



# Convergence Theorems Based on the Shrinking Projection Method for Hemi-relatively Nonexpansive Mappings, Variational Inequalities and Equilibrium Problems

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**Abstract :** In this paper, hemi-relatively nonexpansive mappings, variational inequalities and equilibrium problems are considered based on a shrinking projection method. Strong convergence of iterative sequences is obtained in a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space. As an application, the problem of finding zeros of maximal monotone operators is studied.

**Keywords :** variational inequality; equilibrium problem; hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping; shrinking projection method.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $E$  be a Banach space and  $E^*$  the dual space of  $E$ . Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $J$  be the normalized duality mapping from  $E$  into  $2^{E^*}$  defined by

$$Jx = \{f \in E^* : \langle x, f \rangle = \|x\|^2 = \|f\|^2\}, \quad \forall x \in E,$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the generalized duality pairing.

It is known that the duality mapping  $J$  has the following properties:

- (1) If  $E$  is smooth, then  $J$  is single-valued;
- (2) If  $E$  is strictly convex, then  $J$  is one-to-one;
- (3) If  $E$  is reflexive, then  $J$  is surjective;
- (4) If  $E$  is uniformly smooth, then  $J$  is uniformly norm-to-norm continuous on each bounded subset of  $E$ ;
- (5) If  $E^*$  is uniformly convex, then  $J$  is uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of  $E$  and  $J$  is single-valued and also one-to-one; see, [1–4].

Let  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  be an operator. We consider the following variational inequality: Find  $x \in C$  such that

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

A point  $x_0 \in C$  is called a solution of the variational inequality (1.1) if  $\langle Ax_0, y - x_0 \rangle \geq 0$ . The solutions set of the variational inequality (1.1) is denoted by  $VI(A, C)$ . The variational inequality (1.1) has been intensively considered due to its various applications in operations research, economic equilibrium and engineering design. When  $A$  has some monotonicity, many iterative methods for solving the variational inequality (1.1) have been developed; see, [5–13].

Let  $C$  is a nonempty closed and convex subset of a Hilbert space  $H$  and  $P_C : H \rightarrow C$  be the metric projection of  $H$  onto  $C$ , then  $P_C$  is nonexpansive, that is,

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

This fact actually characterizes Hilbert spaces, however, it is not available in more general Banach spaces. In this connection, Alber [5] recently introduced a generalized projection operator  $\Pi_C$  in a Banach space  $E$  which is an analogue of the metric projection in Hilbert spaces.

Recently, applying the generalized projection operator, Li [14] established the following Mann type iterative scheme for solving variational inequalities without assuming the monotonicity of  $A$  in compact subset of Banach spaces.

**Theorem Li** (Li [14, Theorem 3.1]). *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a compact convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $A : C \rightarrow E^*$  be a continuous mapping on  $C$  such that*

$$\langle Ax - \xi, J^{-1}(Jx - (Ax - \xi)) \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in C,$$

where  $\xi \in E^*$ . For any  $x_0 \in C$ , define the Mann type iteration scheme as follows:

$$x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)x_n + \alpha_n \Pi_C(Jx_n - (Ax_n - \xi)), \quad \forall n \geq 1,$$

where the sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (a)  $0 \leq \alpha_n \leq 1$  for all  $n \in N$ ;
- (b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n(1 - \alpha_n) = \infty$ .

Then the variational inequality  $\langle Ax - \xi, y - x \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $y \in C$  (when  $\xi = 0$ , the variational inequality (1.1) has a solution  $x^* \in C$  and there exists a subsequence  $\{n_i\} \subset \{n\}$  such that

$$x_{n_i} \rightarrow x^* \quad (i \rightarrow \infty).$$

In addition, Fan [15] established some existence results of solutions and the convergence of the Mann type iterative scheme for the variational inequality (1.1) in a noncompact subset of a Banach space and proved the following theorem.

**Theorem Fan** (Fan [15, Theorem 3.3]). *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a compact convex subset of  $E$ . Suppose that there exists a positive number  $\beta$  such that*

$$\langle Ax, J^{-1}(Jx - \beta Ax) \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in C,$$

and  $J - \beta A : C \rightarrow E^*$  is compact. If

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall x \in C, y \in VI(A, C),$$

then the variational inequality (1.1) has a solution  $x^* \in C$  and the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by the following iteration scheme:

$$x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)x_n + \alpha_n \Pi_C(Jx_n - \beta Ax_n), \quad \forall n \geq 1,$$

where the sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$  satisfies that  $0 < a \leq \alpha_n \leq b < 1$  for all  $n \geq 1$  ( $a, b \in (0, 1]$  with  $a < b$ ), converges strongly to  $x^* \in C$ .

Motivated by Li [14] and Fan [15], Liu [16] introduced the iterative sequence for approximating a common element of the fixed points set of a relatively weak nonexpansive mapping defined by Kohasaka and Takahashi [17] and the solutions

set of the variational inequality in a noncompact subset of Banach spaces without assuming the compactness of the operator  $J - \beta A$ . More precisely, Liu [16] proved the following theorems:

**Theorem Liu-1** (Liu [16, Lemma 2.5]). *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty, closed convex subset of  $E$ . Suppose that there exists a positive number  $\beta$  such that*

$$\langle Ax, J^{-1}(Jx - \beta Ax) \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in C, \quad (1.2)$$

and

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall x \in C, y \in VI(A, C), \quad (1.3)$$

then  $VI(A, C)$  is closed and convex.

**Theorem Liu-2** (Liu [16, Theorem 3.1]). *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Assume that  $A$  is a continuous operator of  $C$  into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3) and  $S : C \rightarrow C$  is a relatively weak nonexpansive mapping with  $F := F(S) \cap VI(A, C) \neq \emptyset$ . Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by the following iterative scheme:*

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\ z_n = \Pi_C(\alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n)JSx_n), \\ y_n = J^{-1}(\delta_n Jx_n + (1 - \delta_n)J\Pi_C(Jz_n - \beta Az_n)), \\ C_0 = \{z \in C : \phi(z, y_0) \leq \phi(z, x_0)\}, \\ C_n = \{z \in C_{n-1} \cap Q_{n-1} : \phi(z, y_n) \leq \phi(z, x_n)\}, \\ Q_0 = C, \\ Q_n = \{z \in C_{n-1} \cap Q_{n-1} : \langle Jx_0 - Jx_n, x_n - z \rangle \geq 0\}, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_n \cap Q_n} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{cases} \quad (1.4)$$

where the sequences  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\delta_n\}$  satisfy the following conditions:

$$0 \leq \delta_n < 1, \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n < 1, \quad 0 < \alpha_n < 1, \quad \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n(1 - \alpha_n) > 0.$$

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $\Pi_{F(S) \cap VI(A, C)} Jx_0$ .

A mapping  $A : D(A) \subset E \rightarrow E^*$  is said to be monotone if the following inequality holds:

$$\langle Ax - Ay, x - y \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x, y \in D(A). \quad (1.5)$$

$A$  is said to be  $\lambda$ -inverse strongly monotone if there exists a positive real number  $\lambda$  such that

$$\langle x - y, Ax - Ay \rangle \geq \lambda \|Ax - Ay\|^2 \quad \forall x, y \in D(A). \quad (1.6)$$

If  $A$  is  $\lambda$ -inverse strongly monotone, then it is *Lipschitz* continuous with constant  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ , i.e.,  $\|Ax - Ay\| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda}\|x - y\|, \forall x, y \in D(A)$ , and hence uniformly continuous.

For finding an element of a nonexpansive mapping and  $VI(A, C)$ , Takahashi and Toyoda [18] introduced the following iterative scheme in a Hilbert space  $H$ :

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n)SP_C(x_n - \mu_n Ax_n), \quad n \geq 1, \tag{1.7}$$

where  $x_0 \in C, P_C$  is a metric projection of  $H$  onto  $C, A$  is a  $\lambda$ -inverse strongly monotone operator. Furthermore they proved a weak convergence theorem:

**Theorem TT** (Takahashi and Toyoda [18, Theorem 3.1]). *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $\lambda > 0$ . Let  $A$  be an  $\lambda$ -inverse strongly-monotone mapping of  $C$  into  $H$ , and let  $S$  be a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into itself such that  $F(S) \cap VI(A, C) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by (1.7) for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , where  $\{\mu_n\} \subset [a, b]$  for some  $a, b \in (0, 2\lambda)$  and  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [c, d]$  for some  $c, d \in (0, 1)$ . Then,  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to  $z \in F(S) \cap VI(A, C)$ , where  $z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{F(S) \cap VI(A, C)} x_n$ .*

Let  $f : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bifunction. The equilibrium problem for  $f$  is as follows: Find  $\hat{x} \in C$  such that

$$f(\hat{x}, y) \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C. \tag{1.8}$$

The set of solutions of the problem (1.8) is denoted by  $EP(f)$ . For solving the equilibrium problem, let us assume that a bifunction  $f$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (A1)  $f(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in C$ ;
- (A2)  $f$  is monotone, that is,  $f(x, y) + f(y, x) \leq 0$  for all  $x, y \in C$ ;
- (A3) For all  $x, y, z \in C$ ,

$$\limsup_{t \downarrow 0} f(tz + (1 - t)x, y) \leq f(x, y);$$

- (A4) For all  $x \in C, f(x, \cdot)$  is convex and lower semicontinuous.

For example, let  $A$  be a continuous and monotone operator of  $C$  into  $E^*$  and define

$$f(x, y) = \langle Ax, y - x \rangle, \quad \forall x, y \in C.$$

Then  $f$  satisfies (A1)-(A4).

Let  $f : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bifunction and let  $B : C \rightarrow E^*$  be a monotone mapping. The generalized equilibrium problem (for short, GEP) for  $f$  and  $B$  is to find  $\hat{x} \in C$  such that

$$f(\hat{x}, y) + \langle B\hat{x}, y - \hat{x} \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C. \tag{1.9}$$

The set of solutions for the problem (1.9) is denoted by  $GEP(f, B)$ , i.e.,

$$GEP(f, B) := \{\hat{x} \in C : f(\hat{x}, y) + \langle B\hat{x}, y - \hat{x} \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C\}.$$

If  $B = 0$  in (1.9), then  $GEP(1.9)$  reduces to the classical equilibrium problem and  $GEP(f, 0)$  is denoted by  $EP(f)$ , i.e.,

$$EP(f) := \{\hat{x} \in C : f(\hat{x}, y) \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C\}.$$

Equilibrium problems, which were introduced in [19] in 1994, have had a great impact and influence in the development of several branches of pure and applied sciences. It has been shown that equilibrium problem theory provides a novel and unified treatment of a wide class of problems which arise in economics, finance, physics, image reconstruction, ecology, transportation, network, elasticity and optimization. Numerous problems in physics, optimization and economics reduce to finding a solution of the problem (1.5). Some methods have been proposed to solve the equilibrium problem in a Hilbert space; See [19–22].

In this paper, motivated and inspired by the results mentioned above, we introduce a new hybrid projection algorithm based on the shrinking projection method [23, 24] for two hemi-relatively nonexpansive mappings. Using the new algorithm, we prove some strong convergence theorems which approximate a common element in the fixed points set of two hemi-relatively nonexpansive mappings, the solutions set of a variational inequality and the solutions set of the equilibrium problem in a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space. Our results extend and improve the recent ones announced by Li [14], Fan [15], Liu [16], Takahashi and Toyoda [18], Kamraksa and Wangkeeree [25] and many others.

## 2 Preliminaries

A Banach space  $E$  is said to be strictly convex if  $\frac{x+y}{2} < 1$  for all  $x, y \in E$  with  $\|x\| = \|y\| = 1$  and  $x \neq y$ . It is said to be uniformly convex if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y_n\| = 0$  for any two sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in  $E$  such that  $\|x_n\| = \|y_n\| = 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\frac{x_n + y_n}{2}\| = 1$ .

Let  $U_E = \{x \in E : \|x\| = 1\}$  be the unit sphere of  $E$ . Then the Banach space  $E$  is said to be smooth provided

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t} \quad (2.1)$$

exists for each  $x, y \in U_E$ . It is also said to be uniformly smooth if the limit (2.1) is attained uniformly for  $x, y \in U_E$ .

It is well known that, if  $E$  is uniformly smooth, then  $J$  is uniformly norm-to-norm continuous on each bounded subset of  $E$  and, if  $E$  is uniformly smooth if and only if  $E^*$  is uniformly convex.

A Banach space  $E$  is said to have the Kadec-Klee property if, for a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of  $E$  satisfying that  $x_n \rightharpoonup x \in E$  and  $\|x_n\| \rightarrow \|x\|$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . It is known that,

if  $E$  is uniformly convex, then  $E$  has the Kadec-Klee property; see, [4, 26, 27] for more details.

Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $E$  and  $T$  be a mapping from  $C$  into itself. A point  $p$  in  $C$  is said to be an asymptotic fixed point of  $T$  if  $C$  contains a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  which converges weakly to  $p$  such that the strong  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n - Tx_n) = 0$ . The set of asymptotic fixed points of  $T$  is denoted by  $\widehat{F}(T)$ .

Recall that an operator  $T$  in Banach space is said to be closed if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $Tx_n \rightarrow y$  implies  $Tx = y$ .

A mapping  $T$  from  $C$  into itself is said to be nonexpansive if

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in C.$$

A mapping  $T$  is said to be relatively nonexpansive [28–30] if

$$\widehat{F}(T) = F(T) \neq \emptyset, \quad \phi(p, Tx) \leq \phi(p, x), \quad \forall x \in C, p \in F(T).$$

The asymptotic behavior of a relatively nonexpansive mapping was studied in [28–30]. A point  $p \in C$  is called a strong asymptotic fixed point of  $T$  if  $C$  contains a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  which converges strongly to  $p$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n - Tx_n) = 0$ . The set of strong asymptotic fixed points of  $T$  is denoted by  $\widetilde{F}(T)$ .

A mapping  $T$  from  $C$  into itself is said to be relatively weak nonexpansive if

$$\widetilde{F}(T) = F(T) \neq \emptyset, \quad \phi(p, Tx) \leq \phi(p, x), \quad \forall x \in C, p \in F(T).$$

A mapping  $T$  is said to be hemi-relatively nonexpansive if

$$F(T) \neq \emptyset, \quad \phi(p, Tx) \leq \phi(p, x), \quad \forall x \in C, p \in F(T).$$

It is obvious that a relatively nonexpansive mapping is a relatively and weakly nonexpansive mapping and, further, a relatively and weakly nonexpansive mapping is a hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping, but the converses are not true as in the following example:

**Example 2.1** (Su et al. [31]). Let  $E$  be any smooth Banach space and  $x_0 \neq 0$  be any element of  $E$ . We define a mapping  $T : E \rightarrow E$  as follows: For all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}})x_0, & \text{if } x = (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^n})x_0, \\ -x, & \text{if } x \neq (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^n})x_0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $T$  is a hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping, but it is not relatively nonexpansive mapping.

Next, we give some important examples which are hemi-relatively nonexpansive.

**Example 2.2** (Qin et al. [32]). Let  $E$  be a strictly convex reflexive smooth Banach space. Let  $A$  be a maximal monotone operator of  $E$  into  $E^*$  and  $J_r$  be the resolvent for  $A$  with  $r > 0$ . Then  $J_r = (J + rA)^{-1}J$  is a hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping from  $E$  onto  $D(A)$  with  $F(J_r) = A^{-1}0$ .

In [2, 8], Alber introduced the functional  $V : E^* \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$V(\phi, x) = \|\phi\|^2 - 2\langle \phi, x \rangle + \|x\|^2, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\phi \in E^*$  and  $x \in E$ . It is easy to see that

$$V(\phi, x) \geq (\|\phi\| - \|x\|)^2 \quad (2.3)$$

and so the functional  $V : E^* \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is nonnegative.

In order to prove our results in the next section, we present several definitions and lemmas here.

**Definition 2.3** (Kamimura and Takahashi [30]). If  $E$  be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space, then the *generalized projection*  $\Pi_C : E^* \rightarrow C$  is a mapping that assigns an arbitrary point  $\phi \in E^*$  to the minimum point of the functional  $V(\phi, x)$ , i.e., a solution to the minimization problem

$$V(\phi, \Pi_C(\phi)) = \inf_{y \in C} V(\phi, y). \quad (2.4)$$

Li [14] proved that the generalized projection operator  $\Pi_C : E^* \rightarrow C$  is continuous if  $E$  is a reflexive, strictly convex and smooth Banach space.

Consider the function  $\phi : E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$\phi(x, y) = V(Jy, x), \quad \forall x, y \in E.$$

The following properties of the operator  $\Pi_C$  and  $V$  are useful for our paper; see, for example, [5, 14].

- (B1)  $V : E^* \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous;
- (B2)  $V(\phi, x) = 0$  if and only if  $\phi = Jx$ ;
- (B3)  $V(J\Pi_C(\phi), x) \leq V(\phi, x)$  for all  $\phi \in E^*$  and  $x \in E$ ;
- (B4) The operator  $\Pi_C$  is  $J$  fixed at each point  $x \in E^*$  and  $x \in E$ ;
- (B5) If  $E$  is smooth, then, for any given  $\phi \in E^*$  and  $x \in C$ ,  $x \in \Pi_C(\phi)$  if and only if

$$\langle \phi - Jx, x - y \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C;$$

- (B6) The operator  $\Pi_C : E^* \rightarrow c$  is single valued if and only if  $E$  is strictly convex;
- (B7) If  $E$  is smooth, then, for any given point  $\phi \in E^*$  and  $x \in \Pi_C(\phi)$ , the following inequality holds:

$$V(Jx, y) \leq V(\phi, y) - V(\phi, x), \quad \forall y \in C;$$

- (B8)  $v(\phi, X)$  is convex with respect to  $\phi$  when  $x$  is fixed and with respect to  $x$  when  $\phi$  is fixed;



(B9) If  $E$  is reflexive, then, for any point  $\phi \in E^*$ ,  $\Pi_C(\phi)$  is a nonempty closed convex and bounded subset of  $C$ .

Using some properties of the generalized projection operator  $\Pi_C$ , Alber [5] proved the following theorem:

**Lemma 2.4** (Alber [5]). *Let  $E$  be a strictly convex reflexive smooth Banach space. Let  $A$  be an arbitrary operator from a Banach space  $E$  to  $E^*$  and  $\beta$  be an arbitrary fixed positive number. Then  $x \in C \subset E$  is a solution of the variational inequality (1.1) if and only if  $x$  is a solution of the following operator equation in  $E$ :*

$$x = \Pi_C(Jx - \beta Ax). \tag{2.5}$$

**Lemma 2.5** (Kamimura and Takahashi [30]). *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex smooth Banach space and  $\{y_n\}, \{z_n\}$  be two sequences of  $E$  such that either  $\{y_n\}$  or  $\{z_n\}$  is bounded. If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(y_n, z_n) = 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y_n - z_n\| = 0$ .*

**Lemma 2.6** (Chang [10]). *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space. We have*

$$\|\phi + \Phi\|^2 \leq \|\phi\|^2 + 2\langle \Phi, J(\phi + \Phi) \rangle, \quad \forall \phi, \Phi \in E^*. \tag{2.6}$$

From Qin et al. [33], the following lemma can be obtained immediately.

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex Banach space,  $s > 0$  be a positive number and  $B_s(0)$  be a closed ball of  $E$ . Then there exists a continuous, strictly increasing and convex function  $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with  $g(0) = 0$  such that*

$$\|\sum_{i=1}^N (\alpha_i x_i)\|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^N (\alpha_i \|x_i\|^2) - \alpha_i \alpha_j g(\|x_i - x_j\|) \tag{2.7}$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N \in B_s(0) = \{x \in E : \|x\| \leq s\}$ ,  $i \neq j$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_N \in [0, 1]$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i = 1$ .

**Lemma 2.8** (Blum and Oettli [19]). *Let  $C$  be a closed and convex subset of a smooth, strictly convex and reflexive Banach spaces  $E$ ,  $f$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying the conditions (B1)-(B4) and let  $r > 0$ ,  $x \in E$ . Then there exists  $z \in C$  such that*

$$f(z, y) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, Jz - Jx \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C. \tag{2.8}$$

**Lemma 2.9** (Takahashi and Zembayashi [34]). *Let  $C$  be a closed and convex subset of a uniformly smooth, strictly convex and reflexive Banach spaces  $E$ , let  $f$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying (B1) – (B4). For all  $r > 0$  and  $x \in E$ , define the mapping*

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

Then, the followings hold:

(C1)  $T_r$  is single-valued;

(C2)  $T_r$  is a firmly nonexpansive-type mapping, that is, for all  $x, y \in E$ ,

$$\langle T_r x - T_r y, J T_r x - J T_r y \rangle \leq \langle T_r x - T_r y, J x - J y \rangle;$$

(C3)  $F(T_r) = \hat{F}(T_r) = EP(f)$ ;

(C4)  $EP(f)$  is closed and convex.

**Lemma 2.10** (Takahashi and Zembayashi [34]). *Let  $C$  be a closed convex subset of a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive Banach space  $E$ , let  $f$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying (C1) – (A4), and let  $r > 0$ . Then, for  $x \in E$  and  $q \in F(T_r)$ ,*

$$\phi(q, T_r x) + \phi(T_r x, x) \leq \phi(q, x). \quad (2.9)$$

**Remark 2.11.** *Replacing  $x$  with  $J^{-1}(Jx - rB(x))$  in (2.8), where  $B$  is monotone mapping from  $C$  into  $E^*$ , then there exists  $z \in C$  such that*

$$f(z, y) + \langle Bx, y - z \rangle + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, Jz - Jx \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C. \quad (2.10)$$

**Lemma 2.12.** *Let  $C$  be a closed and convex subset of a smooth, strictly convex and reflexive Banach spaces  $E$ ,  $B : C \rightarrow E^*$  a monotone and continuous mapping,  $f$  a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying the conditions (A1)–(A4). For all  $r > 0$ , then the following statements hold.*

(i) *for  $x \in E$ , there exists  $z \in C$  such that*

$$f(z, y) + \langle Bz, y - z \rangle + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, Jz - Jx \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C;$$

(ii) *if  $E$  is additionally uniformly smooth and  $K_r : E \rightarrow C$  is defined as*

$$K_r x = \{z \in C : f(z, y) + \langle Bz, y - z \rangle + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, Jz - Jx \rangle \geq 0, \forall y \in C\}, \forall x \in E. \quad (2.11)$$

*Then the mapping  $K_r$  has the following properties:*

(D1)  $K_r$  is single-valued;

(D2)  $K_r$  is a firmly nonexpansive-type mapping, that is, for all  $x, y \in E$ ,

$$\langle K_r x - K_r y, J K_r x - J K_r y \rangle \leq \langle K_r x - K_r y, J x - J y \rangle; \quad (2.12)$$

(D3)  $F(K_r) = \hat{F}(K_r) = EP(f, B)$ ;

(D4)  $EP(f, B)$  is closed and convex subset of  $C$ .

(D5)  $\phi(p, K_r x) + \phi(K_r x, x) \leq \phi(p, x), \quad \forall p \in F(K_r)$ .

*Proof.* Define a bifunction  $F : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as follows:

$$F(z, y) = f(z, y) + \langle Bz, y - z \rangle, \quad \forall z, y \in C.$$

Then it is easy to imply that  $F$  satisfies conditions (A1)–(A4). Therefore, from Lemma 2.8–2.10, statements (i), (ii) of Lemma 2.12 can be followed immediately.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.13** (Liu [16, Lemma 2.6]). *If  $E$  is a reflexive, strictly convex and smooth Banach space, then  $\Pi_C = J^{-1}$ .*

**Lemma 2.14** (Su et al. [31, Lemma 2.6]). *Let  $E$  be a strictly convex and smooth real Banach space,  $C$  be a closed convex subset of  $E$  and  $T$  be a hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping from  $C$  into itself. Then  $F(T)$  is closed and convex.*

### 3 Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $f$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying the conditions (A<sub>1</sub>)–(A<sub>4</sub>). Assume that  $A_1, A_2$  are two continuous operators of  $C$  into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3),  $B$  is a continuous and monotone operator of  $C$  into  $E^*$  and  $S, T : C \rightarrow C$  are two closed hemi-relatively nonexpansive mappings with  $F := F(S) \cap F(T) \cap VI(A_1, C) \cap VI(A_2, C) \cap GEP(f, B) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following iterative scheme:*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\ z_n^i = \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n), \quad i = 1, 2, \\ y_n = \Pi_C(\beta_n^0 Jx_n + \beta_n^1 JTz_n^1 + \beta_n^2 JSz_n^2), \\ u_n \in C \\ \text{such that } f(u_n, y) + \langle Bu_n, y - u_n \rangle + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \quad (3.1) \\ C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : \bigcap_{i=1,2} \phi(z, u_n) \leq \phi(z, y_n) \\ \leq (1 - \beta_n^i) \phi(z, x_n) + \beta_n^i \phi(z, z_n^i) \leq \phi(z, x_n)\}, \\ C_0 = C, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\{\beta_n^0\}, \{\beta_n^1\}$  and  $\{\beta_n^2\}$  are the sequences in  $[0, 1]$  with the following restrictions:

- (a)  $\beta_n^0 + \beta_n^1 + \beta_n^2 = 1$ ;
- (b)  $\{r_n\} \subset [a, \infty)$  for some  $a > 0$ ;
- (c)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 > 0$  and  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n^0 \beta_n^2 > 0$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F Jx_0$ , where  $\Pi_F$  is the generalized projection from  $C$  onto  $F$ .

*Proof.* We divide the proof into five steps.

**Step 1.**  $\Pi_F Jx_0$  and  $\Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0$  are well defined.

From Lemma 2.12 (D5), Lemma 2.14 and Theorem Liu-1, one has that  $\Pi_F Jx_0$  is well defined.

Next, we show that  $C_n$  is closed and convex for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . From the definitions of  $C_n$ , it is obvious that  $C_n$  is closed for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

Next, we prove that  $C_n$  is convex for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Since  $\phi(z, u_n) \leq \phi(z, y_n)$  is equivalent to  $2\langle z, Jy_n - Ju_n \rangle \leq \|y_n\|^2 - \|u_n\|^2$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ , we have  $\phi(z, y_n) \leq (1 - \beta_n^i)\phi(z, x_n) + \beta_n^i\phi(z, z_n^i)$  is equivalent to  $2\langle z, (1 - \beta_n^i)Jx_n + \beta_n^iJz_n^i - Jy_n \rangle \leq (1 - \beta_n^i)\|x_n\|^2 + \beta_n^i\|z_n^i\|^2 - \|y_n\|^2$ , and  $(1 - \beta_n^i)\phi(z, x_n) + \beta_n^i\phi(z, z_n^i) \leq \phi(z, x_n)$  is equivalent to  $2\langle z, Jx_n - Jz_n^i \rangle \leq \|x_n\|^2 - \|z_n^i\|^2$ , it follows that  $C_n$  is convex for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Thus, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $C_n$  is closed and convex and so  $\Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0$  is well defined.

**Step 2.**  $F \subset C_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

Observe that  $F \subset C_0 = C$  is obvious. Suppose that  $F \subset C_n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $w \in F \subset C_n$ . Then, from the definition of  $\phi$  and  $V$ , the property (B3) of  $V$ , Lemma 2.6, the conditions (1.2) and (1.3), for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(w, \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n)) &= V(J\Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n), w) \\ &\leq V(Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n, w) \\ &= \|Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n\|^2 - 2\langle Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n, w \rangle + \|w\|^2 \\ &\leq \|Jx_n\|^2 - 2\eta_i \langle A_i x_n, J^{-1}(Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n) \rangle \\ &\quad - 2\langle Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n, w \rangle + \|w\|^2 \\ &\leq \|Jx_n\|^2 - 2\langle Jx_n, w \rangle + \|w\|^2 \\ &= \phi(w, x_n). \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Since  $u_n = K_{r_n} y_n$ , applying Lemma 2.12, the properties (B3) and (B8) of the operator  $V$  and (3.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(w, u_n) &= \phi(w, K_{r_n} y_n) \leq \phi(w, y_n) = V(Jy_n, w) \\ &\leq \beta_n^0 V(Jx_n, w) + \beta_n^1 V(JTz_n^1, w) + \beta_n^2 V(JSz_n^2, w) \\ &\leq \beta_n^0 \phi(w, x_n) + \beta_n^1 \phi(w, z_n^1) + \beta_n^2 \phi(w, z_n^2) \\ &\leq \beta_n^0 \phi(w, x_n) + \beta_n^1 \phi(w, x_n) + \beta_n^2 \phi(w, x_n) \\ &= \phi(w, x_n) \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

which shows that  $w \in C_{n+1}$ . This implies that  $F \subset C_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

**Step 3.**  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

Since  $x_n = \Pi_{C_n} Jx_0$  and  $F \subset C_n$ , we have  $V(Jx_0, x_n) \leq V(Jx_0, w)$  for all  $w \in F$ . Therefore,  $\{V(Jx_0, x_n)\}$  is bounded. Moreover, from the definition of  $V$ , it follows that  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded. Since  $x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0 \in C_{n+1}$  and  $x_n = \Pi_{C_n} Jx_0$ ,

we have  $V(Jx_0, x_n) \leq V(Jx_0, x_{n+1})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Hence  $\{V(Jx_0, x_n)\}$  is nondecreasing and so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V(Jx_0, x_n)$  exists. By the construction of  $C_n$ , we have that  $C_m \subset C_n$  and  $x_m = \Pi_{C_m} Jx_0 \in C_n$  for any positive integer  $m \geq n$ . From the property (B3), we have

$$V(Jx_n, x_m) \leq V(Jx_0, x_m) - V(Jx_0, x_n)$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and any positive integer  $m \geq n$ . This implies that

$$V(Jx_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0 \quad (n, m \rightarrow \infty).$$

The definition of  $\phi$  implies that

$$\phi(x_m, x_n) \rightarrow 0 \quad (n, m \rightarrow \infty). \tag{3.4}$$

Applying Lemma 2.5, we obtain

$$\|x_m - x_n\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n, m \rightarrow \infty). \tag{3.5}$$

Hence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. In view of the completeness of a Banach space  $E$  and the closeness of  $C$ , it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = p \tag{3.6}$$

for some  $p \in C$ .

**Step 4.**  $p \in F$ .

First, we show that  $p \in F(S) \cap F(T)$ . In fact, since  $x_{n+1} \in C_{n+1}$ , we have

$$\phi(x_{n+1}, u_n) \leq \phi(x_{n+1}, x_n).$$

Thus, by (3.4) and Lemma 2.5, we have that

$$\|x_{n+1} - u_n\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

and hence

$$\|x_n - u_n\| \leq \|x_n - x_{n+1}\| + \|x_{n+1} - u_n\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty), \tag{3.7}$$

which implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = p. \tag{3.8}$$

On the other hand, since  $J$  is uniformly norm-to-norm continuous on bounded sets, one has

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Jx_n - Ju_n\| = 0. \tag{3.9}$$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded,  $\{Jx_n\}$ ,  $\{JT x_n\}$  and  $\{JS x_n\}$  are also bounded. Since  $E$  is a uniformly smooth Banach space, one knows that  $E^*$  is a uniformly convex

Banach space. Let  $r = \sup_{n \geq 0} \{\|Jx_n\|, \|JTz_n\|, \|JSz_n\|\}$ . Therefore, from Lemma 2.7, it follows that there exists a continuous strictly increasing convex function  $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying  $g(0) = 0$  and the inequality (2.7). It follows from the property (B3) of the operator  $V$ , (3.2) and the definition of  $S$  and  $T$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(w, y_n) &= V(Jy_n, w) \\
&\leq V(\beta_n^0 Jx_n + \beta_n^1 JTz_n^1 + \beta_n^2 JSz_n^2, w) \\
&= \phi(w, J^{-1}(\beta_n^0 Jx_n + \beta_n^1 JTz_n^1 + \beta_n^2 JSz_n^2)) \\
&= \|w\|^2 - 2\beta_n^0 \langle w, Jx_n \rangle - 2\beta_n^1 \langle w, JTz_n^1 \rangle - 2\beta_n^2 \langle w, JSz_n^2 \rangle \\
&\quad + \|\beta_n^0 Jx_n + \beta_n^1 JTz_n^1 + \beta_n^2 JSz_n^2\|^2 \\
&\leq \|w\|^2 - 2\beta_n^0 \langle w, Jx_n \rangle - 2\beta_n^1 \langle w, JTz_n^1 \rangle - 2\beta_n^2 \langle w, JSz_n^2 \rangle \\
&\quad + \beta_n^0 \|Jx_n\|^2 + \beta_n^1 \|JTz_n^1\|^2 + \beta_n^2 \|JSz_n^2\|^2 - \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 g(\|Jx_n - JTz_n^1\|) \\
&= \beta_n^0 \phi(w, x_n) + \beta_n^1 \phi(w, Tz_n^1) + \beta_n^2 \phi(w, Sz_n^2) - \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 g(\|Jx_n - JTz_n^1\|) \\
&\leq \beta_n^0 \phi(w, x_n) + \beta_n^1 \phi(w, x_n) + \beta_n^2 \phi(w, x_n) - \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 g(\|Jx_n - JTz_n^1\|) \\
&= \phi(w, x_n) - \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 g(\|Jx_n - JTz_n^1\|). \tag{3.10}
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, from (3.3), we get that

$$\phi(w, u_n) = \phi(w, K_{r_n} y_n) \leq \phi(w, y_n). \tag{3.11}$$

Substituting (3.10) into (3.11), we obtain that

$$\phi(w, u_n) \leq \phi(w, x_n) - \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 g(\|Jx_n - JTz_n^1\|).$$

The above inequality implies that

$$\beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 g(\|Jx_n - JTz_n^1\|) \leq \phi(w, x_n) - \phi(w, u_n), \tag{3.12}$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(w, x_n) - \phi(w, u_n) &= 2\langle Ju_n - Jx_n, w \rangle + \|x_n\|^2 - \|u_n\|^2 \\
&\leq 2\langle Ju_n - Jx_n, p \rangle + (\|x_n\| - \|u_n\|)(\|x_n\| + \|u_n\|) \\
&\leq 2\|Ju_n - Jx_n\| \|w\| + \|x_n - u_n\| (\|x_n\| + \|u_n\|).
\end{aligned}$$

It follows from (3.7) and (3.8) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\phi(w, x_n) - \phi(w, u_n)) = 0. \tag{3.13}$$

In view of  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 > 0$ , the inequality (3.12) implies that

$$g(\|Jx_n - JTz_n^1\|) \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Therefore, from the property of  $g$ , we get that

$$\|Jx_n - JTz_n^1\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Furthermore, since  $J^{-1}$  is uniformly norm to norm continuous on bounded sets, we see that

$$\|x_n - Tz_n^1\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty). \tag{3.14}$$

On the other hand, By the construction of  $C_n$ , we know that

$$\phi(z, u_n) \leq (1 - \beta_n^1)\phi(z, x_n) + \beta_n^1\phi(z, z_n^1) \leq \phi(z, x_n).$$

From  $x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0 \in C_{n+1}$ , we have

$$\phi(x_{n+1}, u_n) \leq (1 - \beta_n^1)\phi(x_{n+1}, x_n) + \beta_n^1\phi(x_{n+1}, z_n^1) \leq \phi(x_{n+1}, x_n).$$

It follows from (3.8) that

$$\phi(x_{n+1}, z_n^1) \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Applying Lemma 2.5, one has

$$\|x_{n+1} - z_n^1\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

and by (3.5), we obtain that

$$\|x_n - z_n^1\| \leq \|x_n - x_{n+1}\| + \|x_{n+1} - z_n^1\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty). \tag{3.15}$$

Thus, from (3.14) and (3.15), we obtain that

$$\|z_n^1 - Tz_n^1\| \leq \|z_n^1 - x_n\| + \|x_n - Tz_n^1\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Similarly, one can obtain that

$$\|x_n - z_n^2\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

and

$$\|z_n^2 - Sz_n^2\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Thus, from the closedness of  $S, T$ , we obtain that  $p \in F(S) \cap F(T)$ .

Secondly, we show that  $p \in GEP(f, B)$ , from  $u_n = K_{r_n}x_n$  and the construction of  $C_n$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(u_n, y_n) &= \phi(K_{r_n}y_n, y_n) \\ &\leq \phi(w, y_n) - \phi(w, K_{r_n}y_n) \\ &\leq \phi(w, x_n) - \phi(w, K_{r_n}y_n) \\ &\leq \phi(w, x_n) - \phi(w, u_n). \end{aligned}$$

And by (3.13), it follows that

$$\phi(u_n, y_n) \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Applying Lemma 2.5, we obtain

$$\|u_n - y_n\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Since  $J$  is a uniformly norm-to-norm continuous on bounded sets, one has

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Ju_n - Jy_n\| = 0.$$

From the assumption that  $r_n \geq a$ , one has

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|Ju_n - Jy_n\|}{r_n} = 0.$$

Observing that  $u_n = K_{r_n}y_n$ , one obtains

$$F(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in C,$$

where  $F(u_n, y) = f(u_n, y) + \langle Bu_n, y - u_n \rangle$ . From (A2), one gets

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_n - u_n\| \frac{\|Ju_n - Jy_n\|}{r_n} &\geq \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \\ &\leq -F(u_n, y) \\ &\leq F(y, u_n), \quad \forall y \in C. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in above inequality, it follows from (A4) and (3.8) that

$$F(y, p) \leq 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

For all  $0 < t < 1$  and  $y \in C$ , define  $y_t = ty + (1-t)p$ . Note that  $y, p \in C$ , one obtains  $y_t \in C$ , which yields that  $F(y_t, p) \leq 0$ . It follows from A1 that

$$0 = F(y_t, y_t) \leq tF(y_t, y) + (1-t)F(y_t, p) \leq tF(y_t, y),$$

that is

$$F(y_t, y) \geq 0.$$

Let  $t \downarrow 0$ . From (A3), we obtain  $F(p, y) \geq 0$  for all  $y \in C$ , which imply that  $p \in GEP(f, B)$ .

Finally, we show that  $p \in VI(A_1, C) \cap VI(A_2, C)$ . In fact, by (3.15), we have

$$\|\Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_1 A_1 x_n) - x_n\| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = p$ , we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n^1 = p.$$

Similarly, one can also have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n^2 = p.$$



By the continuity of the operator  $J, A_1, \Pi_C$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_1 A_1 x_n) - \Pi_C(Jp - \eta_1 A_1 p)\| = 0$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_1 A_1 x_n) - p\| &\leq \|\Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_1 A_1 x_n) - x_n\| + \|x_n - p\| \\ &\rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty). \end{aligned}$$

Hence it follows from the uniqueness of the limit that  $p = \Pi_C(Jp - \eta_1 A_1 p)$ . From Lemma 2.4, we have  $p \in VI(A_1, C)$ . By the same way, we can also know that  $p \in VI(A_2, C)$  and so  $p \in VI(A_1, C) \cap VI(A_2, C)$ . Therefore, we have  $p \in F$ .

**Step 5.**  $p = \Pi_F Jx_0$ .

Since  $p \in F$ , from the property (B3) of the operator  $\Pi_C$ , we have

$$V(J\Pi_F Jx_0, p) + V(Jx_0, \Pi_F Jx_0) \leq V(Jx_0, p). \tag{3.16}$$

On the other hand, since  $x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0$  and  $F \subset C_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , it follows from the property (B7) of the operator  $\Pi_C$  that

$$V(Jx_{x+1}, \Pi_F Jx_0) + V(Jx_0, x_{n+1}) \leq V(Jx_0, \Pi_F Jx_0). \tag{3.17}$$

Furthermore, by the continuity of the operator  $V$ , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V(Jx_0, x_{n+1}) = V(Jx_0, p). \tag{3.18}$$

Combining (3.16), (3.17) with (3.18), we obtain

$$V(Jx_0, p) = V(Jx_0, \Pi_F Jx_0).$$

Therefore, it follows from the uniqueness of  $\Pi_F Jx_0$  that  $p = \Pi_F Jx_0$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 3.2.** *Theorem 3.1 improves Theorem 3.1 of Liu [16] and Theorem 3.1 of Kamraksa et al. [25] in the following senses:*

- (1) *The hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping is more general than the relatively weak nonexpansive one in Liu [16] and Kamraksa et al. [25].*
- (2) *The iteration algorithms of Theorem 3.1 is modified Mann iteration which is different from the modified Mann iteration given in Liu [16] and Kamraksa et al. [25]; And, in contrast to Theorem 3.1 of Kamraksa et al. [25], our algorithm in Theorem 3.1 contacts with generalized equilibrium problem which is more general than equilibrium problem.*

**Remark 3.3.** *See Remark 3.1 of Liu [16], Theorem 3.1 also does the corresponding promotions about Liu [16] and Fan [15].*

When  $S = T = I$  in (3.1), we can obtain the new modified Mann iteration for the variational inequality (1.1), the generalized equilibrium problem (1.9) as follows.

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $f$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying the conditions  $(A_1)$ - $(A_4)$ . Assume that  $A_1, A_2$  are two continuous operators of  $C$  into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3),  $B$  is a continuous and monotone operator of  $C$  into  $E^*$  with  $F := VI(A_1, C) \cap VI(A_2, C) \cap GEP(f, B) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following iterative scheme:*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\ z_n^i = \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n), \quad i = 1, 2, \\ y_n = \Pi_C(\beta_n^0 Jx_n + \beta_n^1 Jz_n^1 + \beta_n^2 Jz_n^2), \\ u_n \in C \\ \text{such that } f(u_n, y) + \langle Bu_n, y - u_n \rangle + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\ C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : \bigcap_{i=1,2} \phi(z, u_n) \leq \phi(z, y_n) \\ \leq (1 - \beta_n^i) \phi(z, x_n) + \beta_n^i \phi(z, z_n^i) \leq \phi(z, x_n)\}, \\ C_0 = C, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\{\beta_n^0\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n^1\}$  and  $\{\beta_n^2\}$  are the sequences in  $[0, 1]$  with the following restrictions:

- (a)  $\beta_n^0 + \beta_n^1 + \beta_n^2 = 1$ ;
- (b)  $\{r_n\} \subset [a, \infty)$  for some  $a > 0$ ;
- (c)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 > 0$  and  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n^0 \beta_n^2 > 0$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F Jx_0$ , where  $\Pi_F$  is the generalized projection from  $C$  onto  $F$ .

If  $\beta_n^2 = 0$  in (3.1), then the iteration scheme (3.1) reduces to the new modified Mann iteration for one closed hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping, the variational inequality (1.1) and the generalized equilibrium problem (1.9) as follows.

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $f$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying the conditions  $(A_1)$ - $(A_4)$ . Assume that  $A$  is a continuous operator of  $C$  into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3),  $B$  is a continuous and monotone operator of  $C$  into  $E^*$  and  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is a closed hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping with  $F := F(T) \cap VI(A, C) \cap GEP(f, B) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be*

a sequence generated by the following iterative scheme:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\ z_n = \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta Ax_n), \\ y_n = \Pi_C(\alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n)JTz_n), \\ u_n \in C \\ \text{such that } f(u_n, y) + \langle Bu_n, y - u_n \rangle + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\ C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : \phi(z, u_n) \leq \phi(z, y_n) \\ \leq \alpha_n \phi(z, x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \phi(z, z_n) \leq \phi(z, x_n)\}, \\ C_0 = C, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence in  $[0, 1]$  with the following restrictions:

- (a)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n(1 - \alpha_n) > 0$ ;
- (b)  $\{r_n\} \subset [a, \infty)$  for some  $a > 0$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F Jx_0$ , where  $\Pi_F$  is the generalized projection from  $C$  onto  $F$ .

If the mapping  $A$  is a  $\lambda$ -inverse strongly monotone mapping in Corollary 3.5, then the following result can be also obtained by Corollary 3.5 and Theorem 3.1.

**Corollary 3.6.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $f$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying the conditions  $(A_1)$ - $(A_4)$ . Assume that  $A$  is a  $\lambda$ -inverse strongly monotone mapping of  $C$  into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3),  $B$  is a continuous and monotone operator of  $C$  into  $E^*$  and  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is a closed hemirelatively nonexpansive mapping with  $F := F(T) \cap VI(A, C) \cap GEP(f, B) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following iterative scheme:*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\ z_n = \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta Ax_n), \\ y_n = \Pi_C(\alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n)JTz_n), \\ u_n \in C \\ \text{such that } f(u_n, y) + \langle Bu_n, y - u_n \rangle + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\ C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : \phi(z, u_n) \leq \phi(z, y_n) \\ \leq \alpha_n \phi(z, x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \phi(z, z_n) \leq \phi(z, x_n)\}, \\ C_0 = C, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence in  $[0, 1]$  with the following restrictions:

- (a)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n(1 - \alpha_n) > 0$ ;

(b)  $\{r_n\} \subset [a, \infty)$  for some  $a > 0$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F Jx_0$ , where  $\Pi_F$  is the generalized projection from  $C$  onto  $F$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is  $\lambda$ -inverse strongly monotone, by (1.6), we have

$$\|Ax - Ay\| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \|x - y\|,$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ , then it is Lipschitz continuous with constant  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ . By Corollary 3.5, we can directly obtain that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F Jx_0$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.7.** Corollary 3.6 improves Theorem 3.1 of Takahashi and Toyoda [18] in the following senses:

- (1) The hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping is more general than a nonexpansive one in Takahashi and Toyoda [18].
- (2) Our modified Mann iteration obtains strong convergence result about a  $\lambda$ -inverse strongly monotone mapping and a closed hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping and generalized equilibrium problem (1.9) in a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space.

## 4 Applications to Maximal Monotone Operators

In this section, we apply the our main results to proving some strong convergence theorem concerning maximal monotone operators in a Banach space  $E$ .

Let  $B$  be a multi-valued operator from  $E$  to  $E^*$  with domain  $D(B) = \{z \in E : Bz \neq \emptyset\}$  and range  $R(B) = \{z \in E : z \in D(B)\}$ . An operator  $B$  is said to be monotone if

$$\langle x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2 \rangle \geq 0$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in D(B)$  and  $y_1 \in Bx_1, y_2 \in Bx_2$ . A monotone operator  $B$  is said to be maximal if it's graph  $G(B) = \{(x, y) : y \in Bx\}$  is not properly contained in the graph of any other monotone operator.

It is well known that, if  $B$  is a maximal monotone operator, then  $B^{-1}0$  is closed and convex.

The following result is also well known.

**Lemma 4.1** (Rockafellar [35]). *Let  $E$  be a reflexive, strictly convex and smooth Banach space and  $B$  be a monotone operator from  $E$  to  $E^*$ . Then  $B$  is maximal if and only if  $R(J + rB) = E^*$  for all  $r > 0$ .*

Let  $E$  be a reflexive, strictly convex and smooth Banach space and  $B$  be a maximal monotone operator from  $E$  to  $E^*$ . Using Lemma 4.1 and the strict convexity of  $E$ , it follows that, for all  $r > 0$  and  $x \in E$ , there exists a unique  $x_r \in D(B)$  such that

$$Jx \in Jx_r + rBx_r.$$

If  $J_r x = x_r$ , then we can define a single valued mapping  $J_r : E \rightarrow D(B)$  by  $J_r = (J + rB)^{-1}J$  and such a  $J_r$  is called the resolvent of  $B$ . We know that  $B^{-1}0 = F(J_r)$  for all  $r > 0$  (see [4, 21] for more details).

The following lemma plays an important role in our next theorem:

**Lemma 4.2** (Su et al. [36]). *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space,  $B$  be a maximal monotone operator from  $E$  to  $E^*$  and  $J_r$  be a resolvent of  $B$ . Then  $J_r$  is closed hemi-relatively nonexpansive mapping.*

We consider the problem of strong convergence concerning maximal monotone operators in a Banach space. Such a problem has been also studied in [37–39]. Using Theorem 3.1, we obtain the following result:

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $f$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying the conditions  $(A_1)$ – $(A_4)$ . Assume that  $A_1, A_2$  are two continuous operators of  $C$  into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3),  $B$  is a continuous and monotone operator of  $C$  into  $E^*$  and  $B_1, B_2$  are two maximal monotone operators from  $E$  to  $E^*$ ,  $J_r^{B_1}$  and  $J_r^{B_2}$  are two resolvents of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  with  $F := B_1^{-1}0 \cap B_2^{-1}0 \cap VI(A_1, C) \cap VI(A_2, C) \cap GEP(f) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following iterative scheme:*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\ z_n^i = \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta_i A_i x_n), \quad i = 1, 2, \\ y_n = \Pi_C(\beta_n^0 Jx_n + \beta_n^1 J J_r^{B_1} z_n^1 + \beta_n^2 J J_r^{B_2} z_n^2), \\ u_n \in C \\ \text{such that } f(u_n, y) + \langle Bu_n, y - u_n \rangle + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \quad (4.1) \\ C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : \bigcap_{i=1,2} \phi(z, u_n) \leq \phi(z, y_n) \\ \leq (1 - \beta_n^i) \phi(z, x_n) + \beta_n^i \phi(z, z_n^i) \leq \phi(z, x_n)\}, \\ C_0 = C, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\{\beta_n^0\}, \{\beta_n^1\}$  and  $\{\beta_n^2\}$  are the sequences in  $[0, 1]$  with the following restrictions:

- (a)  $\beta_n^0 + \beta_n^1 + \beta_n^2 = 1$ ;
- (b)  $\{r_n\} \subset [a, \infty)$  for some  $a > 0$ ;

(c)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n^0 \beta_n^1 > 0$  and  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n^0 \beta_n^2 > 0$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F Jx_0$ , where  $\Pi_F$  is the generalized projection from  $C$  onto  $F$ .

*Proof.* From Lemma 4.2, we know that  $J_r^{B_1}$  and  $J_r^{B_1}$  are two closed hemi-relatively nonexpansive mappings. Furthermore, applying Theorem 3.1, we can obtain that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F Jx_0$ .  $\square$

If  $\beta_n^2 = 0$  in (4.1), then the iteration scheme (4.1) is reduced to the new modified Mann iteration for zero of maximal monotone operator  $B_1$ , the variational inequality (1.1) and the generalized equilibrium problem (1.9) as follows:

**Corollary 4.4.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $f$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying the conditions  $(A_1)$ - $(A_4)$ . Assume that  $A$  is a continuous operator of  $C$  into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3),  $B$  is a continuous and monotone operator of  $C$  into  $E^*$  and  $B_1$  is a maximal monotone operator from  $E$  to  $E^*$ ,  $J_r^{B_1}$  is a resolvent of  $B_1$  with  $F := B_1^{-1}0 \cap VI(A, C) \cap GEP(f, B) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following iterative scheme:*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\ z_n = \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta Ax_n), \\ y_n = \Pi_C(\alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n) J J_r^{B_1} z_n), \\ u_n \in C \\ \text{such that } f(u_n, y) + \langle Bu_n, y - u_n \rangle + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\ C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : \phi(z, u_n) \leq \phi(z, y_n) \\ \leq \alpha_n \phi(z, x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \phi(z, z_n) \leq \phi(z, x_n)\}, \\ C_0 = C, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{array} \right. \tag{4.2}$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence in  $[0, 1]$  with the following restrictions:

- (a)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n(1 - \alpha_n) > 0$ ;
- (b)  $\{r_n\} \subset [a, \infty)$  for some  $a > 0$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F Jx_0$ , where  $\Pi_F$  is the generalized projection from  $C$  onto  $F$ .

Considering  $B = 0$  in Corollary 4.4, we can directly obtain the following corollary by applying Corollary 4.4.

**Corollary 4.5.** *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space and  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ . Let  $f$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying the conditions  $(A_1)$ - $(A_4)$ . Assume that  $A$  is a continuous operator*

of  $C$  into  $E^*$  satisfying the conditions (1.2) and (1.3),  $B$  is a maximal monotone operator from  $E$  to  $E^*$ ,  $J_r^B$  is a resolvents of  $B$  with  $F := B^{-1}0 \cap VI(A, C) \cap EP(f) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by the following iterative scheme:

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\ z_n = \Pi_C(Jx_n - \eta Ax_n), \\ y_n = \Pi_C(\alpha_n Jx_n + (1 - \alpha_n) J J_r^B z_n), \\ u_n \in C \text{ such that } f(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, Ju_n - Jy_n \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \\ C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : \phi(z, u_n) \leq \phi(z, y_n) \\ \leq \alpha_n \phi(z, x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \phi(z, z_n) \leq \phi(z, x_n)\}, \\ C_0 = C, \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{C_{n+1}} Jx_0, \quad \forall n \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence in  $[0, 1]$  with the following restrictions:

- (a)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n(1 - \alpha_n) > 0$ ;
- (b)  $\{r_n\} \subset [a, \infty)$  for some  $a > 0$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to a point  $\Pi_F Jx_0$ , where  $\Pi_F$  is the generalized projection from  $C$  onto  $F$ .

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