

## THREE-STEP ITERATIVE ALGORITHMS FOR FIXED POINT PROBLEMS AND VARIATIONAL INCLUSION PROBLEMS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, a three-step iterative method is considered for finding a common element in the set of fixed points of a non-expansive mapping and in the set of solutions of a variational inclusion problem in a real Hilbert space.

### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space  $H$  and  $A$  a mapping on  $H$ . Recall that  $A$  is said to be monotone if

$$\langle Ax - Ay, x - y \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x, y \in H.$$

$A$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -strongly monotone if there exists a constant  $\alpha > 0$  such that

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

$A$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -strongly anti-monotone [15] if there exists a constant  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\langle Ax - Ay, x - y \rangle \leq (-\alpha) \|x - y\|^2, \quad \forall x, y \in H.$$

$A$  is said to be  $L$ -Lipschitz continuous if there exists a constant such that  $L > 0$  such that

$$\|Ax - Ay\| \leq L \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in H.$$

$A$  is said to be nonexpansive if

$$\|Ax - Ay\| \leq \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in H.$$

Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of  $H$ . Recall that the classical variational inequality problem is to find  $u \in C$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \langle Au, v - u \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in C.$$

One can see that the variational inequality problem (1.1) is equivalent to a fixed point problem.  $u \in C$  is a solution of the variational inequality (1.1)

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if and only if  $u \in C$  is a fixed point of the mapping  $P_C(I - \lambda A)$ , where  $I$  is the identity mapping and  $\lambda > 0$  is a constant. Recently, iterative methods have been applied to approximate common elements in the fixed point set of nonexpansive mappings and in the solution set of variational inequality (1.1), see [3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15, 19, 21] and the reference therein.

Noor and Huang [13] considered a three-step iterative method for finding a common element in the set of fixed points of a nonexpansive mapping and in the set of solutions of the variational inequality problem (1.1) in a real Hilbert space. To be more precise, they introduced the following algorithm:

$$(NH-1) \quad \begin{cases} x_0 \in C, \\ z_n = (1 - c_n)x_n + c_n SP_C(x_n - \rho T x_n), \\ y_n = (1 - b_n)x_n + b_n SP_C(y_n - \rho T y_n), \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - a_n)x_n + a_n SP_C(y_n - \rho T y_n), \quad \forall n \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\{a_n\}$ ,  $\{b_n\}$  and  $\{c_n\}$  are sequences in  $[0, 1]$  for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $S$  is a nonexpansive mapping and  $T$  is a monotone-type operator. They showed that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated in the above iterative sequence converges strongly to a common element in the set of fixed points of a non-expansive mapping  $S$  and in the set of solutions of the variational inequality problem (1.1); see [13] for details.

In [14], Noor and Huang considered the following variational inclusion problem. Find an  $u \in H$  such that

$$(1.2) \quad 0 \in Au + Tu,$$

where  $T$  and  $A$  are monotone operators. They also considered the following three-step iterative algorithm:

$$(NH-2) \quad \begin{cases} x_0 \in H, \\ z_n = (1 - c_n)x_n + c_n SJ_A(x_n - \rho T x_n), \\ y_n = (1 - b_n)x_n + b_n SJ_A(y_n - \rho T y_n), \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - a_n)x_n + a_n SJ_A(y_n - \rho T y_n), \quad \forall n \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\{a_n\}$ ,  $\{b_n\}$  and  $\{c_n\}$  are sequences in  $[0, 1]$  for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $S$  is a nonexpansive mapping,  $J_A = (I + \rho A)^{-1}$ . They showed that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated in the above iterative sequence converges strongly to a common element in the set of fixed points of a nonexpansive mapping  $S$  and in the set of solutions of the variational inclusion problem (1.2); see [14] for details.

Recently, three-step iterative algorithms were studied by many authors; see [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21]. In 1989, Glowinski and Le Tallec [7] used three-step iterative schemes to find the approximate solutions of the elastoviscoplasticity problem, liquid crystal theory, and eigenvalue computation, and they showed that three-step approximations perform better numerically. Haubruge et al. [9] studied the convergence analysis of three-step schemes of Glowinski and Le Tallec [7] and applied these schemes to obtain new

splitting-type algorithms for solving variational inequalities, separable convex programming, and minimization of a sum of convex functions. They also proved that three-step iterations lead to highly parallelized algorithms under certain conditions.

Very recently, Noor et al. [15] considered the problem of difference of two monotone operators. More precisely, they studied the following problem. Given two operators  $T, A : H \rightarrow H$ , find  $u \in H$  such that

$$(1.3) \quad 0 \in Au - Tu,$$

where  $A$  is a maximal monotone and  $T$  is a strongly anti-monotone. They also constructed a Mann-type algorithm as follows.

$$x_0 \in H, \quad x_{n+1} = a_n x_n + (1 - a_n) J_A(x_n + \rho T x_n), \quad n \geq 0,$$

where  $\{a_n\}$  is a sequence in  $[0, 1]$ ,  $J_A = (I + \rho A)^{-1}$ . Strong convergence theorems of the Mann-type iterative algorithm are established in the framework of Hilbert spaces.

If  $A(\cdot) = \partial f(\cdot)$ , the subdifferential of a proper, convex and lower-semicontinuous function  $f : H \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty]$ , then the problem (1.3) is equivalent to finding  $u \in H$  such that

$$(1.4) \quad 0 \in \partial f(u) - Tu,$$

which was considered by Adly and Oettli [1]. We note that the problem (1.4) is equivalent to finding  $u \in H$  such that

$$(1.5) \quad \langle Tu, v - u \rangle + \partial f(u) - \partial(v) \leq 0 \quad \forall v \in H,$$

which is known as the mixed variational inequality. If  $f$  is the indicator of a nonempty closed convex subset of  $K$  in a Hilbert spaces, then the problem (1.5) is reduced to finding  $u \in K$  such that

$$(1.5) \quad \langle Tu, v - u \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall v \in K,$$

which is the classical variational inequality. Variational inclusions involving the difference of two monotone operators provide us with a unified, natural, novel and simple framework to study a wide class of problems arising in DC programming, prox-regularity, multicommodity network, image restoring processing, tomography, molecular biology, optimization, pure and applied sciences [1, 2, 8, 10, 15] and the references therein.

In this paper, motivated by the recently research work going on in this direction, we continue to study the problem of finding a solution of the problem (1.3) by a three-step iterative algorithm. We will denote the set of solutions of the problem (1.3) by  $S(A, T)$ .

In order to prove our main results, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.1** ([18]). *Suppose that  $\{\delta_n\}$  is a nonnegative sequence satisfying the following inequality*

$$\delta_{n+1} \leq (1 - \lambda_n) \delta_n, \quad \forall n \geq 0,$$

where  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is a sequence in  $[0, 1]$  such that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_n = \infty$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n = 0$ .

**Lemma 1.2** ([15]). *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. An element  $u \in H$  is a solution of the problem (1.3) if and only if  $u \in H$  is a fixed point of the mapping  $J_A(I + \rho T)$ , where  $J_A = (I + \rho A)^{-1}$ ,  $I$  is the identity mapping and  $T$  is a strongly anti-monotone mapping.*

**Lemma 1.3.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $S : H \rightarrow H$  a nonexpansive mapping with a fixed point. Assume that  $F(S) \cap S(A, T) \neq \emptyset$ . If  $u \in F(S) \cap S(A, T)$ , then  $u = SJ_A(I + \rho T)u$ .*

*Proof.* Fix  $u \in F(S) \cap S(A, T)$ . From Lemma 1.2, we see that  $u = J_A(I + \rho T)u$ . We also have  $u = Su$ . It follows that

$$u = J_A(I + \rho T)u = Su = SJ_A(I + \rho T)u.$$

This completes the proof. □

## 2. Main results

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,  $A$  a maximal monotone mapping on  $H$  and  $T$  an  $\alpha$ -strongly anti-monotone and  $\beta$ -Lipschitz continuous mapping on  $H$ . Let  $S : H \rightarrow H$  be a nonexpansive mapping with a fixed point and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following manner:*

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{cases} x_0 \in H, \\ z_n = (1 - c_n)x_n + c_n SJ_A(x_n + \rho T x_n), \\ y_n = (1 - b_n)x_n + b_n SJ_A(z_n + \rho T z_n), \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - a_n)x_n + a_n SJ_A(y_n + \rho T y_n), \quad \forall n \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\{a_n\}$ ,  $\{b_n\}$  and  $\{c_n\}$  are sequences in  $[0, 1]$  for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $J_A = (I + \rho A)^{-1}$  and  $\rho$  is a constant satisfying the restriction  $0 < \rho < \frac{2\alpha}{\beta^2}$ . Assume that  $F(S) \cap S(A, T) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = \infty$ . Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point in  $F(S) \cap S(A, T)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x^* \in F(S) \cap S(A, T)$ . From Lemma 1.3, we see that

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{cases} x^* = (1 - c_n)x^* + c_n SJ_A(x^* + \rho T x^*), \quad \forall n \geq 0, \\ x^* = (1 - b_n)x^* + b_n SJ_A(x^* + \rho T x^*), \quad \forall n \geq 0, \\ x^* = (1 - a_n)x^* + a_n SJ_A(x^* + \rho T x^*), \quad \forall n \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

It follows from (2.1) that

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|x_{n+1} - x^*\| \\ &= \|(1 - a_n)(x_n - x^*) + a_n(SJ_A(y_n + \rho T y_n) - SJ_A(x^* + \rho T x^*))\| \\ &\leq (1 - a_n)\|x_n - x^*\| + a_n\|J_A(y_n + \rho T y_n) - J_A(x^* + \rho T x^*)\| \\ &\leq (1 - a_n)\|x_n - x^*\| + a_n\|y_n - x^* + \rho(Ty_n - Tx^*)\|. \end{aligned}$$

From the  $\alpha$ -strongly anti-monotone and  $\beta$ -Lipschitz assumptions on  $T$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|y_n - x^* + \rho_n(Ty_n - Tx^*)\|^2 \\ &= \|y_n - x^*\|^2 + 2\rho\langle Ty_n - Tx^*, y_n - x^* \rangle + \rho^2\|Ty_n - Tx^*\|^2 \\ &\leq \|y_n - x^*\|^2 - 2\rho\alpha\|y_n - x^*\|^2 + \rho^2\beta^2\|y_n - x^*\|^2 \\ &= (1 - 2\rho\alpha + \rho^2\beta^2)\|y_n - x^*\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$(2.4) \quad \|y_n - x^* + \rho(Ty_n - Tx^*)\| \leq \theta_n\|y_n - x^*\|,$$

where

$$\theta = \sqrt{1 - 2\rho\alpha + \rho^2\beta^2}.$$

From the assumption  $0 < \rho < \frac{2\alpha}{\beta^2}$ , we see that  $\theta < 1$ .

Next, we estimate  $\|y_n - x^*\|$ . It follows from (2.1) and (2.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|y_n - x^*\| \\ (2.5) \quad &= \|(1 - b_n)(x_n - x^*) + b_n(SJ_A(z_n + \rho Tz_n) - SJ_A(x^* + \rho Tx^*))\| \\ &\leq (1 - b_n)\|x_n - x^*\| + b_n\|J_A(z_n + \rho Tz_n) - J_A(x^* + \rho Tx^*)\| \\ &\leq (1 - b_n)\|x_n - x^*\| + b_n\|z_n - x^* + \rho(Tz_n - Tx^*)\|. \end{aligned}$$

From the  $\alpha$ -strongly anti-monotone and  $\beta$ -Lipschitz assumptions on  $T$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|z_n - x^* + \rho(Tz_n - Tx^*)\|^2 \\ &= \|z_n - x^*\|^2 + 2\rho\langle Tz_n - Tx^*, z_n - x^* \rangle + \rho^2\|Tz_n - Tx^*\|^2 \\ &\leq \|z_n - x^*\|^2 - 2\rho\alpha\|z_n - x^*\|^2 + \rho^2\beta^2\|z_n - x^*\|^2 \\ &= (1 - 2\rho\alpha + \rho^2\beta^2)\|z_n - x^*\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$(2.6) \quad \|z_n - x^* + \rho(Tz_n - Tx^*)\| \leq \theta\|z_n - x^*\|.$$

Finally, we estimate  $\|z_n - x^*\|$ . It follows from (2.1) and (2.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|z_n - x^*\| \\ (2.7) \quad &= \|(1 - c_n)(x_n - x^*) + c_n(SJ_A(x_n + \rho Ts_n) - SJ_A(x^* + \rho Tx^*))\| \\ &\leq (1 - c_n)\|x_n - x^*\| + c_n\|J_A(x_n + \rho Tx_n) - J_A(x^* + \rho Tx^*)\| \\ &\leq (1 - c_n)\|x_n - x^*\| + c_n\|x_n - x^* + \rho(Tx_n - Tx^*)\|. \end{aligned}$$

In a similar way, we can obtain that

$$(2.8) \quad \|x_n - x^* + \rho(Tx_n - Tx^*)\| \leq \theta\|x_n - x^*\|.$$

Substituting (2.8) into (2.7), we arrive at

$$\|z_n - x^*\| \leq [1 - c_n(1 - \theta)]\|x_n - x^*\|,$$

which combines with (2.5) and (2.6) that

$$\begin{aligned}\|y_n - x^*\| &\leq \left(1 - b_n(1 - \theta(1 - c_n(1 - \theta)))\right)\|x_n - x^*\| \\ &\leq \|x_n - x^*\|.\end{aligned}$$

It follows (2.3) and (2.4) that

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned}\|x_{n+1} - x^*\| &\leq (1 - a_n)\|x_n - x^*\| + a_n\theta\|y_n - x^*\| \\ &\leq [1 - a_n(1 - \theta)]\|x_n - x^*\|.\end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 1.1 to (2.9), we can conclude the desired conclusion immediately.  $\square$

If  $\{c_n\} \equiv 0$ , then Theorem 2.1 is reduced to the following.

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,  $A$  a maximal monotone mapping on  $H$  and  $T$  an  $\alpha$ -strongly anti-monotone and  $\beta$ -Lipschitz continuous mapping on  $H$ . Let  $S : H \rightarrow H$  be a nonexpansive mapping with a fixed point and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following manner:*

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{cases} x_0 \in H, \\ y_n = (1 - b_n)x_n + b_nSJ_A(x_n + \rho Tx_n), \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - a_n)x_n + a_nSJ_A(y_n + \rho Ty_n), \quad \forall n \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  are sequences in  $[0, 1]$  for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $J_A = (I + \rho A)^{-1}$  and  $\rho$  is a constant satisfying the restriction  $0 < \rho < \frac{2\alpha}{\beta^2}$ . Assume that  $F(S) \cap S(A, T) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = \infty$ . Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point in  $F(S) \cap S(A, T)$ .

*Remark 2.3.* The algorithm (2.10) is call an Ishikawa-type iterative algorithm.

Further, if  $\{b_n\} \equiv 0$ , then Corollary 2.2 is reduced to the following.

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,  $A$  a maximal monotone mapping on  $H$  and  $T$  an  $\alpha$ -strongly anti-monotone and  $\beta$ -Lipschitz continuous mapping on  $H$ . Let  $S : H \rightarrow H$  be a nonexpansive mapping with a fixed point and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following manner:*

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{cases} x_0 \in H, \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - a_n)x_n + a_nSJ_A(x_n + \rho Tx_n), \quad \forall n \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\{a_n\}$  is a sequence in  $[0, 1]$  for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $J_A = (I + \rho A)^{-1}$  and  $\rho$  is a constant satisfying the restriction  $0 < \rho < \frac{2\alpha}{\beta^2}$ . Assume that  $F(S) \cap S(A, T) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = \infty$ . Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point in  $F(S) \cap S(A, T)$ .

*Remark 2.5.* The algorithm (2.11) is call a Mann-type iterative algorithm. We see that Corollary 2.4 is reduced to Theorem 3.2 of Noor et al. [15] if  $S = I$ , where  $I$  denotes the identity operator.

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