

## A SHRINKING PROJECTION ALGORITHM FOR VARIATIONAL INEQUALITY PROBLEMS WITH A LIPSCHITZ MONOTONE MAPPING AND FIXED POINT PROBLEMS OF RELATIVELY WEAK NONEXPANSIVE MAPPINGS

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**Abstract.** In this paper, a shrinking projection algorithm is investigated for variational inequality problems with Lipschitz monotone mappings and fixed point problems of relatively weak nonexpansive mappings. Strong convergence of the algorithm is established in a 2-uniformly convex and uniformly smooth real Banach space. As an application, zero problems of a Lipschitz monotone mapping is presented.

**Keywords.** Monotone and Lipschitz mapping; Generalized projection; Variational inequality problem; Fixed point problem; Relatively weak nonexpansive mapping.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Variational inequality problems, which are connected with convex minimization problems, zeros of monotone-type mappings, complementarity problems, fixed point problems and so on, find many important applications in the real world; see, e.g., [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] and the references therein. Let  $E$  be a real Banach space with dual space  $E^*$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of  $E$ , and let  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  be a monotone mapping. Recall that the classical variational inequality problem, which consists of finding  $u \in C$  such that

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

Various iterative methods for solutions of problem (1.1) has been extensively studied by many authors; see, e.g., [6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12] and the references therein. We denote the set of solutions of variational inequality problem (1.1) by  $VI(C, A) = \{u \in C : \langle y - u, Au \rangle \geq 0, \forall y \in C\}$ . Recall that a mapping  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  is said to be monotone if  $\langle x - y, Ax - Ay \rangle \geq 0, \forall x, y \in C$ .  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -inverse-strongly monotone if there exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that

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

If  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -inverse-strongly monotone mapping, then it is monotone and Lipschitz with constant  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ . In 2000, Antipin studied solutions of variational inequality problem (1.1) in Euclidean spaces. In the framework of Hilbert spaces, Takahashi and Toyoda [13], in 2003, obtained a weak convergence theorem on common elements of the fixed point set of a nonexpansive mapping and the solution set of a variational inequality problem with  $\delta$ -inverse-strongly monotone mapping. Based on a modified Halpern-like algorithm, Iiduka and Takahashi [14], in 2006,

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proved a strong convergence theorem on common elements of the fixed point set of a nonexpansive mapping and the solution set of a variational inequality problem with a  $\delta$ -inverse strongly monotone mapping. In 2007, Ceng and Yao [15] obtained a strong convergence theorem on common elements of the fixed point set of a relatively nonexpansive mapping and the solution set of a variational inequality problem with a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz mapping. In fact, they proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1** (Ceng and Yao [15]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $f : C \rightarrow C$  be a contractive mapping with a contractive constant  $L \in (0, 1)$ . Let  $A : C \rightarrow H$  be a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz continuous mapping, and let  $S : C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping such that  $F(T) \cap VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  be the sequences generated by*

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in C, \\ y_n = (1 - \gamma_n)x_n + \gamma_n P_C(x_n - \lambda_n A x_n), \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n - \beta_n)x_n + \alpha_n f(y_n) + \beta_n S P_C(x_n - \lambda A x_n), \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\{\lambda_n\} \subset (0, 1)$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n < \infty$ ,  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$ , and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  are sequences in  $[0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:

(1)  $\alpha_n + \beta_n \leq 1$ ,  $\forall n \geq 1$ ; (2)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ ; (3)  $0 < \liminf \beta_n \leq \limsup \beta_n < 1$ .

Then, the sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  converge strongly to the some point  $q = P_{F(T) \cap VI(C, A)} f(q)$  if and only if  $\{A x_n\}$  is bounded and  $\liminf \langle y - x_n, A x_n \rangle \geq 0$ ,  $\forall y \in C$ .

To solve variational inequality problems with a  $k$ -Lipschitz and monotone mapping and fixed point problems of a nonexpansive mapping, Nadezhkina and Takahashi [16] proved the following strong convergence theorem.

**Theorem 1.2** (Nadezhkina and Takahashi [16]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $A : C \rightarrow H$  be a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz continuous mapping, and let  $S : C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping such that  $F(S) \cap VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ . Define inductively the sequences  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$ , and  $\{z_n\}$  by*

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in C, \\ y_n = P_C(x_n - \lambda_n A x_n), \\ z_n = (1 - \alpha_n)x_n + \alpha_n S P_C(x_n - \lambda_n A x_n), \\ C_n = \{v \in C : \|z_n - v\| \leq \|x_n - v\|\}, \\ Q_n = \{z \in C : \langle x_n - z, x_0 - x_n \rangle \geq 0\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_n \cap Q_n} x_0, \quad \forall n \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\{\lambda_n\} \subset [a, b]$  for some  $a, b \in (0, \frac{1}{k})$  and  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [0, c]$  for some  $c \in [0, 1)$ . Then, the sequences  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$ , and  $\{z_n\}$  converge strongly to the some point  $q = P_{F(S) \cap VI(C, A)} x_0$ .

In 2010, Ceng and Yao [17] proved the following strong convergence theorem in a real Hilbert space using a hybrid extragradient-like approximation method.

**Theorem 1.3** (Ceng and Yao [17]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $A : C \rightarrow H$  be a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz continuous mapping, and let  $S : C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping such that  $F(S) \cap VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ . Define inductively the sequences  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$ , and  $\{z_n\}$  by*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_0 \in C, \\ y_n = (1 - \gamma_n)x_n + \gamma_n P_C(x_n - \lambda_n A x_n), \\ z_n = (1 - \alpha_n - \beta_n)x_n + \alpha_n y_n + \beta_n S P_C(x_n - \lambda_n A x_n), \\ C_n = \{v \in C : \|z_n - z\|^2 \leq \|x_n - z\|^2 + (3 - 3\gamma_n + \alpha_n)b^2 \|A x_n\|^2\}, \\ Q_n = \{z \in C : \langle x_n - z, x_0 - x_n \rangle \geq 0\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_n \cap Q_n} x_0, \quad \forall n \geq 0, \end{array} \right. \quad (1.4)$$

where  $\{\lambda_n\} \subset [a, b]$  with  $a > 0$  and  $b < \frac{1}{2k}$ ,  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$ , and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  are sequences in  $[0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:

(1)  $\alpha_n + \beta_n \leq 1$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ , (2)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ , (3)  $\liminf \beta_n > 0$ , and (4)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = 1$  and  $\gamma_n > \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ . Then, the sequences  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$ , and  $\{z_n\}$  converge strongly to some point  $q = P_{F(T) \cap VI(C, A)} x_0$ .

Motivated by the results of Ceng and Yao [17], Chidume *et al.* [6], in 2018, introduced a hybrid extragradient-like algorithm in a uniformly smooth and 2-uniformly convex real Banach space. They proved a strong convergence theorem of common element in the solution set of a variational inequality problem with a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz mapping and the fixed point set of a countable family of relatively nonexpansive mappings. In fact, they proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.4** (Chidume *et al.* [6]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a uniformly smooth and 2-uniformly convex real Banach space  $E$  such that  $J(C)$  is convex. Let  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  be a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz map. Let  $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  be a countable family of relatively nonexpansive maps such that  $\cap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i) \neq \emptyset$ , where  $S_i : C \rightarrow C$ ,  $\forall i$ . Let  $\{\eta_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \subset (0, 1)$  and  $\{\mu_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \subset (0, 1)$  be sequences such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \eta_i = 1$ . Assume that  $\cap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i) \cap VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ . Define inductively the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_0 \in C := C_0, \\ y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \gamma_n \lambda A x_n), \\ z_n = J^{-1}((1 - \alpha_n - \beta_n)Jx_n + \alpha_n Jy_n + \beta_n JS \Pi_C(J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda A x_n))), \\ C_{n+1} = \{v \in C_n : \phi(z, z_n) \leq \phi(z, x_n) + (3 - 3\gamma_n)b^2 \|A x_n\|^2 + b\alpha_n \tau_n\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} x_0, \quad \forall n \geq 0, \end{array} \right. \quad (1.5)$$

where  $Sx = J^{-1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \eta_i(\mu_i Jx + (1 - \mu_i)JS_i x)\right)$ , for each  $x \in C$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, b]$  with  $b < \frac{\alpha}{2k}$ ,  $\tau_n = \max\{\|x_n\|, 1\}\|A x_n\|\sigma(\|\gamma_n \lambda A x_n\|)$ , as well as  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$ , and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  are sequences in  $[0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $\alpha_n + \beta_n \leq 1$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ ,
- (2)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,
- (3)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n > 0$ ,
- (4)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = 1$ , and  $\gamma_n > 1 - \frac{\alpha}{4}$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ .

Then, the sequences  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$ , and  $\{z_n\}$  are well defined and converge strongly to some point  $p = \Pi_{F(T) \cap VI(C, A)} x_0$ .

It is our purpose in this paper to prove a strong convergence theorem of common solutions for a variational inequality problem with a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz mapping and a fixed point problem of a relatively weak nonexpansive mapping in a 2-uniformly convex and uniformly

smooth real Banach space. Furthermore, we extend our theorem to a countable family of relatively weak nonexpansive mappings. Finally, an application of our theorem to zeros of a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz monotone mapping is presented.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Recall that a mapping  $A : E \rightarrow 2^{E^*}$  is said to be monotone if, for each  $x, y \in E$ ,  $\langle x - y, x^* - y^* \rangle \geq 0$ ,  $\forall x^* \in Ax, y^* \in Ay$ . Additionally, it is called maximally monotone if the graph of  $A$ ,  $G(A) = \{(x, y) : y \in Ax\}$ , is not properly contained in that of any other monotone operator. It is well known that  $A$  is maximally monotone if and only if, for  $(x, x^*) \in E \times E^*$ ,  $\langle x - y, x^* - y^* \rangle \geq 0$ ,  $\forall (y, y^*) \in G(A)$  implies that  $x^* \in A$ ; see, e.g., Zegeye and Shahzad [18].

A mapping  $J : E \rightarrow E^*$  defined by

$$J(x) := \{x^* \in E^* : \langle x, x^* \rangle = \|x\|^2, \|x^*\| = \|x\|, \forall x \in E\},$$

is called the normalized duality mapping on  $E$ , where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the duality pairing between the elements of  $E$  and  $E^*$ . The following properties of the normalized duality map are needed in the sequel (see, e.g., Ibaraki and Takahashi [19]).

- If  $E$  is uniformly convex, then  $J$  is one-to-one and onto.
- If  $E$  is uniformly smooth, then  $J$  is single-valued.
- In particular, if a Banach space  $E$  is uniformly smooth and uniformly convex, the dual space is also uniformly smooth and uniformly convex. Hence, the normalized duality map  $J$  on  $E$  and the normalized duality map  $J_*$  on its dual space  $E^*$  are both uniformly continuous on bounded sets, and  $J_* = J^{-1}$ .

The modulus of convexity of a space  $E$  is the function  $\delta_E : (0, 2] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  defined by

$$\delta_E(\varepsilon) := \inf \left\{ 1 - \left\| \frac{x+y}{2} \right\| : \|x\| = \|y\| = 1, \varepsilon = \|x - y\| \right\}.$$

The space  $E$  is uniformly convex if  $\delta_E(\varepsilon) > 0$ , for every  $\varepsilon \in (0, 2]$ . If there exist a constant  $c > 0$  and a real number  $p > 1$  such that  $\delta_E(\varepsilon) \geq c\varepsilon^p$ , then  $E$  is said to be  $p$ -uniformly convex. Moreover, typical examples of such spaces are  $L_p$ ,  $l_p$ , and  $W_p^m$  (Sobolev spaces), for  $1 < p < \infty$ , where

$$L_p \text{ (or } l_p) \text{ or } W_p^m \text{ is } \begin{cases} p\text{-uniformly convex,} & \text{if } 2 \leq p < \infty; \\ 2\text{-uniformly convex,} & \text{if } 1 < p \leq 2. \end{cases}$$

Let  $E$  be a real normed space with dimension greater than 2. The modulus of smoothness of  $E$ ,  $\rho_E : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , is defined by

$$\rho_E(\tau) := \sup \left\{ \frac{\|x+y\| + \|x-y\|}{2} - 1 : \|x\| = 1, \|y\| = \tau, \tau > 0 \right\}.$$

The space  $E$  is said to be smooth if  $\rho_E(\tau) > 0$ ,  $\forall \tau > 0$ . Furthermore, it is said to be uniformly smooth if  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\rho_E(t)}{t} = 0$ .

In the sequel, we shall need the following definitions and results. Let  $E$  be a smooth real Banach space with dual space  $E^*$ . The function  $\phi : E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\phi(x, y) = \|x\|^2 - 2\langle x, Jy \rangle + \|y\|^2, \forall x, y \in E, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $J$  is the normalized duality mapping from  $E$  into  $E^*$ , was introduced by Alber and has been studied by Alber [20], Kamimura and Takahashi [21], and a host of other authors. It will play a central role.

If  $E = H$ , a real Hilbert space, equation (2.1) reduces  $\phi(x, y) = \|x - y\|^2$ ,  $\forall x, y \in H$ . The following properties are known (see, e.g., Nilsrakoo and Saejung [22]): for all  $x, y, z \in E$  and  $\tau \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$(A_1) \quad (\|x\| - \|y\|)^2 \leq \phi(x, y) \leq (\|x\| + \|y\|)^2, \quad (2.2)$$

$$(A_2) \quad \phi(x, y) = \phi(x, z) + \phi(z, y) + 2\langle z - x, Jy - Jz \rangle, \quad (2.3)$$

$$(A_3) \quad \phi(\tau x + (1 - \tau)y, z) \leq \tau\phi(x, z) + (1 - \tau)\phi(y, z). \quad (2.4)$$

If  $E$  is smooth and strictly convex (see, e.g., Honda *et al.* [23]), then

$$\phi(x, y) = 0 \text{ if and only if } x = y. \quad (2.5)$$

Define a mapping  $V : E \times E^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $V(x, x^*) = \|x\|^2 - 2\langle x, x^* \rangle + \|x^*\|^2$ . Then, it is easy to see that

$$V(x, x^*) = \phi(x, J^{-1}(x^*)), \quad \forall x \in E, x^* \in E^*. \quad (2.6)$$

Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive real Banach space  $E$ . The generalized projection mapping introduced by Alber [24] is a mapping  $\Pi_C : E \rightarrow C$  such that, for any  $x \in E$ , there exists a unique element  $x_0 := \Pi_C(x) \in C$  such that  $\phi(x_0, x) = \min_{y \in C} \phi(y, x)$ . If  $E = H$  is a real Hilbert space, we remark that the generalized projection  $\Pi_C$  coincides with the metric projection from  $H$  onto  $C$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of  $E$ , and let  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a mapping. A point  $x^* \in C$  is called a *fixed point* of  $T$  if  $T(x^*) = x^*$ . The set of fixed points of  $T$  is denoted by  $F(T)$ . A point  $p \in C$  is said to be an *asymptotic fixed point* of  $T$  if  $C$  contains a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  which converges weakly to  $p$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Tx_n - x_n\| = 0$ . The set of asymptotic fixed points of  $T$  is denoted by  $\hat{F}(T)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A mapping  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is said to be *relatively nonexpansive* if the following conditions hold (see, e.g., Matsushita and Takahashi [25]):

- (1)  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ ,
- (2)  $\phi(p, Tx) \leq \phi(p, x)$ ,  $\forall x \in C$  and  $p \in F(T)$ ,
- (3)  $\hat{F}(T) = F(T)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A point  $p \in C$  is said to be a *strong asymptotic fixed point* of  $T$  if  $C$  contains a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , which converges strongly to  $p$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Tx_n - x_n\| = 0$  (see, e.g., Reich [26] as well as Matsushita and Takahashi [25]). The set of strong asymptotic fixed points of  $T$  is denoted by  $\tilde{F}(T)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A mapping  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is said to be *relatively weak nonexpansive* if the following conditions hold (see, e.g., Zegeye and Shahzad [18]):

- (1)  $F(T) \neq \emptyset$ ,
- (2)  $\phi(p, Tx) \leq \phi(p, x)$ ,  $\forall x \in C$  and  $p \in F(T)$ ,
- (3)  $\tilde{F}(T) = F(T)$ .

If  $E$  is strictly convex and reflexive real Banach space and  $A : E \rightarrow E^*$  is a continuous monotone mapping with  $A^{-1}(0) \neq \emptyset$ , it is known that  $J_r := (J + rA)^{-1}J$ , for  $r > 0$ , is relatively weak nonexpansive (see, e.g., Kohasaka [27]). Clearly, every relatively nonexpansive mapping is relatively weak nonexpansive. Let  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a mapping. We have that  $F(T) \subset \tilde{F}(T) \subset \hat{F}(T)$ . It follows that, for any relatively nonexpansive map,  $F(T) = \tilde{F}(T) = \hat{F}(T)$ .

An example of a relatively weak nonexpansive mapping, which is not relatively nonexpansive was given in Zhang *et al.* [12]. Let  $E$  be a real Banach space with dual space  $E^*$ . A mapping  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  is said to be hemicontinuous if, for each  $x, y \in C$ , a mapping  $F : [0, 1] \rightarrow E^*$  defined by  $F(t) := A(tx + (1-t)y)$  is continuous with respect to the weak topology of  $E^*$ . Let  $N_C(v)$  denote the normal cone for  $C$  at a point  $v \in C$ , that is,

$$N_C(v) := \{w^* \in E^* : \langle v - z, w^* \rangle \geq 0, \forall z \in C\}.$$

The following lemmas are needed in the sequel.

**Lemma 2.1** (Alber [24]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive real Banach space  $E$ . Then,*

$$\phi(y, \Pi_C(x)) + \phi(\Pi_C(x), x) \leq \phi(y, x), \quad \forall x \in E, y \in C.$$

**Lemma 2.2** (Xu [28]). *Let  $E$  be a 2-uniformly convex and smooth real Banach space. Then, there exists a positive constant  $\alpha$  such that  $\alpha\|x - y\|^2 \leq \phi(x, y)$ ,  $\forall x, y \in E$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .*

**Lemma 2.3** (Xu [28]). *Let  $E$  be a 2-uniformly convex and smooth real Banach space. Then, there exists a positive constant  $c_2$  such that  $\forall x, y \in E$ ,  $f_x \in J_2(x), f_y \in J_2(y)$ , the following inequality holds:  $\langle x - y, f_x - f_y \rangle \geq c_2\|x - y\|^2$ .*

**Lemma 2.4** (Nilsrakoo and Saejung [22]). *Let  $E$  be a smooth real Banach space. Then,  $\phi(u, J^{-1}[\beta Jx + (1 - \beta)Jy]) \leq \beta\phi(u, x) + (1 - \beta)\phi(u, y)$ ,  $\forall \beta \in [0, 1]$ ,  $u, x, y \in E$ .*

**Lemma 2.5** (Reich [26]). *Let  $E$  be a uniformly smooth real Banach space. Then, there exists a nondecreasing function  $\sigma : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i)  $\sigma(ct) \leq c\sigma(t)$ ,  $c \geq 1$ ;
- (ii)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \sigma(t) = 0$ ;
- (iii)  $\|x + y\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 + 2\langle y, Jx \rangle + \max\{\|x\|, 1\}\|y\|\sigma(\|y\|)$ ,  $\forall x, y \in E$ .

**Lemma 2.6** (Alber [20]). *Let  $E$  be a reflexive strictly, convex, and smooth Banach space with  $E^*$  as its dual. Then,*

$$V(x, x^*) + 2\langle J^{-1}x^* - x, y^* \rangle \leq V(x, x^* + y^*), \quad (2.7)$$

for all  $x \in E$  and  $x^*, y^* \in E^*$ .

**Lemma 2.7** (Alber [20]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a smooth real Banach space  $E$ . Then, for  $x \in E$  and  $x_0 \in C$ ,  $x_0 := \Pi_C x$  if and only if*

$$\langle y - x_0, Jx_0 - Jx \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

**Lemma 2.8** (Zegeye and Shahzad [30]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a real reflexive, strictly convex, and smooth Banach space  $E$ . If  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  is a continuous monotone mapping, then  $VI(C, A)$  is closed and convex.*

**Lemma 2.9** (Chidume *et al.* [8]). *Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth real Banach space  $E$ , and let  $T_i : C \rightarrow E$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , be a countable family of relatively weak nonexpansive maps. Assume that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i = 1$ . Let the map  $T : C \rightarrow E$  be defined by*

$$Tx = J^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i J T_i x \right)$$

for each  $x \in C$ . Then,  $T$  is relatively weak nonexpansive and  $F(T) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i)$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

We now prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly smooth and 2-uniformly convex real Banach space with dual space  $E^*$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of  $E$  such that  $J(C)$  is convex, where  $J$  is the normalized duality map. Let  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  be a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz mapping, and let  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a relatively weak nonexpansive mapping. Assume that  $W := F(T) \cap VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ . For arbitrary  $x_0 \in C$ , let the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be iteratively defined by*

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in C := C_0, \\ y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \gamma_n \lambda Ax_n), \\ z_n = J^{-1}((1 - \alpha_n - \beta_n)Jx_n + \alpha_n Jy_n + \beta_n J T \Pi_C(J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n))), \\ C_{n+1} = \{v \in C_n : \phi(v, z_n) \leq \phi(v, x_n) + (3 - 3\gamma_n)b^2 \|Ax_n\|^2 + b\alpha_n \tau_n\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} x_0, \quad \forall n \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\Pi_C$  denotes the generalized projection of  $E$  onto  $C$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, b]$  with  $b < \frac{\alpha}{2k}$ , and  $\tau_n = \max\{\|x_n\|, 1\} \|Ax_n\| \sigma(\|\gamma_n \lambda Ax_n\|)$  ( $\sigma : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a nondecreasing function satisfying the conditions in Lemma 2.5), as well as  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$ , and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  are sequences in  $[0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $\alpha_n + \beta_n \leq 1$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ ,
- (2)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,
- (3)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n > 0$ ,
- (4)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = 1$ , and  $\gamma_n > 1 - \frac{\alpha}{4}$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ .

Then, the sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , and  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converge strongly to  $p = \Pi_{F(T) \cap VI(C, A)} x_0$ .

*Proof.* We follow the ideas employed in Chidume, Chinwendu and Adamu [6]. The proof is divided into five steps.

Step 1. Prove  $F(T) \cap VI(C, A) \subset C_n$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ .

Let us assume that  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is well defined. This clearly implies that  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are also well defined. Let  $u \in F(T) \cap VI(C, A)$  be arbitrary and set  $t_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n)$ . Using

Lemma 2.1 and (2.1), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \phi(u, t_n) \\
& \leq \phi(u, J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n)) - \phi(t_n, J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n)) \\
& = \|u\|^2 - 2\langle u, Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n \rangle + \|J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n)\|^2 - \|t_n\|^2 + 2\langle t_n, Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n \rangle \\
& \quad - \|J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n)\|^2 \\
& = \|u\|^2 - 2\langle u, Jx_n \rangle + \|x_n\|^2 - (\|t_n\|^2 - 2\langle t_n, Jx_n \rangle + \|x_n\|^2) + 2\langle u - t_n, \lambda Ay_n \rangle \\
& = \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(t_n, x_n) + 2\langle u - y_n, \lambda Ay_n \rangle + 2\langle y_n - t_n, \lambda Ay_n \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  is Lipschitz monotone, then (2.3) gives that

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(u, t_n) & \leq \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(t_n, x_n) + 2\langle y_n - t_n, \lambda Ay_n \rangle \\
& = \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(t_n, y_n) - \phi(y_n, x_n) + 2\langle t_n - y_n, Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n - Jy_n \rangle. \quad (3.2)
\end{aligned}$$

The estimation of  $\langle t_n - y_n, Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n - Jy_n \rangle$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle t_n - y_n, Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n - Jy_n \rangle \\
& = \langle t_n - y_n, Jx_n - Jy_n - \lambda Ax_n \rangle + \langle t_n - y_n, \lambda (Ax_n - Ay_n) \rangle \\
& = \langle t_n - y_n, Jx_n - Jy_n - \lambda \gamma_n Ax_n + \lambda \gamma_n Ax_n - \lambda Ax_n \rangle + \langle t_n - y_n, \lambda (Ax_n - Ay_n) \rangle \\
& = \langle t_n - y_n, Jx_n - Jy_n - \lambda \gamma_n Ax_n \rangle + \langle t_n - y_n, \lambda \gamma_n Ax_n - \lambda Ax_n \rangle \\
& \quad + \langle t_n - y_n, \lambda (Ax_n - Ay_n) \rangle \\
& = \langle t_n - y_n, Jx_n - Jy_n - \lambda \gamma_n Ax_n \rangle - (1 - \gamma_n) \langle t_n - y_n, \lambda Ax_n \rangle \\
& \quad + \langle t_n - y_n, \lambda (Ax_n - Ay_n) \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

By employing  $y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ax_n)$ , Lemmas 2.2 and 2.7,  $\gamma_n \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\lambda \leq b$ , and the Lipschitz property of  $A$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle t_n - y_n, Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n - Jy_n \rangle \\
& \leq -(1 - \gamma_n) \langle t_n - y_n, \lambda Ax_n \rangle + \langle t_n - y_n, \lambda (Ax_n - Ay_n) \rangle \\
& \leq (1 - \gamma_n) \|Ax_n\| (\|t_n - y_n\| + \|x_n - y_n\|) + (1 - \gamma_n) \|t_n - y_n\| \|Ax_n\| \\
& \quad + \lambda k \|t_n - y_n\| \|x_n - y_n\| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} (1 - \gamma_n) (2b^2 \|Ax_n\|^2 + \|t_n - y_n\|^2 + \|x_n - y_n\|^2) \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{2} (1 - \gamma_n) (b^2 \|Ax_n\|^2 + \|t_n - y_n\|^2) + \frac{1}{2} bk (\|t_n - y_n\|^2 + \|x_n - y_n\|^2) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} (1 - \gamma_n) (2b^2 \|Ax_n\|^2 + \frac{1}{\alpha} \phi(t_n, y_n) + \frac{1}{\alpha} \phi(y_n, x_n)) \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{2} (1 - \gamma_n) (b^2 \|Ax_n\|^2 + \frac{1}{\alpha} \phi(t_n, y_n)) + \frac{1}{2} bk (\frac{1}{\alpha} \phi(y_n, x_n) + \frac{1}{\alpha} \phi(t_n, y_n)) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1 - \gamma_n}{\alpha} + \frac{bk}{\alpha} \right) \phi(y_n, x_n) \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{2} \left( 2 \frac{(1 - \gamma_n)}{\alpha} + \frac{bk}{\alpha} \right) \phi(t_n, y_n) + \frac{3}{2} (1 - \gamma_n) b^2 \|Ax_n\|^2,
\end{aligned}$$



which together with (3.2) and the assumptions that  $b < \frac{\alpha}{2k}$  and  $\gamma_n > 1 - \frac{\alpha}{4}$  implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(u, t_n) &\leq \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(t_n, y_n) - \phi(y_n, x_n) + 2\langle t_n - y_n, Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n - Jy_n \rangle \\
&\leq \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(t_n, y_n) - \phi(y_n, x_n) + \left(\frac{1 - \gamma_n}{\alpha} + \frac{bk}{\alpha}\right)\phi(y_n, x_n) \\
&\quad + \left(2\frac{(1 - \gamma_n)}{\alpha} + \frac{bk}{\alpha}\right)\phi(t_n, y_n) + 3(1 - \gamma_n)b^2\|Ax_n\|^2 \\
&\leq \phi(u, x_n) - \left(1 - \frac{(1 - \gamma_n)}{\alpha} - \frac{bk}{\alpha}\right)\phi(y_n, x_n) \\
&\quad - \left(1 - \frac{2(1 - \gamma_n)}{\alpha} - \frac{bk}{\alpha}\right)\phi(t_n, y_n) + 3(1 - \gamma_n)b^2\|Ax_n\|^2 \\
&\leq \phi(u, x_n) - \frac{1}{4}\phi(y_n, x_n) + 3(1 - \gamma_n)b^2\|Ax_n\|^2 \tag{3.3} \\
&\leq \phi(u, x_n) + 3(1 - \gamma_n)b^2\|Ax_n\|^2. \tag{3.4}
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, by utilizing Lemmas 2.1 and 2.5,  $\gamma_n \leq 1$ , and  $\lambda \leq b$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(u, y_n) &\leq \phi(u, J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda \gamma_n Ax_n)) \\
&= \|u\|^2 - 2\langle u, Jx_n - \lambda \gamma_n Ax_n \rangle + \|J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda \gamma_n Ax_n)\|^2 \\
&\leq \|u\|^2 - 2\langle u, Jx_n - \lambda \gamma_n Ax_n \rangle + \|x_n\|^2 - 2\langle x_n, \lambda \gamma_n Ax_n \rangle \\
&\quad + \max\{\|x_n\|, 1\}\|\lambda \gamma_n Ax_n\|\sigma(\|\lambda \gamma_n Ax_n\|) \\
&= \|u\|^2 - 2\langle u, Jx_n \rangle + \|x_n\|^2 + 2\langle u - x_n, \lambda \gamma_n Ax_n \rangle + b\tau_n \\
&= \phi(u, x_n) + b\tau_n. \tag{3.5}
\end{aligned}$$

Further, by applying Lemma 2.4, the fact that  $T$  is relatively weak nonexpansive map, as well as inequalities (3.4) and (3.5), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\phi(u, z_n) \\
&= \phi(u, J^{-1}((1 - \alpha_n - \beta_n)Jx_n + \alpha_n Jy_n + \beta_n J T t_n)) \\
&\leq (1 - \alpha_n - \beta_n)\phi(u, x_n) + \alpha_n\phi(u, y_n) + \beta_n\phi(u, T t_n) \\
&\leq (1 - \alpha_n - \beta_n)\phi(u, x_n) + \alpha_n(\phi(u, x_n) + b\tau_n) + \beta_n(\phi(u, x_n) + 3(1 - \gamma_n)b^2\|Ax_n\|^2) \\
&= \phi(u, x_n) + 3(1 - \gamma_n)b^2\|Ax_n\|^2 + b\alpha_n\tau_n. \tag{3.6}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $u \in C_{n+1}$ , which follows that  $F(T) \cap VI(C, A) \subset C_n$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ .

Step 2. Prove that  $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is a well defined.

This can be obtained by using the fact that  $C_{n+1}$  is a closed and convex subset of  $C$ .

Step 3. Prove that  $x_n \rightarrow p \in C$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $u \in C_n$ , for all  $n \geq 0$ . From  $x_n = \Pi_{C_n}x_0$  and Lemma 2.1, we have that

$$\phi(x_n, x_0) = \phi(\Pi_{C_n}x_0, x_0) \leq \phi(u, x_0),$$

which yields that  $\{\phi(x_n, x_0)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is bounded. It follows from inequality (2.2) that sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is bounded. Furthermore, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , since  $x_n = \Pi_{C_n}x_0$  and  $x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}}x_0 \in C_{n+1} \subset C_n$ , we obtain the following inequality by utilizing lemma 2.1 again

$$\phi(x_n, x_0) \leq \phi(x_{n+1}, x_n) + \phi(x_n, x_0) \leq \phi(x_{n+1}, x_0). \quad (3.7)$$

Thus,  $\{\phi(x_n, x_0)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges. Now, for arbitrary  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m > n$ , we have  $x_m = \Pi_{C_m}x_0 \in C_m \subset C_n$ . The utilization of Lemma 2.1 gives that

$$\phi(x_m, x_n) = \phi(x_m, \Pi_{C_n}x_0) \leq \phi(x_m, x_0) - \phi(x_n, x_0) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.8)$$

From a result of Kamimura and Takahashi [21], we arrive at

$$\|x_m - x_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.9)$$

So,  $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $C$ . Since  $C$  is closed, it follows that there exists  $p \in C$  such that

$$x_n \rightarrow p \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.10)$$

Step 4. Prove  $p \in F(T)$ .

In view of  $x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}}x_0 \in C_{n+1} \subset C_n$ , we obtain from inequalities (3.4) and (3.6) that

$$\phi(x_{n+1}, t_n) \leq \phi(x_{n+1}, x_n) + 3(1 - \gamma_n)b^2\|Ax_n\|^2$$

and

$$\phi(x_{n+1}, z_n) \leq \phi(x_{n+1}, x_n) + 3(1 - \gamma_n)b^2\|Ax_n\|^2 + b\alpha_n\tau_n.$$

Using the facts that  $\gamma_n \rightarrow 1$  and  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  as well as  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{Ax_n\}$ ,  $\{\gamma_n\}$ , and  $\{\alpha_n\}$  are bounded, we obtain that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x_{n+1}, t_n) = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x_{n+1}, z_n) = 0$ . From a result of Kamimura and Takahashi [21], we obtain that

$$\|x_{n+1} - t_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \|x_{n+1} - z_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.11)$$

The utilization of conditions (3.9) and (3.11) gives that

$$\|t_n - x_n\| \leq \|t_n - x_{n+1}\| + \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (3.12)$$

and

$$\|z_n - x_n\| \leq \|z_n - x_{n+1}\| + \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.13)$$

Thus,

$$t_n \rightarrow p \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.14)$$

Since  $J$  is uniformly continuous on bounded sets, we see from conditions (3.10) and (3.14) that

$$\phi(u, x_n) - \phi(u, t_n) = 2\langle u, Jt_n - Jx_n \rangle + \|x_n\|^2 - \|t_n\|^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.15)$$

Inequality (3.3) gives that

$$\frac{1}{4}\phi(y_n, x_n) \leq \phi(u, x_n) - \phi(u, t_n) + 3(1 - \gamma_n)b^2\|Ax_n\|^2. \quad (3.16)$$

Using the fact that  $\gamma_n \rightarrow 1$  and  $\{Ax_n\}$  is bounded, it follows that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(y_n, x_n) = 0$ . Consequently,

$$\|y_n - x_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.17)$$

By utilizing conditions (3.12) and (3.17), we have

$$\|t_n - y_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.18)$$

From recursion formula (3.1), we have  $z_n = J^{-1}((1 - \alpha_n - \beta_n)Jx_n + \alpha_n Jy_n + \beta_n JTt_n)$ , and therefore,

$$\beta_n \|JTt_n - Jx_n\| \leq \|Jx_n - Jz_n\| + \alpha_n \|Jy_n - Jx_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.19)$$

By employing the fact that  $J$  and  $J^{-1}$  are uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of  $E$  and  $E^*$ , respectively,  $\liminf \beta_n > 0$ , conditions (3.13) and (3.17), we have that

$$\|Tt_n - x_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.20)$$

It follows from conditions (3.12) and (3.20) that

$$\|Tt_n - t_n\| \leq \|Tt_n - x_n\| + \|x_n - t_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.21)$$

Since  $T$  is relatively weak nonexpansive map, it follows from conditions (3.14) and (3.21) that  $p \in F(T)$ .

Step 5. Prove  $x_n \rightarrow p \in VI(C, A)$ .

Let  $S \subset E \times 2^{E^*}$  be a mapping defined by

$$Sv = \begin{cases} Av + N_C(v), & v \in C, \\ \emptyset, & v \notin C. \end{cases}$$

From a result of Rockafellar [29], we have that  $S$  is maximal monotone and  $S^{-1}0 = VI(C, A)$ . Let  $(v, w) \in G(S)$ . Therefore,  $w \in Sv = Av + N_C(v)$ . So, we obtain that  $w - Av \in N_C(v)$ . Since  $t_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n) \in C$ , we have that  $\langle v - t_n, w - Av \rangle \geq 0$ . Moreover, by applying Lemma 2.7 and the recursion formula again, it is easy to see that

$$\langle v - t_n, Jt_n - (Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n) \rangle \geq 0, \quad (3.22)$$

and thus  $\langle v - t_n, \frac{Jx_n - Jt_n}{\lambda} - Ay_n \rangle \leq 0$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v - t_n, w \rangle &\geq \langle v - t_n, Av \rangle \\ &\geq \langle v - t_n, Av \rangle + \left\langle v - t_n, \frac{Jx_n - Jt_n}{\lambda} - Ay_n \right\rangle \\ &\geq \langle v - t_n, Av - At_n \rangle + \langle v - t_n, At_n - Ay_n \rangle + \left\langle v - t_n, \frac{Jx_n - Jt_n}{\lambda} \right\rangle \\ &\geq -\|v - t_n\| \|At_n - Ay_n\| - \|v - t_n\| \frac{\|Jt_n - Jx_n\|}{\lambda} \\ &\geq -M \left( k \|t_n - y_n\| + \frac{\|Jt_n - Jx_n\|}{\lambda} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $M = \sup\{\|v - t_n\| : n \geq 0\}$ . It follows from conditions (3.12), (3.14), and (3.18) that  $\langle v - p, w \rangle \geq 0$ . It is well known that  $S$  is maximally monotone if and only if for  $(x, x^*) \in E \times E^*$ ,  $\langle x - y, x^* - y^* \rangle \geq 0 \forall (y, y^*) \in G(S)$  implies that  $x^* \in Sx$  (see, e.g., Zegeye and Shahzad [18]). Since  $S$  is maximally monotone, we obtain that  $p \in S^{-1}0 = VI(C, A)$ .

Step 6. Prove  $p = \Pi_{F(T) \cap VI(C, A)} x_0$ .

Set  $q = \Pi_{F(T) \cap VI(C,A)}x_0$  and  $x_n = \Pi_{C_n}x_0$ . Since  $F(T) \cap VI(C,A) \subset C_n$ , we have  $\phi(x_n, x_0) \leq \phi(q, x_0)$ . By applying the fact that norm is lower semi-continuous and  $p \in F(T) \cap VI(C,A) \subset C_n$ , for all  $n \geq 0$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(q, x_0) \leq \phi(p, x_0) &= \|p\|^2 - 2\langle p, Jx_0 \rangle + \|x_0\|^2 \\ &\leq \liminf \left( \|x_n\|^2 - 2\langle x_n, Jx_0 \rangle + \|x_0\|^2 \right) \\ &= \liminf \phi(x_n, x_0) \leq \limsup \phi(x_n, x_0) \leq \phi(q, x_0). \end{aligned}$$

This yields that  $\phi(q, x_0) \leq \phi(p, x_0) \leq \phi(q, x_0)$ , and thus  $\phi(q, x_0) = \phi(p, x_0)$ . We obtain from Lemma 2.1 that  $\phi(p, q) \leq \phi(p, x_0) - \phi(q, x_0) = 0$ . It follows that  $p = q = \Pi_{F(T) \cap VI(C,A)}x_0$ .  $\square$

Next, we give a strong convergence theorem for a countable family of relatively weak non-expansive mappings.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly smooth and 2-uniformly convex real Banach space with dual space  $E^*$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of  $E$  such that  $J(C)$  is convex, where  $J$  is the normalized duality map. Let  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  be a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz map. Let  $T_i : C \rightarrow C$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , be a countable family of relatively weak nonexpansive maps. Assume that  $W := \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i) \cap VI(C,A) \neq \emptyset$ . For arbitrary  $x_0 \in C$ , let the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be iteratively defined by*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_0 \in C := C_0, \\ y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \gamma_n \lambda Ax_n), \\ z_n = J^{-1}((1 - \alpha_n - \beta_n)Jx_n + \alpha_n Jy_n + \beta_n JT \Pi_C(J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n))), \\ C_{n+1} = \{v \in C_n : \phi(v, z_n) \leq \phi(v, x_n) + (3 - 3\gamma_n)b^2 \|Ax_n\|^2 + b\alpha_n \tau_n\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}}x_0, \quad \forall n \geq 0, \end{array} \right.$$

where the map  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is defined by  $Tx = J^{-1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta_i JT_i x\right)$ , for each  $x \in C$ ,  $\{\delta_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta_i = 1$ ,  $\Pi_C$  is the generalized projection of  $E$  onto  $C$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, b]$  with  $b < \frac{\alpha}{2k}$ ,  $\tau_n = \max\{\|x_n\|, 1\} \|Ax_n\| \sigma(\|\gamma_n \lambda Ax_n\|)$  ( $\sigma : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a nondecreasing function satisfying the conditions in Lemma 2.5), as well as  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$ , and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  are sequences in  $[0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $\alpha_n + \beta_n \leq 1$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ ,
- (2)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,
- (3)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n > 0$ ,
- (4)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = 1$ , and  $\gamma_n > 1 - \frac{\alpha}{4}$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ .

Then,  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , and  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converge strongly to  $p = \Pi_{F(T) \cap VI(C,A)}x_0$ .

*Proof.* We observe from Lemma 2.9 that  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is relatively weak nonexpansive and  $F(T) = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i)$ . It follows by Theorem 3.1 that the sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , and  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converge strongly to  $p = \Pi_{F(T) \cap VI(C,A)}x_0$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

#### 4. APPLICATIONS

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $E = L_p$ ,  $\ell_p$ , or  $W_m^p$ , where  $1 < p \leq 2$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of  $E$  such that  $J(C)$  is convex, where  $J$  is the normalized duality map. Let  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  be a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz map. Let  $T_i : C \rightarrow C$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , be a countable family of relatively*

weak nonexpansive maps. Assume that  $W := \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i) \cap VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$ . For arbitrary  $x_0 \in C$ , let the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be iteratively defined by

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in C := C_0, \\ y_n = \Pi_C J^{-1}(Jx_n - \gamma_n \lambda Ax_n), \\ z_n = J^{-1}((1 - \alpha_n - \beta_n)Jx_n + \alpha_n Jy_n + \beta_n JT \Pi_C(J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n))), \\ C_{n+1} = \{v \in C_n : \phi(v, z_n) \leq \phi(v, x_n) + (3 - 3\gamma_n)b^2 \|Ax_n\|^2 + b\alpha_n \tau_n\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} x_0, \quad \forall n \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

where the map  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is defined by  $Tx = J^{-1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta_i JT_i x\right)$ , for each  $x \in C$ ,  $\{\delta_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta_i = 1$ ,  $\Pi_C$  is the generalized projection of  $E$  onto  $C$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, b]$  with  $b < \frac{\alpha}{2k}$ ,  $\tau_n = \max\{\|x_n\|, 1\} \|Ax_n\| \sigma(\|\gamma_n \lambda Ax_n\|)$  ( $\sigma : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a nondecreasing function satisfying the conditions in Lemma 2.5), as well as  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$ , and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  are sequences in  $[0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $\alpha_n + \beta_n \leq 1$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ ,
- (2)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,
- (3)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n > 0$ ,
- (4)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = 1$ , and  $\gamma_n > 1 - \frac{\alpha}{4}$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ .

Then,  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , and  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converge strongly to  $p = \Pi_{F(T) \cap VI(C, A)} x_0$ .

*Proof.* We observe that  $E$  is 2-uniformly convex and uniformly smooth. It follows by utilizing Theorem 3.2 that the sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , and  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converge strongly to  $p = \Pi_{F(T) \cap VI(C, A)} x_0$ .  $\square$

Next, we consider the problem of finding a zero of a  $k$ -Lipschitz monotone mapping.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $E$  be a uniformly smooth and 2-uniformly convex real Banach space with dual space  $E^*$  such that  $J(E)$  is convex, where  $J$  is the normalized duality mapping. Let  $A : E \rightarrow E^*$  be a monotone and  $k$ -Lipschitz mapping. Let  $T_i : E \rightarrow E$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , be a countable family of relatively weak nonexpansive maps. Assume that  $W := \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i) \cap A^{-1}0 \neq \emptyset$ , where  $A^{-1}0 = \{u \in E : Au = 0\} \neq \emptyset$ . For arbitrary  $x_0 \in E$ , let the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be iteratively defined by

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in E := C_0, \\ y_n = J^{-1}(Jx_n - \gamma_n \lambda Ax_n), \\ z_n = J^{-1}((1 - \alpha_n - \beta_n)Jx_n + \alpha_n Jy_n + \beta_n JT(J^{-1}(Jx_n - \lambda Ay_n))), \\ C_{n+1} = \{v \in C_n : \phi(v, z_n) \leq \phi(v, x_n) + (3 - 3\gamma_n)b^2 \|Ax_n\|^2 + b\alpha_n \tau_n\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} x_0, \quad \forall n \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

where the map  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is defined by  $Tx = J^{-1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta_i JT_i x\right)$ , for each  $x \in E$ ,  $\{\delta_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta_i = 1$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, b]$  with  $b < \frac{\alpha}{2k}$ ,  $\tau_n = \max\{\|x_n\|, 1\} \|Ax_n\| \sigma(\|\gamma_n \lambda Ax_n\|)$  ( $\sigma : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a nondecreasing function satisfying the conditions in Lemma 2.5), as well as  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$ , and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  are sequences in  $[0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $\alpha_n + \beta_n \leq 1$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ ,
- (2)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,
- (3)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n > 0$ ,
- (4)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = 1$ , and  $\gamma_n > 1 - \frac{\alpha}{4}$ ,  $\forall n \geq 0$ .

Then,  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , and  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converge strongly to  $p = \Pi_{F(T) \cap A^{-1}0} x_0$ .

*Proof.* Setting  $C_0 = E$  and  $\Pi_E = I$  in Theorem 3.2, we observe that  $VI(E, A) = A^{-1}0$ . It follows from Theorem 3.2 that  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ ,  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , and  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converge strongly to  $p \in W := F(T) \cap A^{-1}0$ .  $\square$

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