_{k-1}| < \infty$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{|\lambda_k - \lambda_{k-1}|} < \infty$ , in view of Lemma 2.1, we have  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x^{k+1} - x^k\| = 0$ .

**Step 3.** Claim that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|t^k - S(t^k)\| = 0.$$

*Proof of Step 3.* From  $x^{k+1} = a_k g(x^k) + (1 - a_k) S(t^k)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} x^{k+1} - x^k &= \alpha_k g(x^k) + (1 - \alpha_k) S(t^k) - x^k \\ &= \alpha_k (g(x^k) - x^k) + (1 - \alpha_k) (t^k - x^k) + (1 - \alpha_k) (S(t^k) - t^k) \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$(1 - \alpha_k) \|S(t^k) - t^k\| \leq \|x^{k+1} - x^k\| + \alpha_k \|g(x^k) - x^k\| + (1 - \alpha_k) \|t^k - x^k\|.$$

Using this,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k = 0$ , Step 1 and Step 2, we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|t^k - S(t^k)\| = 0.$$

**Step 4.** Claim that

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle x^* - g(x^*), S(t^k) - x^* \rangle \geq 0.$$

*Proof of Step 4.* By Step 1,  $\{t^k\}$  is bounded, there exists a subsequence  $\{t^{k_i}\}$  of  $\{t^k\}$  such that

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle x^* - g(x^*), t^k - x^* \rangle = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \langle x^* - g(x^*), t^{k_i} - x^* \rangle.$$

Since the sequence  $\{t^{k_i}\}$  is bounded, there exists a subsequence  $\{t^{k_{i_j}}\}$  of  $\{t^{k_i}\}$  which converges weakly to  $\bar{t}$ . Without loss of generality we suppose that the sequence  $\{t^{k_i}\}$  converges weakly to  $\bar{t}$  such that

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle x^* - g(x^*), t^k - x^* \rangle = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \langle x^* - g(x^*), t^{k_i} - x^* \rangle. \quad (3.7)$$

Since Lemma 2.2 and Step 3, we have

$$S(\bar{t}) = \bar{t} \Leftrightarrow \bar{t} \in \text{Fix}(S). \quad (3.8)$$

Now we show that  $\bar{t} \in \text{Sol}(f, C)$ . By Step 1, we also have

$$x^{k_i} \rightharpoonup \bar{t}, \quad y^{k_i} \rightharpoonup \bar{t}.$$

Since  $y^k$  is the unique solution of the strongly convex problem

$$\min\{\frac{1}{2}\|y - x^k\|^2 + f(x^k, y) : y \in C\},$$

we have

$$0 \in \partial_2(\lambda_k f(x^k, y) + \frac{1}{2}\|y - x^k\|^2)(y^k) + N_C(y^k).$$

This follows that

$$0 = \lambda_k w + y^k - x^k + w^k,$$

where  $w \in \partial_2 f(x^k, y^k)$  and  $w^k \in N_C(y^k)$ . By the definition of the normal cone  $N_C$ , we have

$$\langle y^k - x^k, y - y^k \rangle \geq \lambda_k \langle w, y^k - y \rangle, \quad \forall y \in C. \quad (3.9)$$

On the other hand, since  $f(x^k, \cdot)$  is subdifferentiable on  $C$ , by the well-known Moreau-Rockafellar theorem, there exists  $w \in \partial_2 f(x^k, y^k)$  such that

$$f(x^k, y) - f(x^k, y^k) \geq \langle w, y - y^k \rangle, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

Combining this with (3.9), we have

$$\lambda_k (f(x^k, y) - f(x^k, y^k)) \geq \langle y^k - x^k, y^k - y \rangle, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

Hence

$$\lambda_{k_j} (f(x^{k_j}, y) - f(x^{k_j}, y^{k_j})) \geq \langle y^{k_j} - x^{k_j}, y^{k_j} - y \rangle, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

Then, using  $\{\lambda_k\} \subset [a, b] \subset (0, \frac{1}{L})$  and the continuity of  $f$ , we have

$$f(\bar{t}, y) \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

Combining this and (3.8), we obtain

$$t^{k_i} \rightharpoonup \bar{t} \in \text{Fix}(S) \cap \text{Sol}(f, C).$$

By (3.7) and the definition of  $x^*$ , we have

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle x^* - g(x^*), t^k - x^* \rangle = \langle x^* - g(x^*), \bar{t} - x^* \rangle \geq 0.$$

Using this and Step 3, we get

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle x^* - g(x^*), S(t^k) - x^* \rangle = \langle x^* - g(x^*), \bar{t} - x^* \rangle \geq 0.$$

**Step 5.** Claim that the sequences  $\{x^{k_j}\}$ ,  $\{y^{k_j}\}$  and  $\{t^{k_j}\}$  converge strongly to  $x^*$ .

*Proof of Step 5.* Using  $x^{k+1} = \alpha_k g(x^k) + (1 - \alpha_k)S(t^k)$  and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x^{k+1} - x^*\|^2 &= \|\alpha_k(g(x^k) - x^*) + (1 - \alpha_k)(S(t^k) - x^*)\|^2 \\ &= \alpha_k^2 \|g(x^k) - x^*\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_k)^2 \|S(t^k) - x^*\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_k(1 - \alpha_k)\langle g(x^k) - x^*, S(t^k) - x^* \rangle \\ &\leq \alpha_k^2 \|g(x^k) - x^*\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_k)^2 \|x^k - x^*\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_k(1 - \alpha_k)\langle g(x^k) - x^*, S(t^k) - x^* \rangle \\ &= \alpha_k^2 \|g(x^k) - x^*\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_k)^2 \|x^k - x^*\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_k(1 - \alpha_k)\langle g(x^k) - g(x^*), S(t^k) - x^* \rangle \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_k(1 - \alpha_k)\langle g(x^*) - x^*, S(t^k) - x^* \rangle \\ &\leq \alpha_k^2 \|g(x^k) - x^*\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_k)^2 \|x^k - x^*\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\delta\alpha_k(1 - \alpha_k)\|x^k - x^*\|\|S(t^k) - x^*\| \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_k(1 - \alpha_k)\langle g(x^*) - x^*, S(t^k) - x^* \rangle \\ &\leq \alpha_k^2 \|g(x^k) - x^*\|^2 + ((1 - \alpha_k)^2 + 2\delta\alpha_k(1 - \alpha_k))\|x^k - x^*\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_k(1 - \alpha_k)\langle g(x^*) - x^*, S(t^k) - x^* \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_k + 2\delta\alpha_k)\|x^k - x^*\|^2 + \alpha_k^2 \|g(x^k) - x^*\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_k(1 - \alpha_k)\max\{0, \langle g(x^*) - x^*, S(t^k) - x^* \rangle\} \\ &= (1 - A_k)\|x^k - x^*\|^2 + B_k, \end{aligned}$$

where  $A_k$  and  $B_k$  are defined by

$$\begin{cases} A_k = \alpha_k(1 - 2\delta), \\ B_k = \alpha_k^2 \|g(x^k) - x^*\|^2 + 2\alpha_k(1 - \alpha_k)\max\{0, \langle g(x^*) - x^*, S(t^k) - x^* \rangle\}. \end{cases}$$

Since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k = 0$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k = \infty$ , Step 4, we have  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle x^* - g(x^*), S(t^k) - x^* \rangle \geq 0$  and hence

$$B_k = o(A_k), \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_k = 0, \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k = \infty.$$

By Lemma 2.1, we obtain that the sequence  $\{x^k\}$  converges strongly to  $x^*$ . It follows from Step 1 that the sequences  $\{y^k\}$  and  $\{t^k\}$  also converge strongly to the same solution  $x^* = \text{Pr}_{\text{Fix}(S) \cap \text{Sol}(f, C)} g(x^*)$ .

□

#### 4 Applications

Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $F$  be a function from  $C$  into  $\mathcal{H}$ . In this section, we consider the variational inequality problem which is presented as follows:

$$\text{Find } x^* \in C \text{ such that } \langle F(x^*), x - x^* \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in C. \quad \text{VI}(F, C)$$

Let  $f : C \times C \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  be defined by  $f(x, y) = \langle F(x), y - x \rangle$ . Then Problem  $EP(f, C)$  can be written in  $VI(F, C)$ . The set of solutions of  $VI(F, C)$  is denoted by  $\text{Sol}(F, C)$ . Recall that the function  $F$  is called *strongly monotone* on  $C$  with  $\beta > 0$  if

$$\langle F(x) - F(y), x - y \rangle \geq \beta \|x - y\|^2, \quad \forall x, y \in C;$$

monotone on  $C$  if

$$\langle F(x) - F(y), x - y \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x, y \in C;$$

pseudomonotone on  $C$  if

$$\langle F(y), x - y \rangle \geq 0 \Rightarrow \langle F(x), x - y \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x, y \in C;$$

Lipschitz continuous on  $C$  with constants  $L > 0$  if

$$\|F(x) - F(y)\| \leq L\|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in C.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} y^k &= \operatorname{argmin} \left\{ \lambda_k f(x^k, y) + \frac{1}{2} \|y - x^k\|^2 : y \in C \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{argmin} \left\{ \lambda_k \langle F(x^k), y - x^k \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|y - x^k\|^2 : y \in C \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Pr}_C(x^k - \lambda_k F(x^k)), \end{aligned}$$

(2.4), (2.5) and Theorem 3.1, we obtain that the following convergence theorem for finding a common element of the set of fixed points of a nonexpansive mapping  $S$  and the solution set of problem  $VI(F, C)$ .

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $F$  be a function from  $C$  to  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $F$  is monotone and  $L$ -Lipschitz continuous on  $C$ ,  $g : C \rightarrow C$  is contractive with constant  $\delta \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $S : C \rightarrow C$  be nonexpansive and positive sequences  $\{\alpha_k\}$  and  $\{\lambda_k\}$  satisfy the following restrictions*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_{k+1} - \alpha_k| < \infty, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k = 0, \\ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k = \infty, \\ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{|\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k|} < \infty, \\ \{\lambda_k\} \subset [a, b] \text{ for some } a, b \in (0, \frac{1}{L}). \end{array} \right.$$

Then sequences  $\{x^k\}$ ,  $\{y^k\}$  and  $\{t^k\}$  generated by

$$\begin{cases} y^k = \operatorname{Pr}_C(x^k - \lambda_k F(x^k)), \\ t^k = \operatorname{Pr}_C(x^k - \lambda_k F(y^k)), \\ x^{k+1} = \alpha_k g(x^k) + (1 - \alpha_k) S(t^k), \end{cases}$$

converge strongly to the same point  $x^* \in \operatorname{Pr}_{\operatorname{Fix}(S) \cap \operatorname{Sol}(F, C)} g(x^*)$ .

Thus, this scheme and its convergence become results proposed by Nadezhkina and Takahashi in [23]. As direct consequences of Theorem 3.1, we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.2** *Suppose that Assumptions  $A_1$ - $A_3$  are satisfied,  $\operatorname{Sol}(f, C) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $x^0 \in C$  and two positive sequences  $\{\lambda_k\}$ ,  $\{\alpha_k\}$  satisfy the following restrictions:*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_{k+1} - \alpha_k| < \infty, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_k = 0, \\ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k = \infty, \\ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{|\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k|} < \infty, \\ \{\lambda_k\} \subset [a, b] \text{ for some } a, b \in (0, \frac{1}{L}), \text{ where } L = \max\{2c_1, 2c_2\}. \end{array} \right.$$

Then, the sequences  $\{x^k\}$ ,  $\{y^k\}$  and  $\{t^k\}$  generated by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y^k = \operatorname{argmin} \{ \lambda_k f(x^k, y) + \frac{1}{2} \|y - x^k\|^2 : y \in C \}, \\ t^k = \operatorname{argmin} \{ \lambda_k f(y^k, y) + \frac{1}{2} \|y - x^k\|^2 : y \in C \} \\ x^{k+1} = \alpha_k g(x^k) + (1 - \alpha_k) t^k, \end{array} \right.$$

where  $g : C \rightarrow C$  is a  $\delta$ -contraction with  $0 < \delta < \frac{1}{2}$ , converge strongly to the same point  $x^* = \operatorname{Pr}_{\operatorname{Sol}(f, C)} g(x^*)$ .

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