# APPROXIMATION OF COMMON SOLUTIONS FOR MONOTONE INCLUSION PROBLEMS AND EQUILIBRIUM PROBLEMS IN HILBERT SPACES

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ABSTRACT. Let H be a real Hilbert space and let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. Let  $\alpha > 0$  and let A be an  $\alpha$ -inverse-strongly monotone mapping of C into H. Let B be a maximal monotone operator on H and let F be a maximal monotone operator on H such that the domain of F is included in C. Let  $(A+B)^{-1}0$  and  $F^{-1}0$  be the sets of zero points of A+B and F, respectively. In this paper, we prove a strong convergence theorem for finding a point  $z_0 \in$  $(A+B)^{-1}0 \cap F^{-1}0$  which is a unique fixed point of a nonlinear operator and also a unique solution of a variational inequality. Using this result, we obtain new and well-known strong convergence theorems in a Hilbert space which are useful in Nonlinear Analysis and Optimization.

## 1. Introduction

Let H be a real Hilbert space and let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. Let T be a mapping of C into H. We denote by F(T) the set of fixed points of T. A mapping  $g: H \to H$  is a contraction if there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that  $||g(x) - g(y)|| \leq k ||x - y||$  for all  $x, y \in H$ . We call such g a k-contraction. A linear bounded operator  $G: H \to H$  is called strongly positive if there exists  $\overline{\gamma} > 0$  such that  $\langle Gx, x \rangle \geq \overline{\gamma} ||x||^2$  for all  $x \in H$ . We call such G a strongly positive operator with coefficient  $\overline{\gamma} > 0$ . Let  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  be the sets of positive integers and real numbers, respectively. A mapping  $U: C \to H$  is a strict pseudo-contraction [6] if there exists  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $0 \leq r < 1$  such that

$$||Ux - Uy||^2 \le ||x - y||^2 + r||(I - U)x - (I - U)y||^2, \quad \forall x, y \in C.$$

We call such U an r-strict pseudo-contraction. For  $\alpha > 0$ , a mapping  $A : C \to H$  is called  $\alpha$ -inverse-strongly monotone if

 $\langle x - y, Ax - Ay \rangle \ge \alpha ||Ax - Ay||^2, \quad \forall x, y \in C.$ 

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Let  $f : C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  be a bifunction and let A be a mapping of C into H. A generalized equilibrium problem (with respect to C) is to find  $\hat{x} \in C$  such that

$$f(\hat{x}, y) + \langle A\hat{x}, y - \hat{x} \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$
(1.1)

The set of such solutions  $\hat{x}$  is denoted by EP(f, A), i.e.,

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

In the case of A = 0, EP(f, A) is denoted by EP(f). In the case of f = 0, EP(f, A) is also denoted by VI(C, A). This is the set of solutions of the variational inequality for A; see [14] and [18]. For solving the equilibrium problem, let us assume that the bifunction  $f : C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (A1) f(x, x) = 0 for all  $x \in C$ ;
- (A2) f is monotone, i.e.,  $f(x, y) + f(y, x) \le 0$  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.

Recently, Liu [10] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** Let H be a real Hilbert space and let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. Let  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $0 \leq r < 1$  and let U be an r-strict pseudo-contraction of C into H. Let f be a bifunction of  $C \times C$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying (A1) - (A4). Let 0 < k < 1 and let g be a k-contraction of H into itself. Let G be a strongly positive bounded linear self-adjoint operator on H with coefficient  $\overline{\gamma} > 0$ . Let  $0 < \gamma < \frac{\overline{\gamma}}{k}$ and suppose  $F(U) \cap EP(f) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x_1 = x \in H$  and let  $\{x_n\} \subset H$  be a sequence generated by

$$f(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C,$$
$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n \gamma g(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n G) \{ (1 - t_n)U + t_n I \} u_n$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (0,1)$ ,  $\{t_n\} \subset [0,1)$  and  $\{r_n\} \subset (0,\infty)$  satisfy

$$\begin{split} \alpha_n &\to 0, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_n - \alpha_{n+1}| < \infty, \\ r &\leq t_n \leq b < 1, \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} t_n = b, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |t_n - t_{n+1}| < \infty, \\ \liminf_{n \to \infty} r_n > 0, \quad and \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |r_n - r_{n+1}| < \infty. \end{split}$$

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $z_0$  of  $F(U) \cap EP(f)$ , where  $z_0 \in F(U) \cap EP(f)$  is a unique fixed point of  $P_{F(U)\cap EP(f)}(I - G + \gamma g)$ . This point  $z_0 \in F(U) \cap EP(f)$  is also a unique solution of the variational inequality

$$\langle (G - \gamma g) z_0, q - z_0 \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall q \in F(U) \cap EP(f).$$

Let f be a bifunction of  $C \times C$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying (A1) - (A4). Defining a set-valued mapping  $A_f \subset H \times H$  by

$$A_f x = \begin{cases} \{z \in H : f(x, y) \ge \langle y - x, z \rangle, \ \forall y \in C \}, & \forall x \in C, \\ \emptyset, & \forall x \notin C, \end{cases}$$

we have from [19] that  $A_f$  is a maximal monotone operator such that the domain is included in C; see Lemma 12 in Section 4 for more details. On the other hand, putting A = I - U for an *r*-strict pseudo-contraction  $U : C \to H$  with  $0 \le r < 1$ , we have that  $A : C \to H$  is  $\frac{1-r}{2}$ -inverse-strongly monotone; see, for example, [13].

In this paper, motivated by these results, we prove a strong convergence theorem for finding a point  $z_0 \in (A + B)^{-1}0 \cap F^{-1}0$  which is a unique fixed point of  $P_{(A+B)^{-1}0\cap F^{-1}0}(I-G+\gamma g)$ , where A is an  $\alpha$ -inverse-strongly monotone mapping of C into H with  $\alpha > 0$ , B is a maximal monotone operator on H, F is a maximal monotone operator on H such that the domain of F is included in C, g is a k-contraction of H into itself with 0 < k < 1, G is a strongly positive bounded linear self-adjoint operator on H with coefficient  $\overline{\gamma} > 0$  and  $\gamma$  is a real number with  $0 < \gamma < \frac{\overline{\gamma}}{k}$ . Using this result, we obtain new and well-known strong convergence theorems in a Hilbert space which are useful in Nonlinear Analysis and Optimization.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of positive integers, let H be a real Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . When  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in H, we denote the strong convergence of  $\{x_n\}$  to  $x \in H$  by  $x_n \to x$  and the weak convergence by  $x_n \to x$ . We have from [22] that for any  $x, y \in H$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$||x+y||^{2} \le ||x||^{2} + 2\langle y, x+y \rangle, \qquad (2.1)$$

$$\|\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y\|^2 = \lambda \|x\|^2 + (1-\lambda)\|y\|^2 - \lambda(1-\lambda)\|x-y\|^2.$$
(2.2)

Furthermore we have that for  $x, y, u, v \in H$ ,

$$2\langle x - y, u - v \rangle = \|x - v\|^2 + \|y - u\|^2 - \|x - u\|^2 - \|y - v\|^2.$$
(2.3)

All Hilbert spaces satisfy Opial's condition, that is,

$$\liminf_{n \to \infty} \|x_n - u\| < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \|x_n - v\|$$
(2.4)

if  $x_n \to u$  and  $u \neq v$ ; see [16]. Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H. A mapping  $T : C \to H$  is called nonexpansive if  $||Tx - Ty|| \leq ||x - y||$ for all  $x, y \in C$ . If  $T : C \to H$  is nonexpansive, then F(T) is closed and convex; see [22]. For a nonempty closed convex subset D of H, the nearest point projection of H onto D is denoted by  $P_D$ , that is,  $||x - P_D x|| \leq ||x - y||$  for all  $x \in H$  and  $y \in D$ . Such  $P_D$  is called the metric projection of H onto D. We know that the metric projection  $P_D$  is firmly nonexpansive;  $||P_D x - P_D y||^2 \leq \langle P_D x - P_D y, x - y \rangle$ for all  $x, y \in H$ . Further  $\langle x - P_D x, y - P_D x \rangle \leq 0$  holds for all  $x \in H$  and  $y \in D$ ; see [20].

If A is  $\alpha$ -inverse-strongly monotone, then we have that  $\langle x - y, Ax - Ay \rangle \geq 0$  and  $||Ax - Ay|| \leq (1/\alpha) ||x - y||$  for all  $x, y \in C$ ; see, for example, [15, 24] for inversestrongly monotone mappings. Let B be a mapping of H into  $2^H$ . The effective domain of B is denoted by dom(B), that is, dom(B) =  $\{x \in H : Bx \neq \emptyset\}$ . A multivalued mapping B is said to be a monotone operator on H if  $\langle x - y, u - v \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $x, y \in \text{dom}(B), u \in Bx$ , and  $v \in By$ . A monotone operator B on H is said to be maximal if its graph is not properly contained in the graph of any other monotone operator on H. For a maximal monotone operator B on H and r > 0, we may define a single-valued operator  $J_r = (I + rB)^{-1} \colon H \to \text{dom}(B)$ , which is called the resolvent of B for r. We denote by  $A_r = \frac{1}{r}(I - J_r)$  the Yosida approximation of B for r > 0. We know from [21] that

$$A_r x \in BJ_r x, \quad \forall x \in H, \ r > 0.$$

$$(2.5)$$

Let B be a maximal monotone operator on H and let  $B^{-1}0 = \{x \in H : 0 \in Bx\}$ . It is known that  $B^{-1}0 = F(J_r)$  for all r > 0 and the resolvent  $J_r$  is firmly nonexpansive, i.e.,

$$\|J_r x - J_r y\|^2 \le \langle x - y, J_r x - J_r y \rangle, \quad \forall x, y \in H.$$
(2.6)

We also know the following lemma from [19].

**Lemma 2.** Let H be a real Hilbert space and let B be a maximal monotone operator on H. For r > 0 and  $x \in H$ , define the resolvent  $J_r x$ . Then the following holds:

$$\frac{s-t}{s}\langle J_s x - J_t x, J_s x - x \rangle \ge \|J_s x - J_t x\|^2$$

for all s, t > 0 and  $x \in H$ .

From Lemma 2, we have that

$$\|J_{\lambda}x - J_{\mu}x\| \le (|\lambda - \mu|/\lambda) \|x - J_{\lambda}x\|$$

for all  $\lambda, \mu > 0$  and  $x \in H$ ; see also [8, 20].

To prove our main result, we need the following lemmas:

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**Lemma 3** ([2]; see also [27]). Let  $\{s_n\}$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers, let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a sequence of [0, 1] with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ , let  $\{\beta_n\}$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n < \infty$ , and let  $\{\gamma_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers with  $\limsup_{n\to\infty} \gamma_n \leq 0$ . Suppose that

$$s_{n+1} \le (1 - \alpha_n)s_n + \alpha_n\gamma_n + \beta_n$$

for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  Then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} s_n = 0$ .

**Lemma 4** ([11]). Let  $\{\Gamma_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers that does not decrease at infinity in the sense that there exists a subsequence  $\{\Gamma_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{\Gamma_n\}$  which satisfies  $\Gamma_{n_i} < \Gamma_{n_i+1}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Define the sequence  $\{\tau(n)\}_{n \ge n_0}$  of integers as follows:

 $\tau(n) = \max\{k \le n : \Gamma_k < \Gamma_{k+1}\},\$ 

where  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\{k \leq n_0 : \Gamma_k < \Gamma_{k+1}\} \neq \emptyset$ . Then, the following hold:

(i)  $\tau(n_0) \leq \tau(n_0+1) \leq \dots$  and  $\tau(n) \to \infty$ ;

(ii)  $\Gamma_{\tau(n)} \leq \Gamma_{\tau(n)+1}$  and  $\Gamma_n \leq \Gamma_{\tau(n)+1}, \forall n \geq n_0$ .

### 3. Strong Convergence Theorem

Let C be a nonempty closed and convex subset of a Hilbert space H. Let  $\alpha > 0$  and let A be an  $\alpha$ -inverse-strongly monotone mapping of C into H. If  $0 < \lambda \leq 2\alpha$ , then  $I - \lambda A : C \to H$  is nonexpansive. In fact, we have that for all  $x, y \in C$ ,

$$\|(I - \lambda A)x - (I - \lambda A)y\|^{2} = \|x - y - \lambda(Ax - Ay)\|^{2}$$
  
=  $\|x - y\|^{2} - 2\lambda\langle x - y, Ax - Ay\rangle + (\lambda)^{2}\|Ax - Ay\|^{2}$   
 $\leq \|x - y\|^{2} - 2\lambda\alpha\|Ax - Ay\|^{2} + (\lambda)^{2}\|Ax - Ay\|^{2}$   
=  $\|x - y\|^{2} + \lambda(\lambda - 2\alpha)\|Ax - Ay\|^{2}$   
 $\leq \|x - y\|^{2}.$ 

Thus,  $I - \lambda A : C \to H$  is nonexpansive. A mapping  $g : H \to H$  is a contraction if there exists  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that  $||g(x) - g(y)|| \leq k||x - y||$  for all  $x, y \in H$ . We also call such a mapping g a k-contraction. A linear bounded self-adjoint operator  $G : H \to H$  is called strongly positive if there exists  $\overline{\gamma} > 0$  such that  $\langle Gx, x \rangle \geq \overline{\gamma} ||x||^2$ for all  $x \in H$ . In general, a nonlinear operator  $T : H \to H$  is called strongly monotone if there exists  $\overline{\gamma} > 0$  such that  $\langle x - y, Tx - Ty \rangle \geq \overline{\gamma} ||x - y||^2$  for all  $x, y \in H$ . Such T is also called  $\overline{\gamma}$ -strongly monotone. We know the following result from Marino and Xu [12].

**Lemma 5.** Let *H* be a Hilbert space and let *G* be a strongly positive bounded linear self-adjoint operator on *H* with coefficient  $\overline{\gamma} > 0$ . If  $0 < \gamma \leq ||G||^{-1}$ , then  $||I - \gamma G|| \leq 1 - \gamma \overline{\gamma}$ .

For proving the main theorem, we also need the following lemma which is proved simply by Takahashi [23].

**Lemma 6.** Let H be a real Hilbert space and let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. Let  $\alpha > 0$  and let A be an  $\alpha$ -inverse-strongly monotone mapping of C into H and let B be a maximal monotone operator on H. Let F be a maximal monotone operator on H such that the domain of F is included in C. Let 0 < k < 1and let g be a k-contraction of H into itself. Let G be a strongly positive bounded linear self-adjoint operator on H with coefficient  $\overline{\gamma} > 0$ . Let  $\gamma$  be a real number with  $0 < \gamma < \frac{\overline{\gamma}}{k}$ . Then for any nonempty closed convex subset C of H,  $P_C(I - G + \gamma g)$ has a unique fixed point  $z_0$  in C. This point  $z_0 \in C$  is also a unique solution of the variational inequality

$$\langle (G - \gamma g) z_0, q - z_0 \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall q \in C.$$

In particular, the set  $(A+B)^{-1}0 \cap F^{-1}0$  is a nonempty closed and convex subset of H and  $P_{(A+B)^{-1}0\cap F^{-1}0}(I-G+\gamma g)$  has a unique fixed point  $z_0$  in  $(A+B)^{-1}0\cap F^{-1}0$ .

Using Lemmas 5 and 6, we prove the following strong convergence theorem of Halpern's type [9] in a Hilbert space.

**Theorem 7.** Let H be a real Hilbert space and let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. Let  $\alpha > 0$  and let A be an  $\alpha$ -inverse-strongly monotone mapping of C into H. Let B be a maximal monotone operator on H and let F be a maximal monotone operator on H such that the domain of F is included in C. Let  $J_{\lambda} =$  $(I + \lambda B)^{-1}$  and let  $T_r = (I + rF)^{-1}$  be the resolvents of B and F for  $\lambda > 0$  and r > 0, respectively. Let 0 < k < 1 and let g be a k-contraction of H into itself. Let G be a strongly positive bounded linear self-adjoint operator on H with coefficient  $\overline{\gamma} > 0$ . Let  $0 < \gamma < \frac{\overline{\gamma}}{k}$  and suppose  $(A + B)^{-1}0 \cap F^{-1}0 \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x_1 = x \in H$  and let  $\{x_n\} \subset H$  be a sequence generated by

$$x_{n+1} = \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n) \{ \alpha_n \gamma g(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n G) J_{\lambda_n} (I - \lambda_n A) T_{r_n} x_n \}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\{\lambda_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ ,  $\{\beta_n\} \subset (0, 1)$ ,  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (0, 1)$  and  $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ satisfy

$$0 < a \le \lambda_n \le 2\alpha, \quad 0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \beta_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \beta_n < 1,$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n = 0, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty, \quad and \quad \liminf_{n \to \infty} r_n > 0.$$

Then, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $z_0$  of  $(A+B)^{-1}0 \cap F^{-1}0$ , where  $z_0 = P_{(A+B)^{-1}0\cap F^{-1}0}(I-G+\gamma g)z_0$ . *Proof.* Let  $z \in (A+B)^{-1}0 \cap F^{-1}0$ . Then,  $z = J_{\lambda_n}(I-\lambda_n A)z$  and  $z = T_{r_n}z$ . Putting  $z_n = J_{\lambda_n}(I-\lambda_n A)T_{r_n}x_n$  and  $u_n = T_{r_n}x_n$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_n - z\| &= \|J_{\lambda_n}(I - \lambda_n A)T_{r_n} x_n - z\| \\ &= \|J_{\lambda_n}(I - \lambda_n A)T_{r_n} x_n - J_{\lambda_n}(I - \lambda_n A)T_{r_n} z\| \\ &\leq \|x_n - z\|. \end{aligned}$$
(3.1)

Putting  $y_n = \alpha_n \gamma g(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n G) J_{\lambda_n} (I - \lambda_n A) T_{r_n} x_n$ , from  $z = \alpha_n G z + z - \alpha_n G z$ and Lemma 5 we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_n - z\| &= \|\alpha_n(\gamma g(x_n) - Gz) + (I - \alpha_n G)(z_n - z)\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n \gamma \ k \|x_n - z\| + \alpha_n \|\gamma g(z) - Gz\| + (1 - \alpha_n \overline{\gamma}) \|z_n - z\| \\ &\leq \{1 - \alpha_n(\overline{\gamma} - \gamma \ k)\} \|x_n - z\| + \alpha_n \|\gamma g(z) - Gz\|. \end{aligned}$$

Using this, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |x_{n+1} - z|| &= \|\beta_n(x_n - z) + (1 - \beta_n)(y_n - z)\| \\ &\leq \beta_n \|x_n - z\| + (1 - \beta_n) \|y_n - z\| \\ &\leq \beta_n \|x_n - z\| \\ &+ (1 - \beta_n)(\{1 - \alpha_n(\overline{\gamma} - \gamma \ k)\} \|x_n - z\| + \alpha_n \|\gamma g(z) - Gz\|) \\ &= \{1 - (1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n(\overline{\gamma} - \gamma \ k)\} \|x_n - z\| \\ &+ (1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n(\overline{\gamma} - \gamma \ k) \frac{\|\gamma g(z) - Gz\|}{\overline{\gamma} - \gamma \ k}. \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $K = \max\{\|x_1 - z\|, \frac{\|\gamma g(z) - Gz\|}{\overline{\gamma} - \gamma k}\}$ , we have that  $\|x_n - z\| \leq K$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded. Furthermore,  $\{u_n\}, \{z_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are bounded.

Using Lemma 6, we can take  $z_0 \in (A+B)^{-1}0 \cap F^{-1}0$  such that

$$z_0 = P_{(A+B)^{-1} 0 \cap F^{-1} 0} (I - G + \gamma g) z_0.$$

From the definition of  $\{x_n\}$ , we have that

$$x_{n+1} - x_n = \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n) \{ \alpha_n \gamma g(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n G) z_n \} - x_n$$

and hence

$$x_{n+1} - x_n - (1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n \gamma g(x_n) = \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n)(I - \alpha_n G)z_n - x_n$$
  
=  $(1 - \beta_n)\{(I - \alpha_n G)z_n - x_n\}$   
=  $(1 - \beta_n)\{z_n - x_n - \alpha_n Gz_n\}.$ 

Thus we have that

$$\langle x_{n+1} - x_n - (1 - \beta_n) \alpha_n \gamma g(x_n), x_n - z_0 \rangle$$
  
=  $(1 - \beta_n) \langle z_n - x_n, x_n - z_0 \rangle - (1 - \beta_n) \langle \alpha_n G z_n, x_n - z_0 \rangle$  (3.2)

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$$= -(1-\beta_n)\langle x_n - z_n, x_n - z_0 \rangle - (1-\beta_n)\alpha_n \langle Gz_n, x_n - z_0 \rangle.$$

From (2.3) and (3.1), we have that

$$2\langle x_n - z_n, x_n - z_0 \rangle = \|x_n - z_0\|^2 + \|z_n - x_n\|^2 - \|z_n - z_0\|^2$$
  

$$\geq \|x_n - z_0\|^2 + \|z_n - x_n\|^2 - \|x_n - z_0\|^2$$
  

$$= \|z_n - x_n\|^2.$$
(3.3)

From (3.2) and (3.3), we have that

$$-2\langle x_{n} - x_{n+1}, x_{n} - z_{0} \rangle = 2(1 - \beta_{n})\alpha_{n} \langle \gamma g(x_{n}), x_{n} - z_{0} \rangle$$
  

$$-2(1 - \beta_{n})\langle x_{n} - z_{n}, x_{n} - z_{0} \rangle - 2(1 - \beta_{n})\alpha_{n} \langle Gz_{n}, x_{n} - z_{0} \rangle$$
  

$$\leq 2(1 - \beta_{n})\alpha_{n} \langle \gamma g(x_{n}), x_{n} - z_{0} \rangle$$
  

$$-(1 - \beta_{n})||z_{n} - x_{n}||^{2} - 2(1 - \beta_{n})\alpha_{n} \langle Gz_{n}, x_{n} - z_{0} \rangle.$$
  
(3.4)

Furthermore using (2.3) and (3.4), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - z_0\|^2 - \|x_n - x_{n+1}\|^2 - \|x_n - z_0\|^2 \\ &\leq 2(1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n \langle \gamma g(x_n), x_n - z_0 \rangle \\ &- (1 - \beta_n)\|z_n - x_n\|^2 - 2(1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n \langle Gz_n, x_n - z_0 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $\Gamma_n = ||x_n - z_0||^2$ , we have that

$$\Gamma_{n+1} - \Gamma_n - \|x_n - x_{n+1}\|^2 
\leq 2(1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n \langle \gamma g(x_n), x_n - z_0 \rangle 
- (1 - \beta_n) \|z_n - x_n\|^2 - 2(1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n \langle Gz_n, x_n - z_0 \rangle.$$
(3.5)

Noting that

$$\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| = \|(1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n(\gamma g(x_n) - Gz_n) + (1 - \beta_n)(z_n - x_n)\|$$
  
$$\leq (1 - \beta_n) (\|z_n - x_n\| + \alpha_n \|\gamma g(x_n) - Gz_n\|)$$
(3.6)

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\|^2 &\leq (1 - \beta_n)^2 \left( \|z_n - x_n\| + \alpha_n \|\gamma g(x_n) - Gz_n\| \right)^2 \\ &= (1 - \beta_n)^2 \|z_n - x_n\|^2 \\ &+ (1 - \beta_n)^2 \left( 2\alpha_n \|z_n - x_n\| \|\gamma g(x_n) - Gz_n\| + \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma g(x_n) - Gz_n\|^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$
(3.7)

Thus we have from (3.5) and (3.7) that

$$\Gamma_{n+1} - \Gamma_n \leq \|x_n - x_{n+1}\|^2 + 2(1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n \langle \gamma g(x_n), x_n - z_0 \rangle - (1 - \beta_n)\|z_n - x_n\|^2 - 2(1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n \langle Gz_n, x_n - z_0 \rangle \leq (1 - \beta_n)^2 \|z_n - x_n\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n)^2 (2\alpha_n \|z_n - x_n\| \|\gamma g(x_n) - Gz_n\| + \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma g(x_n) - Gz_n\|^2)$$

+ 2(1 - 
$$\beta_n$$
) $\alpha_n \langle \gamma g(x_n), x_n - z_0 \rangle$  - (1 -  $\beta_n$ ) $||z_n - x_n||^2$   
- 2(1 -  $\beta_n$ ) $\alpha_n \langle Gz_n, x_n - z_0 \rangle$ 

and hence

$$\Gamma_{n+1} - \Gamma_n + \beta_n (1 - \beta_n) \|z_n - x_n\|^2 \leq (1 - \beta_n)^2 (2\alpha_n \|z_n - x_n\| \|\gamma g(x_n) - Gz_n\| + \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma g(x_n) - Gz_n\|^2)$$
(3.8)  
  $+ 2(1 - \beta_n) \alpha_n \langle \gamma g(x_n), x_n - z_0 \rangle - 2(1 - \beta_n) \alpha_n \langle Gz_n, x_n - z_0 \rangle.$ 

We will divide the proof into two cases.

Case 1: Suppose that  $\Gamma_{n+1} \leq \Gamma_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . In this case,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \Gamma_n$  exists and then  $\lim_{n\to\infty} (\Gamma_{n+1} - \Gamma_n) = 0$ . Using  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$  and  $0 < \liminf_{n\to\infty} \beta_n \leq \lim_{n\to\infty} \beta_n < 1$ , we have from (3.8) that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|z_n - x_n\| = 0.$$
 (3.9)

From (3.6), we have that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| = 0.$$
(3.10)

We also have that

$$\|y_n - z_n\| = \|\alpha_n \gamma g(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n G) z_n - z_n\|$$
  
=  $\alpha_n \|\gamma g(x_n) - G z_n\| \to 0.$  (3.11)

Furthermore, from  $||y_n - x_n|| \le ||y_n - z_n|| + ||z_n - x_n||$ , we have that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|y_n - x_n\| = 0.$$
 (3.12)

For  $z_0 \in (A+B)^{-1}0 \cap F^{-1}0$ , we have from (2.6) that

$$2||u_n - z_0||^2 = 2||T_{r_n}x_n - T_{r_n}z_0||^2$$
  

$$\leq 2\langle x_n - z_0, u_n - z_0 \rangle$$
  

$$= ||x_n - z_0||^2 + ||u_n - z_0||^2 - ||u_n - x_n||^2$$

and hence

$$|u_n - z_0||^2 \le ||x_n - z_0||^2 - ||u_n - x_n||^2.$$

Then we have that

$$||z_n - z_0||^2 \le ||u_n - z_0||^2 \le ||x_n - z_0||^2 - ||u_n - x_n||^2.$$
(3.13)

Thus we have

$$||u_n - x_n||^2 \le ||x_n - z_0||^2 - ||z_n - z_0||^2$$
  
$$\le ||x_n - z_n||(||x_n - z_0|| + ||z_n - z_0||)$$

and hence

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_n - u_n\| = 0.$$
 (3.14)

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Then we have from (3.12) and (3.14) that

$$||y_n - u_n|| \le ||y_n - x_n|| + ||x_n - u_n|| \to 0.$$
(3.15)

Furthermore, we have from (3.9) and (3.14) that

$$||z_n - u_n|| \le ||z_n - x_n|| + ||x_n - u_n|| \to 0.$$
(3.16)

Take  $\lambda_0 \in [a, 2\alpha]$  arbitrarily. Put  $w_n = u_n - \lambda_n A u_n$ , where  $u_n = T_{r_n} x_n$ . Using

$$z_n = J_{\lambda_n}(I - \lambda_n A)u_n$$
 and  $y_n = \alpha_n \gamma g(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n G)J_{\lambda_n}(I - \lambda_n A)u_n$ ,

we have from Lemma 2 and  $z_n = \alpha_n G z_n + z_n - \alpha_n G z_n$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha_{n}\gamma g(x_{n}) + (I - \alpha_{n}G)J_{\lambda_{0}}(I - \lambda_{0}A)u_{n} - z_{n}\| \\ &= \|\alpha_{n}(\gamma g(x_{n}) - Gz_{n}) + (I - \alpha_{n}G)(J_{\lambda_{0}}(I - \lambda_{0}A)u_{n} - z_{n})\| \\ &\leq \alpha_{n}(\gamma k\|x_{n} - z_{n}\| + \|\gamma g(z_{n}) - Gz_{n}\|) \\ &+ (1 - \alpha_{n}\overline{\gamma})\|J_{\lambda_{0}}(I - \lambda_{0}A)u_{n} - z_{n}\| \\ &\leq \alpha_{n}(\gamma k\|x_{n} - z_{n}\| + \|\gamma g(z_{n}) - Gz_{n}\|) \\ &+ \|J_{\lambda_{0}}(I - \lambda_{0}A)u_{n} - J_{\lambda_{0}}(I - \lambda_{n}A)u_{n} + J_{\lambda_{0}}w_{n} - J_{\lambda_{n}}w_{n}\| \\ &\leq \alpha_{n}(\gamma k\|x_{n} - z_{n}\| + \|\gamma g(z_{n}) - Gz_{n}\|) \\ &+ |\lambda_{0} - \lambda_{n}|\|Au_{n}\| + \frac{|\lambda_{0} - \lambda_{n}|}{\lambda_{0}}\|w_{n} - J_{\lambda_{0}}w_{n}\|. \end{aligned}$$

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_{n} - J_{\lambda_{0}}(I - \lambda_{0}A)u_{n}\| \\ &\leq \|u_{n} - z_{n}\| + \|z_{n} - \{\alpha_{n}\gamma g(x_{n}) + (I - \alpha_{n}G)J_{\lambda_{0}}(I - \lambda_{0}A)u_{n}\}\| \\ &+ \|\alpha_{n}\gamma g(x_{n}) + (I - \alpha_{n}G)J_{\lambda_{0}}(I - \lambda_{0}A)u_{n} - J_{\lambda_{0}}(I - \lambda_{0}A)u_{n}\| \\ &= \|u_{n} - z_{n}\| + \|z_{n} - \{\alpha_{n}\gamma g(x_{n}) + (I - \alpha_{n}G)J_{\lambda_{0}}(I - \lambda_{0}A)u_{n}\}\| \\ &+ \alpha_{n}\|\gamma g(x_{n}) - GJ_{\lambda_{0}}(I - \lambda_{0}A)u_{n}\|. \end{aligned}$$
(3.18)

We will use (3.17) and (3.18) later.

For a unique fixed point  $z_0$  of  $P_{(A+B)^{-1}0\cap F^{-1}0}(I-G+\gamma g)$  in  $(A+B)^{-1}0\cap F^{-1}0$ , let us show that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle (G - \gamma g) z_0, y_n - z_0 \rangle \ge 0.$$

Put  $l = \limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle (G - \gamma g) z_0, y_n - z_0 \rangle$ . Without loss of generality, there exists a subsequence  $\{y_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{y_n\}$  such that  $l = \lim_{i \to \infty} \langle (G - \gamma g) z_0, y_{n_i} - z_0 \rangle$  and  $\{y_{n_i}\}$ converges weakly to some point  $w \in H$ . From  $||y_n - u_n|| \to 0$ , we also have that  $\{u_{n_i}\}$  converges weakly to  $w \in C$ . On the other hand, since  $0 < a \leq \lambda_{n_i} \leq 2\alpha$ , there exists a subsequence  $\{\lambda_{n_{i_j}}\}$  of  $\{\lambda_{n_i}\}$  such that  $\{\lambda_{n_{i_j}}\}$  converges to a number  $\lambda_0 \in [a, 2\alpha]$ . Using (3.17), we have that

$$|\alpha_{n_{i_j}}\gamma g(x_{n_{i_j}}) + (I - \alpha_{n_{i_j}}G)J_{\lambda_0}(I - \lambda_0 A)u_{n_{i_j}} - z_{n_{i_j}}\| \to 0.$$

Furthermore, using (3.18), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_{n_{i_j}} - J_{\lambda_0}(I - \lambda_0 A)u_{n_{i_j}}\| \\ &\leq \|u_{n_{i_j}} - z_{n_{i_j}}\| + \|z_{n_{i_j}} - \{\alpha_{n_{i_j}}\gamma g(x_{n_{i_j}}) + (I - \alpha_{n_{i_j}}G)J_{\lambda_0}(I - \lambda_0 A)u_{n_{i_j}}\}\| \\ &+ \alpha_{n_{i_j}}\|\gamma g(x_{n_{i_j}}) - GJ_{\lambda_0}(I - \lambda_0 A)u_{n_{i_j}}\| \to 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $J_{\lambda_0}(I - \lambda_0 A)$  is nonexpansive, we have  $w = J_{\lambda_0}(I - \lambda_0 A)w$ . This means that  $0 \in Aw + Bw$ . We show  $w \in F^{-1}0$ . Since  $\frac{x_{n_{i_j}} - T_{r_{n_{i_j}}}x_{n_{i_j}}}{r_{n_{i_j}}} \in FT_{r_{n_{i_j}}}x_{n_{i_j}}$  and F is a monotone operator, we have that for any  $(u, v) \in F$ ,

$$\langle u - u_{n_{i_j}}, v - \frac{x_{n_{i_j}} - u_{n_{i_j}}}{r_{n_{i_j}}} \rangle \ge 0.$$

Since  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} r_n > 0$ ,  $u_{n_{i_j}} \rightharpoonup w$  and  $x_{n_{i_j}} - u_{n_{i_j}} \rightarrow 0$ , we have  $\langle u - w, v \rangle > 0$ .

Since F is a maximal monotone operator, we have  $0 \in Fw$  and hence  $w \in F^{-1}0$ . Thus we have  $w \in (A+B)^{-1}0 \cap F^{-1}0$ . So, we have

$$l = \lim_{j \to \infty} \langle (G - \gamma g) z_0, y_{n_{i_j}} - z_0 \rangle = \langle (G - \gamma g) z_0, w - z_0 \rangle \ge 0.$$
(3.19)

Since  $y_n - z_0 = \alpha_n(\gamma g(x_n) - Gz_0) + (I - \alpha_n G)(J_{\lambda_n}(I - \lambda_n A)u_n - z_0)$ , we have

$$\|y_n - z_0\|^2 \le (1 - \alpha_n \overline{\gamma})^2 \|J_{\lambda_n} (I - \lambda_n A) u_n - z_0\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma g(x_n) - Gz_0, y_n - z_0 \rangle.$$

Thus we have

$$||y_n - z_0||^2 \le (1 - \alpha_n \overline{\gamma})^2 ||u_n - z_0||^2 + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma g(x_n) - Gz_0, y_n - z_0 \rangle$$
  
$$\le (1 - \alpha_n \overline{\gamma})^2 ||x_n - z_0||^2 + 2\alpha_n \langle \gamma g(x_n) - Gz_0, y_n - z_0 \rangle.$$

Thus we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - z_0\|^2 &\leq \beta_n \|x_n - z_0\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n) \|y_n - z_0\|^2 \\ &\leq \beta_n \|x_n - z_0\|^2 \\ &+ (1 - \beta_n) \left( (1 - \alpha_n \overline{\gamma})^2 \|x_n - z_0\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \left\langle \gamma g(x_n) - Gz_0, y_n - z_0 \right\rangle \right) \\ &= \left( \beta_n + (1 - \beta_n) (1 - \alpha_n \overline{\gamma})^2 \right) \|x_n - z_0\|^2 \\ &+ 2(1 - \beta_n) \alpha_n \left\langle \gamma g(x_n) - Gz_0, y_n - z_0 \right\rangle \\ &\leq \left( 1 - (1 - \beta_n) (2\alpha_n \overline{\gamma} - (\alpha_n \overline{\gamma})^2) \right) \|x_n - z_0\|^2 \\ &+ 2(1 - \beta_n) \alpha_n \gamma \ k \|x_n - z_0\|^2 + 2(1 - \beta_n) \alpha_n \left\langle \gamma g(z_0) - Gz_0, y_n - z_0 \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$= (1 - 2(1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n(\overline{\gamma} - \gamma \ k)) \|x_n - z_0\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n)(\alpha_n\overline{\gamma})^2 \|x_n - z_0\|^2 + 2(1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n\langle\gamma g(z_0) - Gz_0, y_n - z_0\rangle \leq (1 - 2(1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n(\overline{\gamma} - \gamma \ k)) \|x_n - z_0\|^2 + 2(1 - \beta_n)\alpha_n(\overline{\gamma} - \gamma \ k) \left(\frac{\alpha_n\overline{\gamma}^2 \|x_n - z_0\|^2}{2(\overline{\gamma} - \gamma \ k)} + \frac{\langle\gamma g(z_0) - Gz_0, y_n - z_0\rangle}{\overline{\gamma} - \gamma \ k}\right)$$

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2(1-\beta_n)\alpha_n(\overline{\gamma}-\gamma k) = \infty$ , from (3.19) and Lemma 3, we obtain that  $x_n \to z_0$ , where  $z_0 = P_{(A+B)^{-1}0\cap F^{-1}0}(I-G+\gamma g)z_0$ .

Case 2: Suppose that there exists a subsequence  $\{\Gamma_{n_i}\} \subset \{\Gamma_n\}$  such that  $\Gamma_{n_i} < \Gamma_{n_i+1}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . In this case, define the sequence  $\{\tau(n)\}_{n \geq n_0}$  as follows:

$$\tau(n) = \max\{k \le n : \Gamma_k < \Gamma_{k+1}\}$$

where  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\{k \leq n_0 : \Gamma_k < \Gamma_{k+1}\} \neq \emptyset$ . Then we have from Lemma 4 that  $\Gamma_{\tau(n)} < \Gamma_{\tau(n)+1}$ . Thus we have from (3.8) that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\beta_{\tau(n)}(1-\beta_{\tau(n)}) \|z_{\tau(n)} - x_{\tau(n)}\|^{2} \leq (1-\beta_{\tau(n)})^{2} 2\alpha_{\tau(n)} \|z_{\tau(n)} - x_{\tau(n)}\| \|\gamma g(x_{\tau(n)}) - Gz_{\tau(n)}\| \\ + (1-\beta_{\tau(n)})^{2} \alpha_{\tau(n)}^{2} \|\gamma g(x_{\tau(n)}) - Gz_{\tau(n)}\|^{2}$$

$$+ 2(1-\beta_{\tau(n)}) \alpha_{\tau(n)} \langle \gamma g(x_{\tau(n)}), x_{\tau(n)} - z_{0} \rangle \\ - 2(1-\beta_{\tau(n)}) \alpha_{\tau(n)} \langle Gz_{\tau(n)}, x_{\tau(n)} - z_{0} \rangle.$$
(3.20)

Using  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$  and  $0 < \liminf_{n\to\infty} \beta_n \leq \limsup_{n\to\infty} \beta_n < 1$ , we have from (3.20) and Lemma 4 that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|z_{\tau}(n) - x_{\tau}(n)\| = 0.$$
(3.21)

As in the proof of Case 1 we have that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|u_{\tau(n)} - x_{\tau(n)}\| = 0.$$
(3.22)

Since  $||y_{\tau(n)} - u_{\tau(n)}|| \le ||y_{\tau(n)} - x_{\tau(n)}|| + ||x_{\tau(n)} - u_{\tau(n)}||$ , we have that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|y_{\tau(n)} - u_{\tau(n)}\| = 0.$$
(3.23)

Let us show that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \left\langle (G - \gamma g) z_0, y_{\tau(n)} - z_0 \right\rangle \ge 0.$$

Put  $l = \limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle (G - \gamma g) z_0, y_{\tau(n)} - z_0 \rangle$ . Without loss of generality, there exists a subsequence  $\{y_{\tau(n_i)}\}$  of  $\{y_{\tau(n)}\}$  such that  $l = \lim_{i \to \infty} \langle (G - \gamma g) z_0, y_{\tau(n_i)} - z_0 \rangle$  and  $\{y_{\tau(n_i)}\}$  converges weakly some point  $w \in H$ . From  $||y_n - u_n|| \to 0$ , we also have that  $\{u_{\tau(n_i)}\}$  converges weakly to  $w \in C$ . As in the proof of Case 1 we have that  $w \in (A+B)^{-1}0$ . Since F is a maximal monotone operator, as in the proof of Case 1 we can also show  $w \in F^{-1}0$ . Thus we have  $w \in (A+B)^{-1}0 \cap F^{-1}0$ . Then we have

$$l = \lim_{i \to \infty} \langle (G - \gamma g) z_0, y_{\tau(n_i)} - z_0 \rangle = \langle (G - \gamma g) z_0, w - z_0 \rangle \ge 0.$$

As in the proof of Case 1, we also have that

$$\left\|y_{\tau(n)} - z_{0}\right\|^{2} \leq (1 - \alpha_{\tau(n)}\overline{\gamma})^{2} \left\|x_{\tau(n)} - z_{0}\right\|^{2} + 2\alpha_{\tau(n)} \left\langle\gamma g(x_{\tau(n)}) - Gz_{0}, y_{\tau(n)} - z_{0}\right\rangle$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{\tau(n)+1} - z_0\|^2 &\leq \left(1 - 2(1 - \beta_{\tau(n)})\alpha_{\tau(n)}(\overline{\gamma} - \gamma \ k)\right) \|x_{\tau(n)} - z_0\|^2 \\ &+ (1 - \beta_{\tau(n)})(\alpha_{\tau(n)}\overline{\gamma})^2 \|x_{\tau(n)} - z_0\|^2 + 2(1 - \beta_{\tau(n)})\alpha_{\tau(n)}\langle \gamma g(z_0) - Gz_0, y_{\tau(n)} - z_0 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

From  $\Gamma_{\tau(n)} < \Gamma_{\tau(n)+1}$ , we have that

$$2(1 - \beta_{\tau(n)})\alpha_{\tau(n)}(\overline{\gamma} - \gamma \ k)) \|x_{\tau(n)} - z_0\|^2 \\\leq (1 - \beta_{\tau(n)})(\alpha_{\tau(n)}\overline{\gamma})^2 \|x_{\tau(n)} - z_0\|^2 + 2(1 - \beta_{\tau(n)})\alpha_{\tau(n)}\langle\gamma g(z_0) - Gz_0, y_{\tau(n)} - z_0\rangle.$$

Since  $(1 - \beta_{\tau(n)})\alpha_{\tau(n)} > 0$ , we have that

$$2(\overline{\gamma} - \gamma \ k) \left\| x_{\tau(n)} - z_0 \right\|^2$$
  
$$\leq \alpha_{\tau(n)} \overline{\gamma}^2 \| x_{\tau(n)} - z_0 \|^2 + 2\langle \gamma g(z_0) - Gz_0, y_{\tau(n)} - z_0 \rangle.$$

Thus we have that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} 2(\overline{\gamma} - \gamma \ k) \left\| x_{\tau(n)} - z_0 \right\|^2 \le 0$$

and hence  $||x_{\tau(n)}-z_0|| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . From (3.6), we have also that  $x_{\tau(n)}-x_{\tau(n)+1} \to 0$ . Thus  $||x_{\tau(n)+1}-z_0|| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Using Lemma 4 again, we obtain that

$$||x_n - z_0|| \le ||x_{\tau(n)+1} - z_0|| \to 0$$

as  $n \to \infty$ . This completes the proof.

## 4. Applications

In this section, using Theorem 7, we can obtain well-known and new strong convergence theorems for in a Hilbert space. Let H be a Hilbert space and let f be a proper lower semicontinuous convex function of H into  $(-\infty, \infty]$ . The subdifferential  $\partial f$ of f is defined as follows:

$$\partial f(x) = \{ z \in H : f(x) + \langle z, y - x \rangle \le f(y), \ \forall y \in H \}$$

for all  $x \in H$ . From Rockafellar [17], we know that  $\partial f$  is a maximal monotone operator. Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H and let  $i_C$  be the indicator

function of C, i.e.,

$$i_C(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \in C, \\ \infty, & x \notin C. \end{cases}$$

Then  $i_C$  is a proper lower semicontinuous convex function on H and then the subdifferential  $\partial i_C$  of  $i_C$  is a maximal monotone operator. Thus we can define the resolvent  $J_{\lambda}$  of  $\partial i_C$  for  $\lambda > 0$ , i.e.,

$$J_{\lambda}x = (I + \lambda \partial i_C)^{-1}x$$

for all  $x \in H$ . We have that for any  $x \in H$  and  $u \in C$ ,

$$u = J_{\lambda}x \iff x \in u + \lambda \partial i_{C}u \iff x \in u + \lambda N_{C}u$$
$$\iff x - u \in \lambda N_{C}u$$
$$\iff \frac{1}{\lambda} \langle x - u, v - u \rangle \leq 0, \ \forall v \in C$$
$$\iff \langle x - u, v - u \rangle \leq 0, \ \forall v \in C$$
$$\iff u = P_{C}x,$$

where  $N_C u$  is the normal cone to C at u, i.e.,

$$N_C u = \{ z \in H : \langle z, v - u \rangle \le 0, \ \forall v \in C \}.$$

Using Theorem 7, we first prove a strong convergence theorem for inverse-strongly monotone operators in a Hilbert space.

**Theorem 8.** Let H be a real Hilbert space and let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. Let  $\alpha > 0$  and let A be an  $\alpha$ -inverse-strongly monotone mapping of C into H. Let 0 < k < 1 and let g be a k-contraction of H into itself. Let G be a strongly positive bounded linear self-adjoint operator on H with coefficient  $\overline{\gamma} > 0$ . Let  $0 < \gamma < \frac{\overline{\gamma}}{k}$  and suppose  $VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x_1 = x \in H$  and let  $\{x_n\} \subset H$  be a sequence generated by

$$x_{n+1} = \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n) \{ \alpha_n \gamma g(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n G) P_C (I - \lambda_n A) P_C x_n \}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\{\lambda_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ ,  $\{\beta_n\} \subset (0, 1)$ , and  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (0, 1)$  satisfy

$$0 < a \leq \lambda_n \leq 2\alpha, \quad 0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \beta_n \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} \beta_n < 1,$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n = 0, \quad and \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty.$$

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $z_0$  of VI(C, A), where  $z_0 = P_{VI(C,A)}(I - G + \gamma g)z_0$ .

*Proof.* Put  $B = F = \partial i_C$  in Theorem 7. Then we have that for  $\lambda_n > 0$  and  $r_n > 0$ ,

$$J_{\lambda_n} = T_{r_n} = P_C.$$

Furthermore, we have  $(\partial i_C)^{-1} 0 = C$  and  $(A + \partial i_C)^{-1} 0 = VI(C, A)$ . In fact, we have that for  $z \in C$ ,

$$z \in (A + \partial i_C)^{-1} 0 \iff 0 \in Az + \partial i_C z$$
$$\iff 0 \in Az + N_C z$$
$$\iff -Az \in N_C z$$
$$\iff \langle -Az, v - z \rangle \le 0, \ \forall v \in C$$
$$\iff \langle Az, v - z \rangle \ge 0, \ \forall v \in C$$
$$\iff z \in VI(C, A).$$

Thus we obtain the desired result by Theorem 7.

Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. Then,  $U: C \to H$  is called a widely strict pseudo-contraction if there exists  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  with r < 1 such that

$$||Ux - Uy||^2 \le ||x - y||^2 + r||(I - U)x - (I - U)y||^2, \quad \forall x, y \in C.$$

We call such U a widely r-strict pseudo-contraction. If  $0 \le r < 1$ , then U is a strict pseudo-contraction. Furthermore, if r = 0, then U is nonexpansive. Conversely, let  $T: C \to H$  be a nonexpansive mapping and define  $U: C \to H$  by  $U = \frac{1}{1+n}T + \frac{n}{1+n}I$  for all  $x \in C$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then U is a widely (-n)-strict pseudo-contraction. In fact, from the definition of U, it follows that T = (1+n)U - nI. Since T is nonexpansive, we have that for any  $x, y \in C$ ,

$$||(1+n)Ux - nx - ((1+n)Uy - ny)||^2 \le ||x - y||^2$$

and hence

$$||Ux - Uy||^{2} \le ||x - y||^{2} - n||(I - U)x - (I - U)y||^{2}.$$

Using Theorem 7, we obtain the following strong convergence theorem [28] which is related to Zhou's result [28] in a Hilbert space.

**Theorem 9.** Let H be a real Hilbert space and let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. Let  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  with r < 1 and let U be a widely r-strict pseudo-contraction of C into H such that  $F(U) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x_1 = x \in C$  and let  $\{x_n\} \subset C$  be a sequence generated by

$$x_{n+1} = \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n) \{ \alpha_n u + (1 - \alpha_n) P_C \{ (1 - t_n) U + t_n I \} x_n \}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\{t_n\} \subset (-\infty, 1)$ ,  $\{\beta_n\} \subset (0, 1)$ , and  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (0, 1)$  satisfy

$$r \le t_n \le b < 1, \quad 0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \beta_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \beta_n < 1$$

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$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n = 0, \quad and \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty.$$

Then, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $z_0$  of F(U), where  $z_0 = P_{F(U)}u$ .

*Proof.* Put  $B = F = \partial i_C$  and A = I - U in Theorem 7. Furthermore, put g(x) = u and G(x) = x for all  $x \in H$ . Then

$$\langle G(x), x \rangle = \|x\|^2 \ge \frac{1}{2} \|x\|^2$$

Thus we have  $\overline{\gamma} = \frac{1}{2}$ . Since  $\|g(x) - g(y)\| = 0 \le \frac{1}{3} \|x - y\|$  for all  $x, y \in H$ , we can take  $k = \frac{1}{3}$  and hence set  $\gamma = 1$ . Putting a = 1 - b,  $\lambda_n = 1 - t_n$  and  $2\alpha = 1 - r$  in Theorem 7, we get from  $r \le t_n \le b < 1$  that  $0 < a \le \lambda_n \le 2\alpha$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |t_{n+1} - t_n| < \infty$$

and

$$I - \lambda_n A = I - (1 - t_n)(I - U) = (1 - t_n)U + t_n I$$

Furthermore, we have that for  $z \in C$ ,

$$z \in (A + \partial i_C)^{-1} 0 \iff 0 \in Az + \partial i_C z$$
$$\iff 0 \in z - Uz + N_C z$$
$$\iff Uz - z \in N_C z$$
$$\iff \langle Uz - z, v - z \rangle \le 0, \ \forall v \in C$$
$$\iff P_C Uz = z.$$

Since  $F(U) \neq \emptyset$ , we get, as in the proof of [28, Fact 3], that  $F(P_C U) = F(U)$ . We also have  $z_0 = P_{F(U)}(I - G + \gamma g)z_0 = P_{F(U)}(z_0 - z_0 + 1 \cdot u) = P_{F(U)}u$ . Thus we obtain the desired result by Theorem 7.

Let  $f : C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  be a bifunction which satisfies the conditions (A1) - (A4)in Introduction. Then, we know the following lemma which appears implicitly in Blum and Oettli [4].

**Lemma 10** (Blum and Oettli). Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H and let f be a bifunction of  $C \times C$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying (A1) - (A4). Let r > 0 and  $x \in H$ . Then, there exists  $z \in C$  such that

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

The following lemma was also given in Combettes and Hirstoaga [7].

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**Lemma 11.** Assume that  $f : C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfies (A1) - (A4). For r > 0 and  $x \in H$ , define a mapping  $T_r : H \to C$  as follows:

$$T_r x = \left\{ z \in C : f(z, y) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, z - x \rangle \ge 0, \ \forall y \in C \right\}$$

for all  $x \in H$ . Then, the following hold:

- (1)  $T_r$  is single-valued;
- (2)  $T_r$  is a firmly nonexpansive mapping, i.e., for all  $x, y \in H$ ,

$$||T_r x - T_r y||^2 \le \langle T_r x - T_r y, x - y \rangle;$$

- (3)  $F(T_r) = EP(f);$
- (4) EP(f) is closed and convex.

We call such  $T_r$  the resolvent of f for r > 0. Using Lemmas 10 and 11, Takahashi, Takahashi and Toyoda [19] obtained the following lemma. See [1] for a more general result.

**Lemma 12.** Let H be a Hilbert space and let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. Let  $f : C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfy (A1) - (A4). Let  $A_f$  be a set-valued mapping of Hinto itself defined by

 $A_f x = \begin{cases} \{z \in H : f(x, y) \ge \langle y - x, z \rangle, \ \forall y \in C\}, & \forall x \in C, \\ \emptyset, & \forall x \notin C. \end{cases}$ 

Then,  $EP(f) = A_f^{-1}0$  and  $A_f$  is a maximal monotone operator with  $dom(A_f) \subset C$ . Furthermore, for any  $x \in H$  and r > 0, the resolvent  $T_r$  of f coincides with the resolvent of  $A_f$ , i.e.,

$$T_r x = (I + rA_f)^{-1} x.$$

Using Theorem 7, we obtain the following strong convergence theorem which is related to Liu's result [10] for strict pseudo-contractions in a Hilbert space.

**Theorem 13.** Let H be a real Hilbert space and let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. Let  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  with r < 1 and let U be a widely r-strict pseudo-contraction of C into H and let f be a bifunction of  $C \times C$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying (A1) - (A4). Let  $T_r$ be the resolvent of f for r > 0. Let 0 < k < 1 and let g be a k-contraction of H into itself. Let G be a strongly positive bounded linear self-adjoint operator on H with coefficient  $\overline{\gamma} > 0$ . Let  $0 < \gamma < \frac{\overline{\gamma}}{k}$  and suppose  $F(U) \cap EP(f) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x_1 = x \in H$ and let  $\{x_n\} \subset H$  be a sequence generated by

$$x_{n+1} = \beta_n x_n + (1 - \beta_n) \{ \alpha_n \gamma g(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n G) \{ (1 - t_n)U + t_n I \} T_{r_n} x_n \}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\{t_n\} \subset (-\infty, 1)$ ,  $\{\beta_n\} \subset (0, 1)$ ,  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (0, 1)$  and  $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ satisfy

$$r \le t_n \le b < 1, \quad 0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \beta_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \beta_n < 1,$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n = 0, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty, \quad and \quad \liminf_{n \to \infty} r_n > 0.$$

Then, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $z_0$  of  $F(U) \cap EP(f)$ , where  $z_0 = P_{F(U) \cap EP(f)}(I - G + \gamma g)z_0$ .

Proof. For the bifunction  $f: C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$ , we can define  $A_f$  in Lemma 12. Putting A = I - U, Bx = 0 for all  $\in H$  and  $F = A_f$  in Theorem 7, we obtain from Lemma 12 that  $J_{\lambda_n} = I$  for all  $\lambda_n > 0$  and  $T_{r_n} = (I + r_n A_f)^{-1}$  for all  $r_n > 0$ . As in the proof of Theorem 9, the sequence  $\{t_n\}$  and U are changed in  $\{\lambda_n\}$  and A. We have also from Lemma 12 that  $EP(f) = (A_f)^{-1}0 = F^{-1}0$ . Furthermore, we have that for  $z \in C$ ,

$$z \in (A+B)^{-1}0 \iff 0 = Az + Bz$$
$$\iff 0 = Az$$
$$\iff z = Uz$$
$$\iff z \in F(U).$$

So, we obtain the desired result by Theorem 7.

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