

## Letter to the Editor

# A Note on Strong Convergence of a Modified Halpern's Iteration for Nonexpansive Mappings

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In the paper by Hu in 2008, the author proved a strong convergence result for nonexpansive mappings using a modified Halpern's iteration algorithm. Unfortunately, the case  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n = 1$  does not guarantee the strong convergence of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ . In this note, we provide a counterexample to the theorem.

In [1], the author introduced a modified Halpern's iteration. For any  $u, x_0 \in C$ , the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is defined by

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n u + \beta_n x_n + \gamma_n T x_n, \quad n \geq 0, \quad (\text{I})$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$ , and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  are three real sequences in  $(0, 1)$ , satisfying  $\alpha_n + \beta_n + \gamma_n = 1$ . The author proved the following strong convergence theorem.

**Theorem 1** (see [1]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Banach space  $E$  which has a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm. Let  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping with  $\text{Fix}(T) \neq \emptyset$ . Assume that  $\{z_t\}$  converges strongly to a fixed point  $z$  of  $T$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ , where  $z_t$  is the unique element of  $C$  which satisfies  $z_t = tu + (1-t)Tz_t$  for any  $u \in C$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$ , and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  be three real sequences in  $(0, 1)$  which satisfy the following conditions: (C1)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$  and (C2)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = +\infty$ . For any  $x_0 \in C$ , the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is defined by the iteration in (I). Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a fixed point of  $T$ .*

## Counter Example

Let  $E$  be a real Banach space whose norm is uniformly Gâteaux differentiable. Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed and convex subset of  $E$ , defined by

$$C = \{x \in E : x = \lambda y, \lambda \in [0, 3]\}, \quad (1)$$

where  $y \neq 0$ , with  $\|y\| = 1$  a fixed element of  $E$ . Let  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a mapping defined by  $Tx = 0$  for all  $x \in C$ . It is obvious that  $T$  is a nonexpansive mapping and  $\text{Fix}(T) = \{0\}$ . Take  $\alpha_n = 1/(n+2)$ ,  $\beta_n = 1 - 2/(n+2)$ , and  $\gamma_n = 1/(n+2)$  for all  $n \geq 0$  and  $x_0 = y$ ,  $u = 3y$ . We also can obtain that  $z_t = 3ty \rightarrow 0$  ( $t \rightarrow 0$ ). Observe that all conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied. However, the iterative sequence  $\{x_n\}$  does not converge strongly to the fixed point  $z = 0$  of  $T$ .

*Claim 1.* If  $\|x_n\| \leq 1$ , then  $\|x_{n+1}\| > \|x_n\|$ .

*Proof.* In fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= \frac{1}{n+2}3y + \left(1 - \frac{2}{n+2}\right)x_n + \frac{1}{n+2}Tx_n \\ &= \frac{3}{n+2}y + \left(1 - \frac{2}{n+2}\right)x_n \\ &= \frac{3}{n+2}y + \left(1 - \frac{2}{n+2}\right)\lambda_n y, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $x_n$  can be denoted as  $x_n = \lambda_n y$ . If  $\|x_n\| \leq 1$ , then  $0 < \lambda_n = \|x_n\| \leq 1$ . From the above equality we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1}\| &= \left\| \left[ \frac{3}{n+2} + \left(1 - \frac{2}{n+2}\right)\lambda_n \right] y \right\| \\ &= \frac{3}{n+2} + \left(1 - \frac{2}{n+2}\right)\lambda_n \\ &= \frac{2}{n+2}(1 - \lambda_n) + \frac{1}{n+2} + \lambda_n \\ &> \lambda_n = \|x_n\|. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Hence  $\{x_n\}$  does not converge strongly to  $z = 0$ . □

*Remark 1.* Why does the proof of Theorem 1 fail? It is not difficult to check that the proof of Case 2 ( $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n = 1$ ) is not suitable.

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