# WEAK CONVERGENCE TO COMMON FIXED POINTS OF COUNTABLE NONEXPANSIVE MAPPINGS AND ITS APPLICATIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce an iteration generated by countable nonexpansive mappings and prove a weak convergence theorem which is connected with the feasibility problem. This result is used to solve the problem of finding a solution of the countable convex inequality system and the problem of finding a common fixed point for a commuting countable family of nonexpansive mappings.

#### 1. Introduction

Let  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k$  be nonempty closed convex subsets of a Hilbert space H whose intersection  $C_0$  is nonempty. Given metric projections  $P_i$  onto  $C_i$  for  $i=1,2,\cdots,k$ , find a point of  $C_0$  by an iterative scheme. Such a problem is connected with the feasibility problem. In fact, let  $\{g_1,g_2,\cdots,g_k\}$  be a finite family of real valued continuous convex functions on H. Then the feasibility problem is to find a solution of the finite convex inequality system, i.e., to find such a point  $x \in C_0$  that

$$C_0 = \{x \in H : g_i(x) \le 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k\}.$$

In 1991, Crombez [4] obtained the following result: Put  $T = \alpha_0 I + \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_k (I + \lambda_i (P_i - I))$ , where I is an identity operator,  $0 < \lambda_i < 2$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ,  $\alpha_i > 0$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k$ , and  $\sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i = 1$ . Then, starting from an arbitrary element x of H, a sequence  $\{T^n x\}$  converges weakly to  $z \in C_0$ . Later, Kitahara and Takahashi [8] dealt with the

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feasibility problem by convex combinations of sunny nonexpansive retractions in uniformly convex Banach spaces.

Recently, motivated by Ishikawa [7] and Das and Debeta [5], Takahashi and Shimoji [15] introduced a new iteration generated by finite nonexpansive mappings and proved weak convergence theorems which are connected with the feasibility problem.

On the other hand, Dye and Reich [6] proved the following result for an unrestricted product of nonexpansive mappings: Let  $\{T_n\}$  be nonexpansive mappings on a Hilbert space H with a common fixed point  $z \in H$ . Suppose that the algebraic semigroup S generated by  $\{T_n\}$  satisfies the condition (W) with respect to  $p \in H$ . Let r be a mapping from the set of natural numbers into itself and let  $S_n = T_{r(n)}T_{r(n-1)}\cdots T_{r(2)}T_{r(1)}$ . Then  $S_nx$  converges weakly for each  $x \in H$ . An algebraic semigroup S generated by  $\{T_n\}$  is said to satisfy the condition (W) with respect to p if for any bounded sequence  $\{v_n\}$  of H and a sequence  $\{W_n\}$  of words from S with  $\|v_n - p\| - \|W_nv_n - p\| \to 0$ , it follows that  $v_n - W_nv_n$  converges weakly to 0; see [6] for more details. Though they obtained a sufficient condition for which S satisfies the condition (W) with respect to p in the paper, it still seems to be a strong condition.

In this paper, we introduce an iteration generated by countable non-expansive mappings and prove a weak convergence theorem which is connected with the feasibility problem. This iteration is different from that of Dye and Reich's, and our theorem generalizes Takahashi and Shimoji's result [15] for finite nonexpansive mappings. Using our theorem, we also consider the feasibility problem of finding a solution of the countable convex inequality system and the problem of finding a common fixed point for a commuting countable family of nonexpansive mappings.

#### 2. Preliminaries and lemmas

Throughout this paper, we denote by  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  the sets of natural numbers and real numbers, respectively. Let E be a Banach space and let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of E. A mapping T of C into itself is called nonexpansive if  $||Tx - Ty|| \le ||x - y||$  for all  $x, y \in C$ . The set of fixed points of T is denoted by F(T), that is,  $z \in F(T)$  if and only if z = Tz. Let D be a nonempty subset of C. A mapping P of C onto D is said to be a retraction if Px = x for each  $x \in D$ . If there exists a nonexpansive retraction of C onto D, then D is said to be a

nonexpansive retract of C.

For a Banach space E, we define the modulus  $\delta_E$  of convexity of E as follows:  $\delta_E$  is a function of [0,2] into [0,1] such that

$$\delta_E(\epsilon) = \inf\{1 - \|x + y\|/2 : \|x\| \le 1, \|y\| \le 1, \|x - y\| \ge \epsilon\}$$

for each  $\epsilon \in [0,2]$ . E is called uniformly convex if  $\delta_E(\epsilon) > 0$  for each  $\epsilon > 0$ . E is called strictly convex if ||x+y||/2 < 1 for every  $x,y \in E$  with ||x|| = ||y|| = 1 and  $x \neq y$ . It is known that a uniformly convex Banach space is strictly convex and reflexive.

A Banach space E satisfies Opial's condition [10] if, for each sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of E converging weakly to  $x, x \neq y$  implies

$$\liminf_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - x|| < \liminf_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - y||.$$

The norm of E is said to be Fréchet differentiable if, for each  $x \in E$ 

$$\lim_{t \to 0} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t}$$

converges uniformly for y with ||y|| = 1.

The following lemma was proved by Schu [12].

LEMMA 2.1 [Schu [12]]. Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  be sequences of a uniformly convex Banach space E and let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers such that  $0 < a \le \alpha_n \le b < 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \|\alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) y_n\| = c$  exists. If  $\limsup_{n \to \infty} \|x_n\| \le c$  and  $\limsup_{n \to \infty} \|y_n\| \le c$ , then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_n - y_n\| = 0$ .

Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Banach space E. Let  $\{T_n: n=1,2,\cdots,k\}$  be mappings of C into itself and let  $\{\alpha_n\in\mathbb{R}: n=1,2,\cdots,k\}$  be real numbers satisfying  $0\leq\alpha_n\leq1$  for each  $n=1,2,\cdots,k$ . Then, we define a mapping W of C into itself as follows (Takahashi [13]):

$$\begin{cases} U_k = \alpha_k T_k + (1 - \alpha_k)I, \\ U_{k-1} = \alpha_{k-1} T_{k-1} U_k + (1 - \alpha_{k-1})I, \\ \vdots \\ U_2 = \alpha_2 T_2 U_3 + (1 - \alpha_2)I, \\ W = U_1 = \alpha_1 T_1 U_2 + (1 - \alpha_1)I. \end{cases}$$

Such a mapping W is called the W-mapping generated by  $T_k$ ,  $T_{k-1}$ ,  $\cdots$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_1$  and  $\alpha_k$ ,  $\alpha_{k-1}$ ,  $\cdots$ ,  $\alpha_2$ ,  $\alpha_1$ .

The following lemma was proved by Takahashi and Shimoji [15].

LEMMA 2.2 (Takahashi and Shimoji [15]). Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a strictly convex Banach space E. Let  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k$  be nonexpansive mappings of C into itself and suppose that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^k F(T_i)$  is nonempty. Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k$  be real numbers such that  $0 < \alpha_i < 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Let W be the W-mapping generated by  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k$ . Then

$$F(W) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{k} F(T_i).$$

The following lemma was proved by Reich [11]; see also [14].

LEMMA 2.3 (Reich [11]). Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space E whose norm is Fréchet differentiable. Let  $\{W_n\}$  be a sequence of nonexpansive mappings of C into itself such that the set of their common fixed points is nonempty. Choose  $x \in C$  arbitrarily and make an iteration  $\{x_n\}$  by

$$x_n = W_n W_{n-1} \cdots W_2 W_1 x$$

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the set  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \overline{co}\{x_m : m \geq k\} \cap \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(W_n)$  consists of at most one point.

## 3. The main result

Now we prove a weak convergence theorem for countable nonexpansive mappings in Banach spaces which is connected with the feasibility problem.

THEOREM 3.1. Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space E. Let  $\{T_n\}$  be a sequence of nonexpansive mappings of C into itself and suppose

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n) \neq \emptyset.$$

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $0 < a \le b < 1$  and let  $\{\alpha_{n,k} : n, k \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \le k \le n\} \subset [a, b]$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $W_n$  be the W-mapping generated

by  $T_n, T_{n-1}, \dots, T_2, T_1$  and  $\alpha_{n,n}, \alpha_{n,n-1}, \dots, \alpha_{n,2}, \alpha_{n,1}$ , that is,

(1) 
$$\begin{cases} U_{n,n} = \alpha_{n,n} T_n + (1 - \alpha_{n,n}) I, \\ U_{n,n-1} = \alpha_{n,n-1} T_{n-1} U_{n,n} + (1 - \alpha_{n,n-1}) I, \\ \vdots \\ U_{n,2} = \alpha_{n,2} T_2 U_{n,3} + (1 - \alpha_{n,2}) I, \\ W_n = U_{n,1} = \alpha_{n,1} T_1 U_{n,2} + (1 - \alpha_{n,1}) I. \end{cases}$$

Let  $x_1 \in C$  and put  $x_{n+1} = W_n x_n$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $||T_k x_n - x_n|| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$  for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover, if either E satisfies Opial's condition or E has a Fréchet differentiable norm, then  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to  $z \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $w \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)$  and  $x_1 \in C$ . Then, by the definition of  $\{x_n\}$ , we obtain

$$||x_{n+1} - w|| = ||W_n x_n - w|| = ||U_{n,1} x_n - w||$$

$$\leq \alpha_{n,1} ||T_1 U_{n,2} x_n - w|| + (1 - \alpha_{n,1}) ||x_n - w||$$

$$\leq \alpha_{n,1} ||U_{n,2} x_n - w|| + (1 - \alpha_{n,1}) ||x_n - w||$$

$$\leq \alpha_{n,1} \alpha_{n,2} ||U_{n,3} x_n - w|| + (1 - \alpha_{n,1} \alpha_{n,2}) ||x_n - w||$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\leq \alpha_{n,1} \alpha_{n,2} \cdots \alpha_{n,k-1} ||U_{n,k} x_n - w||$$

$$+ (1 - \alpha_{n,1} \alpha_{n,2} \cdots \alpha_{n,k-1}) ||x_n - w||$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\leq \alpha_{n,1} \alpha_{n,2} \cdots \alpha_{n,n} ||T_n x_n - w||$$

$$+ (1 - \alpha_{n,1} \alpha_{n,2} \cdots \alpha_{n,n}) ||x_n - w||$$

$$\leq \alpha_{n,1} \alpha_{n,2} \cdots \alpha_{n,n} ||x_n - w||$$

$$+ (1 - \alpha_{n,1} \alpha_{n,2} \cdots \alpha_{n,n}) ||x_n - w||$$

$$= ||x_n - w||,$$

and hence  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - w||$  exists. Put  $c = \lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - w||$ . Fix  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n \geq k$ , we have

$$||U_{n,k}x_n - w|| \le ||x_n - w||$$

and hence

$$\limsup_{n} \|U_{n,k}x_n - w\| \le c.$$

On the other hand, since

$$||x_{n+1} - w|| \le \alpha_{n,1}\alpha_{n,2}\cdots\alpha_{n,k-1}||U_{n,k}x_n - w|| + (1 - \alpha_{n,1}\alpha_{n,2}\cdots\alpha_{n,k-1})||x_n - w||,$$

we obtain

$$||x_n - w|| \le ||U_{n,k}x_n - w|| + \frac{||x_n - w|| - ||x_{n+1} - w||}{\alpha_{n,1}\alpha_{n,2}\cdots\alpha_{n,k-1}}$$

$$\le ||U_{n,k}x_n - w|| + \frac{||x_n - w|| - ||x_{n+1} - w||}{a^{k-1}}$$

and hence

(3) 
$$c \leq \liminf_{n} \|U_{n,k}x_n - w\|.$$

From (2) and (3), we have  $c = \lim_{n\to\infty} \|U_{n,k}x_n - w\|$ . So, we have

$$c = \lim_{n \to \infty} \|\alpha_{n,k} T_k U_{n,k+1} x_n + (1 - \alpha_{n,k}) x_n - w\|.$$

Since

$$\lim \sup_{n \to \infty} \|T_k U_{n,k+1} x_n - w\| \le \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} \|U_{n,k+1} x_n - w\| = c$$

and  $\limsup_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - w|| = c$ , from Lemma 2.1, we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} ||T_k U_{n,k+1} x_n - x_n|| = 0.$$

For each  $n \geq k + 2$ , we have

$$||T_k x_n - x_n|| \le ||T_k x_n - T_k U_{n,k+1} x_n|| + ||T_k U_{n,k+1} x_n - x_n||$$

$$\le ||x_n - U_{n,k+1} x_n|| + ||T_k U_{n,k+1} x_n - x_n||$$

$$= ||x_n - (\alpha_{n,k+1} T_{k+1} U_{n,k+2} x_n + (1 - \alpha_{n,k+1}) x_n)||$$

$$+ ||T_k U_{n,k+1} x_n - x_n||$$

$$= \alpha_{n,k+1} ||T_{k+1} U_{n,k+2} x_n - x_n|| + ||T_k U_{n,k+1} x_n - x_n||.$$

Consequently, we obtain  $\limsup_{n\to\infty} ||T_k x_n - x_n|| \le 0$  and hence

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \|T_k x_n - x_n\| = 0.$$

Suppose that E satisfies Opial's condition. Since  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded and E is reflexive, we can choose a subsequence  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  converging weakly to z. We shall show that z is a common fixed point of  $\{T_k\}$ . Suppose  $z \notin \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} F(T_k)$ . Then  $z \neq T_k z$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Using Opial's condition, we have

$$\lim_{i} \inf \|x_{n_{i}} - z\| < \liminf_{i} \|x_{n_{i}} - T_{k}z\| 
\leq \lim_{n} \inf(\|x_{n_{i}} - T_{k}x_{n_{i}}\| + \|T_{k}x_{n_{i}} - T_{k}z\|) 
\leq \lim_{n} \inf(\|x_{n_{i}} - T_{k}x_{n_{i}}\| + \|x_{n_{i}} - z\|) 
= \lim_{n} \inf \|x_{n_{i}} - z\|.$$

This is a contradiction and hence we have  $z \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} F(T_k)$ .

Next, we shall show that the set of weakly cluster points of  $\{x_n\}$  consists of one point. Let  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  and  $\{x_{n_j}\}$  be subsequences of  $\{x_n\}$  converging weakly  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ , respectively. Then both  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are common fixed points of  $\{T_k\}$  and thus  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \|x_n-z_1\|$  and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \|x_n-z_2\|$  exist. We claim  $z_1=z_2$ . If not, we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_n - z_1\| = \lim_{i \to \infty} \|x_{n_i} - z_1\|$$

$$< \lim_{i \to \infty} \|x_{n_i} - z_2\|$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_n - z_2\|$$

$$= \lim_{j \to \infty} \|x_{n_j} - z_2\|$$

$$< \lim_{j \to \infty} \|x_{n_j} - z_1\|$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_n - z_1\|.$$

This is a contradiction and we get  $z_1 = z_2$ . Therefore  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to  $z \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} F(T_k)$ .

On the other hand, suppose that E has a Fréchet differentiable norm. Without loss of generality, we may assume that C is bounded because a common fixed point of  $\{T_k\}$  exists. Let  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  be a subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$  converging weakly to z. Then, since  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||T_k x_{n_i} - x_{n_i}|| = 0$ 

for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $I - T_k$  is demiclosed, it follows from Browder [1] that z is a common fixed point of  $\{T_k\}$ . Since  $F(W_n) = \bigcap_{k=1}^n F(T_k)$  from Lemma 2.2, we have  $z \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} F(T_k) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(W_n)$  and  $x_n = W_n W_{n-1} \cdots W_1 x_1$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Using Lemma 2.3, we obtain

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{co}\{x_m : m \ge n\} \cap \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} F(T_k) = \{z\}.$$

Consequently,  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to  $z \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} F(T_k)$ .

# 4. Applications

In this section, using Theorem 1, we consider the feasibility problem of finding a solution of the countable convex inequality system. Further, we consider the problem of finding a common fixed point for a commuting countable family of nonexpansive mappings.

Theorem 4.1. Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space whose norm is Fréchet differentiable and let  $a,b\in\mathbb{R}$  with  $0< a\leq b\leq 1$ . Let  $\{C_n\}$  be a sequence of nonexpansive retracts of C such that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty}C_n$  is nonempty. For  $n\in\mathbb{N}$ , let  $W_n$  be the W-mapping generated by  $P_n,P_{n-1},\cdots,P_2,P_1$  and  $\alpha_{n,n},\cdots,\alpha_{n,2},\alpha_{n,1}$ , where  $P_k$  is a nonexpansive retraction of C onto  $C_k$  for each  $k\in\mathbb{N}$  and  $0< a\leq \alpha_{n,k}\leq b< 1$  for  $n,k\in\mathbb{N}$  with  $0\leq k\leq n$ . Consider an iteration  $\{x_n\}$  defined by (1). Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to  $z\in\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty}C_n$ .

*Proof.* From Lemma 2, we have

$$F(W_n) = \bigcap_{k=1}^{n} F(P_k) = \bigcap_{k=1}^{n} C_k.$$

This implies

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(W_n) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(P_n) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n.$$

Using Theorem 1,  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to  $z \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n$ .

REMARK 4.1. Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space E and let T be a nonexpansive mapping of C into itself with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ . Then, it follows from Bruck [2, 3] that F(T) is a nonexpansive retract of C. We also know that every nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H is a nonexpansive retract of H and the norm of H is Fréchet differentiable.

THEOREM 4.2. Let C be a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space E whose norm is Fréchet differentiable. Let  $\{T_n\}$  be a sequence of nonexpansive mappings of C into itself such that  $T_iT_j=T_jT_i$  for all  $i,j\in\mathbb{N}$ . Let a and b be real numbers with  $0 < a \le b < 1$  and let  $\{\alpha_{n,k}: n,k\in\mathbb{N}, 1\le k\le n\}\subset [a,b]$ . Then the set of common fixed points of  $\{T_n\}$  is nonempty, and an iteration  $\{x_n\}$  defined by (1) converges weakly to an element of  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)$ .

*Proof.* Since E is uniformly convex, from [1] or Kirk's fixed point theorem [9], we obtain that each  $T_i$  has a fixed point. We also know from commutativity of  $\{T_n\}$  that  $\{F(T_n)\}$  is a sequence of nonempty closed convex subsets which has the finite intersection property; for more details, see [8]. Since C is bounded and E is uniformly convex, C is weakly compact. Hence we have

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n) \neq \emptyset.$$

Therefore, by Theorem 3.1,  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to an element of  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)$ .

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