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# On solving Lipschitz pseudocontractive operator equations

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## Abstract

We analyze the convergence of the Mann-type double sequence iteration process to the solution of a Lipschitz pseudocontractive operator equation on a bounded closed convex subset of arbitrary real Banach space into itself. Our results extend the result in (Moore in *Comp. Math. Appl.* 43: 1585-1589, 2002).

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $E$  be a real Banach space and  $E^*$  be the dual space of  $E$ . Let  $J$  be the normalized duality mapping from  $E$  to  $2^{E^*}$  defined by

$$J(x) = \{f \in E^* : \langle x, f \rangle = \|x\| \|f\|, \|f\| = \|x\|\}$$

for all  $x \in E$  where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the generalized duality pairing. A single-valued duality map will be denoted by  $j$ .

An operator  $T : E \rightarrow E$  is said to be

- pseudocontractive if there exists  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  such that

$$\langle Tx - Ty, j(x - y) \rangle \leq \|x - y\|^2$$

for any  $x, y \in E$ ;

- accretive if for any  $x, y \in E$ , there exists  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  satisfying

$$\langle Tx - Ty, j(x - y) \rangle \geq 0;$$

- strongly pseudocontractive if there exist  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  and a constant  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\langle Tx - Ty, j(x - y) \rangle \leq \lambda \|x - y\|^2$$

for any  $x, y \in E$ ;

- strongly accretive if for any  $x, y \in E$ , there exist  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  and a constant  $t \in (0, 1)$  satisfying

$$\langle Tx - Ty, j(x - y) \rangle \geq t\|x - y\|^2$$

for all  $x, y \in E$ .

As a consequence of a result of Kato [1], the concept of pseudocontractive operators can equivalently be defined as follows:

$T$  is strongly pseudocontractive if there exists  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  such that the inequality

$$\|x - y\| \leq \|x - y + r[(I - T - \lambda I)x - (I - T - \lambda I)y]\| \quad (1.1)$$

holds for all  $x, y \in E$  and  $r > 0$ . If  $\lambda = 0$  in the inequality (1.1), then  $T$  is pseudocontractive.

It is easy to see that  $T$  is pseudocontractive if and only if  $I - T$  is accretive where  $I$  denotes the identity mapping on  $E$ .

Let  $C$  be a compact convex subset of a real Hilbert space and let  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a Lipschitz pseudocontraction. It remains as an open question whether the Mann iteration process always converges to a fixed point of  $T$ . In [2] it was proved that the Ishikawa iteration process converges strongly to a fixed point of  $T$ . In 2001, Mutangadura and Chidume [3] constructed the following example to demonstrate that the Mann iteration process is not guaranteed to converge to a fixed point of a Lipschitz pseudocontraction mapping a compact convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $H$  into itself.

**Example** [3] Let  $H = \mathbb{R}^2$  with the usual Euclidean inner product, and for  $x = (a, b) \in H$  define  $x^\perp = (b, -a)$ . Now, let  $C = B_1(0)$ ; the closed unit ball in  $H$  and let  $C_1 = \{x \in H : \|x\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$ ,  $C_2 = \{x \in H : \frac{1}{2} \leq \|x\| \leq 1\}$ . Define the map  $T : C \rightarrow C$  by

$$Tx = \begin{cases} x + x^\perp, & \text{if } x \in C_1; \\ \frac{x}{\|x\|} - x + x^\perp, & \text{if } x \in C_2. \end{cases}$$

Observe that  $T$  is pseudocontractive, Lipschitz continuous (with Lipschitz constant 5) and has the origin  $(0, 0)$  as its unique fixed point;  $C$  is compact and convex. However, for any  $x \in C_1$ , we have

$$\|(1 - \lambda)x + \lambda Tx\|^2 = (1 + \lambda^2)\|x\|^2 > \|x\|^2, \quad \forall \lambda \in (0, 1),$$

while for any  $x \in C_2$ , we have

$$\|(1 - \lambda)x + \lambda Tx\|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}\|x\|^2, \quad \forall \lambda \in (0, 1),$$

and therefore no Mann sequence can converge to  $(0, 0)$ , the unique fixed point of  $T$ , unless the initial guess is the fixed point itself.

Moore [4] introduced the concept of a Mann-type double sequence iteration process and proved that it converges strongly to a fixed point of a continuous pseudocontraction which maps a bounded closed convex nonempty subset of a real Hilbert space into itself.

**Definition 1.1** [4] Let  $\mathcal{N}$  denote the set of all nonnegative integers (the natural numbers) and let  $E$  be a normed linear space. By a double sequence in  $E$  is meant a function  $f : \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{N} \rightarrow E$  defined by  $f(n, m) = x_{n,m} \in E$ . A double sequence  $\{x_{n,m}\}$  is said to converge strongly to  $x^*$  if given any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist  $N, M > 0$  such that  $\|x_{n,m} - x^*\| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $m \geq M$ . If  $\forall n, r \geq N$ ,  $\forall m, t \geq M$ , we have  $\|x_{n,r} - x_{m,t}\| < \epsilon$ , then the double sequence is said to be Cauchy. Furthermore, if for each fixed  $n$ ,  $x_{n,m} \rightarrow x_n^*$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  and then  $x_n^* \rightarrow x^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $x_{n,m} \rightarrow x^*$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 1.1** [4] Let  $C$  be a bounded closed convex nonempty subset of a (real) Hilbert space  $H$ , and let  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a continuous pseudocontractive map. Let  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n \geq 0}, \{a_k\}_{k \geq 0} \subset (0, 1)$  be real sequences satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 1$ ,
- (ii)  $\lim_{k, r \rightarrow \infty} (a_k - a_r)/(1 - a_k) = 0$ ,  $\forall 0 < r \leq k$ ,
- (iii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,
- (iv)  $\sum_{n \geq 0} \alpha_n = \infty$ .

For an arbitrary but fixed  $\omega \in C$ , and for each  $k \geq 0$ , define  $T_k : C \rightarrow C$  by  $T_k x = (1 - a_k)\omega + a_k T x$ ,  $\forall x \in C$ . Then the double sequence  $\{x_{k,n}\}_{k \geq 0, n \geq 0}$  generated from an arbitrary  $x_{0,0} \in C$  by

$$x_{k,n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)x_{k,n} + \alpha_n T_k x_{k,n}, \quad k, n \geq 0,$$

converges strongly to a fixed point  $x_\infty^*$  of  $T$  in  $C$ .

The following lemma will be useful in the sequel.

**Lemma 1.2** [5] Let  $\{\delta_n\}$  and  $\{\sigma_n\}$  be two sequences of nonnegative real numbers satisfying the inequality

$$\delta_{n+1} \leq \gamma \delta_n + \sigma_n, \quad n \geq 0.$$

Here  $\gamma \in [0, 1)$ . If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n = 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n = 0$ .

It is our purpose in this paper to extend Theorem 1.1 from Hilbert space to an arbitrary real Banach space with no further assumptions on the real sequences  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n \geq 0}, \{a_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ .

## 2 Main results

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $C$  be a bounded closed convex subset of a Banach space  $E$  and  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a Lipschitz pseudocontraction with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n \geq 0}, \{a_k\}_{k \geq 0} \subset (0, 1)$  be real sequences satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 1$ ,
- (ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ .

For an arbitrary but fixed  $\omega \in C$ , and for each  $k \geq 0$ , define  $T_k : C \rightarrow C$  by  $T_k x = (1 - a_k)\omega + a_k T x$ ,  $\forall x \in C$ . Then the double sequence  $\{x_{k,n}\}_{k \geq 0, n \geq 0}$  generated from an arbitrary  $x_{0,0} \in C$  by

$$x_{k,n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)x_{k,n} + \alpha_n T_k x_{k,n}, \quad k, n \geq 0 \tag{2.1}$$

converges strongly to a fixed point  $x^*$  of  $T$  in  $C$ .

*Proof* Since  $T$  is Lipschitzian, there exists  $L > 0$  such that

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq L\|x - y\| \quad \text{for all } x, y \in C.$$

Since  $T$  is pseudocontractive, for each  $k \geq 0$ , we have

$$\langle T_k x - T_k y, j(x - y) \rangle = a_k \langle Tx - Ty, j(x - y) \rangle \leq a_k \|x - y\|^2.$$

Hence,  $T_k$  is Lipschitz and strongly pseudocontractive. Also,  $C$  is invariant under  $T_k$  for all  $k \geq 0$ , by convexity. Thus, for each  $k \geq 0$ ,  $T_k$  has a unique fixed point  $x_k^*$ , say, in  $C$ .

Now, we proceed in the following steps.

- (I) for each  $k \geq 0$ ,  $x_{k,n} \rightarrow x_k^* \in C$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (II)  $x_k^* \rightarrow x^* \in C$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (III)  $x^* \in F(T)$ .

*Proof of (I).* In fact, it follows from (2.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k,n} &= x_{k,n+1} + \alpha_n x_{k,n} - \alpha_n T_k x_{k,n} \\ &= (1 + \alpha_n) x_{k,n+1} + \alpha_n (I - T_k - \lambda I) x_{k,n+1} - (2 - \lambda) \alpha_n x_{k,n+1} + \alpha_n x_{k,n} \\ &\quad + \alpha_n (T_k x_{k,n+1} - T_k x_{k,n}) \\ &= (1 + \alpha_n) x_{k,n+1} + \alpha_n (I - T_k - \lambda I) x_{k,n+1} - (2 - \lambda) \alpha_n [(1 - \alpha_n) x_{k,n} + \alpha_n T_k x_{k,n}] \\ &\quad + \alpha_n x_{k,n} + \alpha_n (T_k x_{k,n+1} - T_k x_{k,n}) \\ &= (1 + \alpha_n) x_{k,n+1} + \alpha_n (I - T_k - \lambda I) x_{k,n+1} - (1 - \lambda) \alpha_n x_{k,n} \\ &\quad + (2 - \lambda) \alpha_n^2 (x_{k,n} - T_k x_{k,n}) + \alpha_n (T_k x_{k,n+1} - T_k x_{k,n}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if  $x_k^*$  is a fixed point of  $T_k$ ,  $k \geq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k,n+1} - x_k^* &= (1 + \alpha_n) (x_{k,n+1} - x_k^*) + \alpha_n (I - T_k - \lambda I) (x_{k,n+1} - x_k^*) \\ &\quad - (1 - \lambda) \alpha_n (x_{k,n} - x_k^*) + (2 - \lambda) \alpha_n^2 (x_{k,n} - T_k x_{k,n}) + \alpha_n (T_k x_{k,n+1} - T_k x_{k,n}). \end{aligned}$$

Using inequality (1.1), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{k,n+1} - x_k^*\| &\geq (1 + \alpha_n) \|x_{k,n+1} - x_k^*\| - (1 - \lambda) \alpha_n \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\| \\ &\quad - (2 - \lambda) \alpha_n^2 \|x_{k,n} - T_k x_{k,n}\| - \alpha_n \|T_k x_{k,n+1} - T_k x_{k,n}\|. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

On the other hand, by (2.1) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{k,n+1} - x_{k,n}\| &= \alpha_n \|T_k x_{k,n} - x_{k,n}\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n (\|T_k x_{k,n} - x_k^*\| + \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\|) \\ &= \alpha_n (a_k \|T_k x_{k,n} - x_k^*\| + \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\|) \\ &\leq \alpha_n (a_k L \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\| + \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\|) \\ &\leq \alpha_n (L + 1) \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\|T_k x_{k,n+1} - T_k x_{k,n}\| &= a_k \|T x_{k,n+1} - T x_{k,n}\| \\ &\leq a_k L \|x_{k,n+1} - x_{k,n}\| \\ &\leq L \|x_{k,n+1} - x_{k,n}\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n L(L+1) \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\|.\end{aligned}\quad (2.3)$$

Substituting (2.3) into (2.2), we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}\|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\| &\geq (1 + \alpha_n) \|x_{k,n+1} - x_k^*\| - (1 - \lambda) \alpha_n \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\| \\ &\quad - (2 - \lambda) \alpha_n^2 \|x_{k,n} - T_k x_{k,n}\| - L(L+1) \alpha_n^2 \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\|,\end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_n \|x_{k,n+1} - x_k^*\| &\leq (1 - \lambda) \alpha_n \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\| + \alpha_n^2 [L(L+1) \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\| \\ &\quad + (2 - \lambda) \|x_{k,n} - T_k x_{k,n}\|],\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}\|x_{k,n+1} - x_k^*\| &\leq (1 - \lambda) \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\| + \alpha_n [L(L+1) \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\| \\ &\quad + (2 - \lambda) \|x_{k,n} - T_k x_{k,n}\|].\end{aligned}\quad (2.4)$$

Since  $C$  is bounded, there exists  $M > 0$  such that

$$M = \max \left\{ L(L+1) \sup_{n \geq 0} \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\|, (2 - \lambda) \sup_{n \geq 0} \|x_{k,n} - T_k x_{k,n}\| \right\}.$$

Hence, it follows from (2.4) that

$$\|x_{k,n+1} - x_k^*\| \leq (1 - \lambda) \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\| + \alpha_n M.$$

Since  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ , it follows from Lemma 1.2 that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{k,n} - x_k^*\| = 0,$$

i.e.,  $x_{k,n} \rightarrow x_k^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Proof of (II).** We prove that  $\{x_k^*\}_{k=0}^\infty = \{T_k x_k^*\}_{k=0}^\infty$  converges to some  $x^* \in C$ . For this purpose, we need only to prove that  $\{x_k^*\}_0^\infty$  is a Cauchy sequence.

In fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|x_l^* - x_m^*\|^2 &= \langle x_l^* - x_m^*, j(x_l^* - x_m^*) \rangle \\ &= \langle T_l x_l^* - T_m x_m^*, j(x_l^* - x_m^*) \rangle \\ &= \langle (1 - a_l)\omega + a_l T x_l^* - (1 - a_m)\omega - a_m T x_m^*, j(x_l^* - x_m^*) \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (a_m - a_l) \langle \omega, j(x_l^* - x_m^*) \rangle + a_l \langle Tx_l^* - Tx_m^*, j(x_l^* - x_m^*) \rangle \\
 &\quad + (a_l - a_m) \langle Tx_m^*, j(x_l^* - x_m^*) \rangle \\
 &\leq |a_l - a_m| (\|\omega\| \|x_l^* - x_m^*\| + \|Tx_m^*\| \|x_l^* - x_m^*\|) \\
 &\quad + a_l \langle Tx_l^* - Tx_m^*, j(x_l^* - x_m^*) \rangle \\
 &\leq |a_l - a_m| (\|\omega\| + \|Tx_m^*\|) \|x_l^* - x_m^*\| + a_l \lambda \|x_l^* - x_m^*\|^2 \\
 &\leq |a_l - a_m| (\|\omega\| + \|Tx_m^*\|) \|x_l^* - x_m^*\| + \lambda \|x_l^* - x_m^*\|^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\|x_l^* - x_m^*\| \leq [|a_l - a_m| (\|\omega\| + \|Tx_m^*\|) + \lambda \|x_l^* - x_m^*\|],$$

hence

$$\|x_l^* - x_m^*\| \leq 2 \frac{|a_l - a_m|}{1 - \lambda} d,$$

where  $d = \text{diam } C$ . It follows from condition (i) that

$$\lim_{l, m \rightarrow \infty} \|x_l^* - x_m^*\| = 0.$$

This completes step (II) of the proof.

Proof of (III). In order to accomplish step (III), we first have to prove that  $\{x_k^*\}_{k=0}^\infty$  is an approximate fixed point sequence for  $T$ . In fact, from  $T_k x_k^* = (1 - a_k)\omega + a_k T x_k^*$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|x_k^* - T x_k^*\| &= \left\| x_k^* - \frac{1}{a_k} T_k x_k^* + \frac{1 - a_k}{a_k} \omega \right\| \\
 &= \left\| x_k^* - \frac{1}{a_k} x_k^* + \frac{1 - a_k}{a_k} \omega \right\| \\
 &= \left\| \frac{1 - a_k}{a_k} (\omega - x_k^*) \right\| \\
 &\leq \frac{1 - a_k}{a_k} (\|\omega\| + \|x_k^*\|) \\
 &\leq \frac{1 - a_k}{a_k} \cdot 2d,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $d = \text{diam } C$ . Hence  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_k^* - T x_k^*\| = 0$ . Since  $x_k^* \rightarrow x^*$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $T$  is continuous and using continuity of the norm, we get  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x^* - T x^*\| = 0$ , i.e.,  $x^* = T x^*$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2** *Let  $C$  be a bounded closed convex subset of a Banach space  $E$  and  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping with  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n \geq 0}, \{a_k\}_{k \geq 0} \subset (0, 1)$  be real sequences satisfying conditions (i)-(ii) in Theorem 2.1. For an arbitrary but fixed  $\omega \in C$ , and for each  $k \geq 0$ , define  $T_k : C \rightarrow C$  by  $T_k x = (1 - a_k)\omega + a_k T x$ ,  $\forall x \in C$ . Then the double sequence*

$\{x_{k,n}\}_{k \geq 0, n \geq 0}$  generated from an arbitrary  $x_{0,0} \in C$  by

$$x_{k,n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)x_{k,n} + \alpha_n T_k x_{k,n}, \quad k, n \geq 0,$$

converges strongly to a fixed point of  $T$  in  $C$ .

*Proof* Obvious, observing the fact that every nonexpansive mapping is Lipschitz and pseudocontractive.  $\square$

The following corollary follows from Theorem 2.1 on setting  $\omega = 0 \in C$ .

**Corollary 2.3** Let  $C, E, T, \{\alpha_n\}_{n=0}^\infty, \{a_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  be as in Theorem 2.1. For an arbitrary but fixed  $\omega \in C$ , and for each  $k \geq 0$ , define  $T_k : C \rightarrow C$  by  $T_k x = a_k T x$  for all  $x \in C$ . Then the double sequence  $\{x_{k,n}\}_{k \geq 0, n \geq 0}$  generated from an arbitrary  $x_{0,0} \in C$  by

$$x_{k,n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)x_{k,n} + \alpha_n T_k x_{k,n}, \quad k, n \geq 0,$$

converges strongly to a fixed point of  $T$  in  $C$ .

**Remark 2.1** Theorem 2.1 improves and extends Theorem 3.1 of Moore [3] in three respects:

- (1) It abolishes the condition that  $\lim_{r,k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k - a_r}{1 - a_k} = 0$ .
- (2) It abolishes the condition that  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \alpha_n = \infty$ .
- (3) The ambient space is no longer required to be a Hilbert space and is taken to be the more general Banach space instead.

**Remark 2.2**

- (1) Whereas the Ishikawa iteration process was proved to converge to a fixed point of a Lipschitz pseudocontractive mapping in compact convex subsets of a Hilbert space, we imposed no compactness conditions to obtain the strong convergence of the double sequence iteration process to a fixed point of a Lipschitz pseudocontraction.
- (2) Our results may easily be extended to the slightly more general classes of Lipschitz hemicontractive and Lipschitz quasi-nonexpansive mappings.
- (3) Prototypes of the sequences  $\{a_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  and  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  are

$$a_k = \frac{k}{1+k} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_n = \frac{1}{(n+1)^2}.$$

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