

# A strong convergence theorem by hybrid method for a countable family of nonexpansive mappings and an equilibrium problem

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## Abstract

In this paper, we introduce an iterative scheme by hybrid method for finding a common element of the set of fixed points of a countable family of nonexpansive mappings and the set of solutions of an equilibrium problem in a Hilbert space. We show that the iterative sequence converges strongly to a common element of the above two sets under some parameters controlling conditions.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $H$  and let  $P_C$  be the metric projection of  $H$  onto  $C$ . Let  $F$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of real numbers. The equilibrium problem for  $F : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is to find  $x \in C$  such that

$$F(x, y) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } y \in C. \quad (1.1)$$

The set of solution of (1.1) is denoted by  $EP(F)$ . Numerous problems in physics, optimization, and economics reduce to find a solution of (1.1). Some methods have been proposed to solve the equilibrium problem (see; [2, 4, 11, 18]). In 2005, Combettes and Hirstoaga [3] introduced an iterative scheme of finding the best approximation to the initial data when  $EP(F)$  is nonempty and they also proved a strong convergence theorem. A mapping  $S : C \rightarrow C$  is said to be *nonexpansive* if

$$\|Sx - Sy\| \leq \|x - y\|,$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . We denote by  $F(S)$  the set of fixed points of  $S$ . If  $C$  is bounded closed convex and  $S$  is a nonexpansive mapping from  $C$  into itself, then  $F(S)$  is nonempty (see; [8]). We write  $x_n \rightarrow x$  ( $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ , resp.) if  $\{x_n\}$  converges (weakly, resp.) to  $x$ .

In 1953, Mann [9] introduced the iteration as follows: a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) Sx_n \quad (1.2)$$

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where the initial guess element  $x_0 \in C$  is arbitrary and  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a real sequence in  $[0, 1]$ . Mann iteration has been extensively investigated for nonexpansive mappings. One of the fundamental convergence results is proved by Reich [14]. In an infinite-dimensional Hilbert space, Mann iteration can conclude only weak convergence [5]. Attempts to modify the Mann iteration method (1.2) so that strong convergence is guaranteed have recently been made. Nakajo and Takahashi [12] proposed the following modification of Mann iteration method (1.2):

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in C \text{ is arbitrary,} \\ y_n = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) S x_n, \\ C_n = \{z \in C : \|y_n - z\| \leq \|x_n - z\|\}, \\ Q_n = \{z \in C : \langle x_n - z, x_0 - x_n \rangle \geq 0\}, \\ x_{n+1} = P_{C_n \cap Q_n} x_0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

For finding an element of  $EP(F) \cap F(S)$ , Tada and Takahashi [20] introduced the following iterative scheme by the hybrid method in a Hilbert space:  $x_0 = x \in H$  and let

$$\begin{cases} u_n \in C \text{ such that } F(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\ w_n = (1 - \alpha_n) x_n + \alpha_n S u_n, \\ C_n = \{z \in H : \|w_n - z\| \leq \|x_n - z\|\}, \\ Q_n = \{z \in C : \langle x_n - z, x_0 - x_n \rangle \geq 0\}, \\ x_{n+1} = P_{C_n \cap Q_n} x_0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \end{cases}$$

for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence in  $[0, 1]$  where  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [a, b]$  for some  $a, b \in (0, 1)$  and  $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$  satisfies  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n > 0$ . Further, they proved  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  converge strongly to  $z \in F(S) \cap EP(F)$ , where  $z = P_{F(S) \cap EP(F)} x_1$ .

Recently, Takahashi et al. [17] proved a strong convergence theorem by the hybrid method for a family of nonexpansive mappings in Hilbert spaces:  $x_0 \in H$ ,  $C_1 = C$  and  $x_1 = P_{C_1} x_0$  and let

$$\begin{cases} y_n = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) T_n x_n, \\ C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : \|y_n - z\| \leq \|x_n - z\|\}, \\ x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}} x_0, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \end{cases}$$

where  $0 \leq \alpha_n \leq a < 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\{T_n\}$  a sequence of nonexpansive mappings of  $C$  into itself such that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n) = \emptyset$  and satisfy some appropriate conditions. Then,  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $P_{\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(T_n)} x_0$ .

In this paper, motivated and inspired by the above results, we introduce a new following iterative scheme:

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in H, \text{ and } C_0 = C, \\ u_n \in C \text{ such that } F(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\ y_n = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) S_n u_n, \\ C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : \|y_n - z\| \leq \|x_n - z\|\}, \\ x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}} x_0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \end{cases}$$

for finding a common element of the set of fixed points of a countable family of nonexpansive mappings and the set of solutions of an equilibrium problem. Moreover, we show that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  converge strongly to  $P_{\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F(S_n) \cap EP(F)} x_0$  by the hybrid method in mathematical programming.

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## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space. Then

$$\|x - y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 - \|y\|^2 - 2\langle x - y, y \rangle \quad (2.1)$$

and

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

for all  $x, y \in H$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . It is also known that  $H$  satisfies the *Opial's condition* [13], that is, for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  with  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ , the inequality

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

holds for every  $y \in H$  with  $y \neq x$ . Hilbert space  $H$ , satisfies the *Kadec-Klee property* [6, 19], that is, for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  with  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  and  $\|x_n\| \rightarrow \|x\|$  together imply  $\|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0$ .

Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $H$ . For every point  $x \in H$ , there exists a unique nearest point in  $C$ , denoted by  $P_C x$ , such that

$$\|x - P_C x\| \leq \|x - y\| \quad \text{for all } y \in C.$$

$P_C$  is called the *metric projection* of  $H$  onto  $C$ . It is well known that  $P_C$  is a nonexpansive mapping of  $H$  onto  $C$  and satisfies

$$\langle x - y, P_C x - P_C y \rangle \geq \|P_C x - P_C y\|^2 \quad (2.3)$$

for every  $x, y \in H$ . Moreover,  $P_C x$  is characterized by the following properties:  $P_C x \in C$  and

$$\langle x - P_C x, y - P_C x \rangle \leq 0, \quad (2.4)$$

$$\|x - y\|^2 \geq \|x - P_C x\|^2 + \|y - P_C x\|^2 \quad (2.5)$$

for all  $x \in H, y \in C$ .

For solving the equilibrium problem, let us assume that the bifunction  $F$  satisfies the following conditions (see [2]):

(A1)  $F(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in C$ ;

(A2)  $F$  is monotone, i.e.,  $F(x, y) + F(y, x) \leq 0$  for any  $x, y \in C$ ;

(A3)  $F$  is upper-hemicontinuous, i.e., for each  $x, y, z \in C$ ,

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow 0^+} F(tz + (1 - t)x, y) \leq F(x, y);$$

(A4)  $F(x, \cdot)$  is convex and lower semicontinuous for each  $x \in C$ .

The following lemma appears implicitly in [2]

**Lemma 2.1.** [2] *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$  and let  $F$  be a bifunction of  $C \times C$  into  $\mathbf{R}$  satisfying (A1)-(A4). Let  $r > 0$  and  $x \in H$ . Then, there exists  $z \in C$  such that*

$$F(z, y) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, z - x \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } y \in C.$$

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The following lemma was also given in [3].

**Lemma 2.2.** [3] Assume that  $F : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  satisfies (A1)-(A4). For  $r > 0$  and  $x \in H$ , define a mapping  $T_r : H \rightarrow C$  as follows:

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

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

1.  $T_r$  is single-valued;
2.  $T_r$  is firmly nonexpansive, i.e., for any  $x, y \in H$ ,  $\|T_r x - T_r y\|^2 \leq \langle T_r x - T_r y, x - y \rangle$ ;
3.  $F(T_r) = EP(F)$ ;
4.  $EP(F)$  is closed and convex.

Let  $C$  be a subset of a Banach space  $E$  and let  $\{S_n\}$  be a family of mappings from  $C$  into  $E$ . For a subset  $B$  of  $C$ , we say that  $(\{S_n\}, B)$  satisfies condition AKTT if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sup \{\|S_{n+1}z - S_n z\| : z \in B\} < \infty.$$

Aoyama et al. [1, Lemma 3.2], prove the following result which is very useful in our main result.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed subset of a Banach space  $E$  and let  $\{S_n\}$  be a sequence of mappings from  $C$  into  $E$ . Let  $B$  be a subset of  $C$  with  $(\{S_n\}, B)$  satisfies condition AKTT, then there exists a mapping  $S : B \rightarrow E$  such that

$$Sy = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n y \quad \forall y \in B$$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \{\|S_n z - Sz\| : z \in B\} = 0$ .

### 3 Main result

In this section, we show a strong convergence theorem which solves the problem of finding a common element of the set of fixed points of a nonexpansive mapping and the set of solutions of an equilibrium problem in a Hilbert space.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $F$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  into  $\mathbf{R}$  satisfying (A1) – (A4). Let  $\{S_n\}$  be a sequence of nonexpansive mappings from  $C$  into  $H$  such that  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} F(S_n) \cap EP(F) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  be sequences generated by

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in H, \text{ and } C_0 = C, \\ u_n \in C \text{ such that } F(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\ y_n = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) S_n u_n, \\ C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : \|y_n - z\| \leq \|x_n - z\|\}, \\ x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}} x_0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \end{cases}$$

with the following restrictions:

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- (i)  $0 \leq \alpha_n < 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n < 1$ ,  
(ii)  $r_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n > 0$ .

Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sup \{\|S_{n+1}z - S_n z\| : z \in B\} < \infty$  for any bounded subset  $B$  of  $C$  and  $S$  be a mapping from  $C$  into  $H$  defined by  $Sz = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n z$  for all  $z \in C$  and suppose that  $F(S) = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} F(S_n)$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  converge strongly to  $P_{F(S) \cap EP(F)} x_0$ .

**Proof.** We first show by induction that  $F(S) \cap EP(F) \subset C_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .  $F(S) \cap EP(F) \subset C = C_0$  is obvious. Suppose that  $F(S) \cap EP(F) \subset C_k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Then, we have, for  $p \in F(S) \cap EP(F) \subset C_k$

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_k - p\| &= \|\alpha_k x_k + (1 - \alpha_k) S_k u_k - p\| \leq \alpha_k \|x_k - p\| + (1 - \alpha_k) \|S_k u_k - p\| \\ &= \alpha_k \|x_k - p\| + (1 - \alpha_k) \|S_k T_{r_k} x_k - p\| \leq \|x_k - p\| \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $p \in C_{k+1}$ . This implies that  $F(S) \cap EP(F) \subset C_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Next, we show that  $C_n$  is closed and convex for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . It is obvious that  $C_0 = C$  is closed and convex. Suppose that  $C_k$  is closed and convex for some  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . For  $z \in C_k$ , we know that  $\|y_k - z\| \leq \|x_k - z\|$  is equivalent to  $\|y_k - x_k\|^2 + 2 \langle y_k - x_k, x_k - z \rangle \geq 0$ . So,  $C_{k+1}$  is closed and convex. Then, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $C_n$  is closed and convex. This implies that  $\{x_n\}$  is well-defined. Since  $x_n = P_{C_n} x_0$ , we have  $\langle x_0 - x_n, x_n - y \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $y \in C_n$ . In particular, we also have

$$\langle x_0 - x_n, x_n - p \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } p \in F(S) \cap EP(F) \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}.$$

So, we have

$$0 \leq \langle x_0 - x_n, x_n - p \rangle = \langle x_0 - x_n, x_n - x_0 + x_0 - p \rangle \leq -\|x_0 - x_n\|^2 + \|x_0 - x_n\| \|x_0 - p\|.$$

This implies that

$$\|x_0 - x_n\| \leq \|x_0 - p\| \quad \text{for all } p \in F(S) \cap EP(F) \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}. \quad (3.1)$$

Since  $x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}} x_0 \in C_{n+1} \subset C_n$ , we also have

$$\langle x_0 - x_n, x_n - x_{n+1} \rangle \geq 0. \quad (3.2)$$

So, we have

$$0 \leq \langle x_0 - x_n, x_n - x_{n+1} \rangle = \langle x_0 - x_n, x_n - x_0 + x_0 - x_{n+1} \rangle \leq -\|x_0 - x_n\|^2 + \|x_0 - x_n\| \|x_0 - x_{n+1}\|.$$

and hence

$$\|x_0 - x_n\| \leq \|x_0 - x_{n+1}\|.$$

Since  $\{\|x_n - x_0\|\}$  is bounded,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_0\|$  exists. Next, we show that  $\|x_n - x_{n+1}\| \rightarrow 0$ . In fact, from (3.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n - x_{n+1}\|^2 &= \|x_n - x_0 + x_0 - x_{n+1}\|^2 = \|x_n - x_0\|^2 + 2 \langle x_n - x_0, x_0 - x_{n+1} \rangle + \|x_0 - x_{n+1}\|^2 \\ &= \|x_n - x_0\|^2 + 2 \langle x_n - x_0, x_0 - x_n + x_n - x_{n+1} \rangle + \|x_0 - x_{n+1}\|^2 \\ &= -\|x_n - x_0\|^2 + 2 \langle x_n - x_0, x_n - x_{n+1} \rangle + \|x_0 - x_{n+1}\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x_0 - x_{n+1}\|^2 - \|x_0 - x_n\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

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Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_0\|$  exists, we have that  $\|x_n - x_{n+1}\| \rightarrow 0$ . On the other hand  $x_{n+1} \in C_{n+1} \subset C_n$  implies that  $\|y_n - x_{n+1}\| \leq \|x_n - x_{n+1}\| \rightarrow 0$  and then

$$\|x_n - y_n\| \leq \|x_n - x_{n+1}\| + \|x_{n+1} - y_n\| \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.3)$$

Further, since  $\|y_n - x_n\| = (1 - \alpha_n)\|S_n u_n - x_n\|$  and (i), we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|S_n u_n - x_n\| = 0. \quad (3.4)$$

For  $p \in F(S) \cap EP(F)$ , we have, from Lemma 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_n - p\|^2 &= \|T_{r_n} x_n - T_{r_n} p\|^2 \leq \langle T_{r_n} x_n - T_{r_n} p, x_n - p \rangle = \langle u_n - p, x_n - p \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{ \|u_n - p\|^2 + \|x_n - p\|^2 - \|x_n - u_n\|^2 \}, \end{aligned}$$

hence  $\|u_n - p\|^2 \leq \|x_n - p\|^2 - \|x_n - u_n\|^2$ . Therefore, by the convexity of  $\|\cdot\|^2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_n - p\|^2 &= \|\alpha_n(x_n - p) + (1 - \alpha_n)(S_n u_n - p)\|^2 \leq \alpha_n \|x_n - p\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_n) \|S_n u_n - p\|^2 \\ &\leq \alpha_n \|x_n - p\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_n) \|u_n - p\|^2 \leq \alpha_n \|x_n - p\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_n) \{ \|x_n - p\|^2 - \|x_n - u_n\|^2 \} \\ &= \|x_n - p\|^2 - (1 - \alpha_n) \|x_n - u_n\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

and then

$$\|x_n - u_n\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_n} (\|x_n - p\|^2 - \|y_n - p\|^2) \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_n} \|x_n - y_n\| (\|x_n - p\| + \|y_n - p\|).$$

By (i) and (3.3), we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - u_n\| = 0. \quad (3.5)$$

From (3.4) and (3.5), we obtain also

$$\|u_n - S_n u_n\| = \|u_n - x_n\| + \|x_n - S_n u_n\| \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.6)$$

And then

$$\|u_n - S u_n\| \leq \|u_n - S_n u_n\| + \|S_n u_n - S u_n\| \leq \|u_n - S_n u_n\| + \sup\{\|S_n z - S z\| : z \in \{u_n\}\} \rightarrow 0.$$

As  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded, there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $x_{n_i} \rightarrow w$ . From (3.5), we obtain also that  $u_{n_i} \rightarrow w$ . Since  $\{u_{n_i}\} \subset C$  and  $C$  is closed and convex, we obtain  $w \in C$ . We shall show  $w \in EP(F)$ . By  $u_n = T_{r_n} x_n$ , we have

$$F(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \text{for all } y \in C.$$

From the monotonicity of  $F$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq F(y, u_n), \quad \text{for all } y \in C;$$

hence,

$$\left\langle y - u_{n_i}, \frac{u_{n_i} - x_{n_i}}{r_{n_i}} \right\rangle \geq F(y, u_{n_i}), \quad \text{for all } y \in C.$$

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From (ii), (3.5) and condition (A4), we have  $0 \geq F(y, w)$ , for all  $y \in C$ . Let  $y \in C$  and set  $x_t = ty + (1-t)w$ , for  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Then, we have

$$0 = F(x_t, x_t) \leq tF(x_t, y) + (1-t)F(x_t, w) \leq tF(x_t, y).$$

or  $F(x_t, y) \geq 0$ . Letting  $t \downarrow 0$  and using (A3), we get

$$F(w, y) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } y \in C$$

and hence  $w \in EP(F)$ . We next show that  $w \in F(S)$ . Assume  $w \notin F(S)$ . Then, from the Opial's condition and (3.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|u_{n_i} - w\| &< \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|u_{n_i} - Sw\| \leq \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} \{\|u_{n_i} - Su_{n_i}\| + \|Su_{n_i} - Sw\|\} \\ &= \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \|u_{n_i} - Su_{n_i}\| + \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|S_m u_{n_i} - S_m w\| \right\} \leq \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|u_{n_i} - w\|. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. So, we get  $w \in F(S)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $w \in F(S) \cap EP(F)$ . Let  $z = P_{F(S) \cap EP(F)} x_0$ , by (3.1) we observe that

$$\|x_0 - z\| \leq \|x_0 - w\| \leq \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|x_0 - x_{n_i}\| \leq \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|x_0 - x_{n_i}\| \leq \|x_0 - z\|,$$

hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_0 - x_{n_i}\| = \|x_0 - w\| = \|x_0 - z\|$ . Since  $H$  is a Hilbert space, we obtain  $x_{n_i} \rightarrow w = z$ . Since  $z = P_{F(S) \cap EP(F)} x_0$ , we can conclude that  $x_n \rightarrow P_{F(S) \cap EP(F)} x_0$ . Moreover, from (3.5) we also have  $u_n \rightarrow P_{F(S) \cap EP(F)} x_0$ . ■

Setting  $S_n = S$  in Theorem 3.1, we have the following result.

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $F$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying (A1)–(A4). Let  $S$  be a nonexpansive mapping from  $C$  into  $H$  such that  $F(S) \cap EP(F) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  be sequences generated by*

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in H, \text{ and } C_0 = C, \\ u_n \in C \text{ such that } F(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\ y_n = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) S u_n, \\ C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : \|y_n - z\| \leq \|x_n - z\|\}, \\ x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}} x_0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \end{cases}$$

with the following restrictions:

- (i)  $0 \leq \alpha_n < 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n < 1$ ,
- (ii)  $r_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n > 0$ .

Then  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  converge strongly to  $P_{F(S) \cap EP(F)} x_0$ .

As direct consequences of corollary 3.2, we can obtain two corollaries.

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**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$ . Let  $F$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying (A1) – (A4) such that  $EP(F) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  be sequences generated by*

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in H, \text{ and } C_0 = C, \\ u_n \in C \text{ such that } F(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\ C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : \|u_n - z\| \leq \|x_n - z\|\}, \\ x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}} x_0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \end{cases}$$

with  $r_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n > 0$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  converge strongly to  $P_{EP(F)} x_0$ .

**Proof.** Putting  $S = I$  and  $\alpha_n = 0$  in Theorem 3.1. ■

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$  and let  $S$  be a nonexpansive mapping from  $C$  into  $H$  such that  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  be sequences generated by*

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in H, \text{ and } C_0 = C, \\ u_n \in C \text{ such that } \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\ y_n = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) S u_n, \\ C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : \|y_n - z\| \leq \|x_n - z\|\}, \\ x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}} x_0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \end{cases}$$

with  $0 \leq \alpha_n < 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n < 1$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  converge strongly to  $P_{F(S)} x_0$ .

**Proof.** Putting  $F(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in C$  and  $r_n = 1$  in Theorem 3.1. ■

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