

## STRONG CONVERGENCE OF PATHS FOR NONEXPANSIVE SEMIGROUPS IN BANACH SPACES

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ABSTRACT. Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex Banach space with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm,  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$  and  $f : C \rightarrow C$  be a fixed bounded continuous strong pseudocontraction with the coefficient  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Let  $\{\lambda_t\}_{0 < t < 1}$  be a net of positive real numbers such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \lambda_t = \infty$  and  $S = \{T(s) : 0 \leq s < \infty\}$  be a nonexpansive semigroup on  $C$  such that  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$ , where  $F(S)$  denotes the set of fixed points of the semigroup. Then sequence  $\{x_t\}$  defined by  $x_t = tf(x_t) + (1 - t)\frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds$  converges strongly as  $t \rightarrow 0$  to  $\bar{x} \in F(S)$ , which solves the following variational inequality  $\langle (f - I)\bar{x}, p - \bar{x} \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $p \in F(S)$ .

### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $E$  be a Banach space with the dual  $E^*$ . We denote by  $J$  the normalized duality mapping from  $E$  to  $2^{E^*}$  defined by

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

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the generalized duality pairing. Let  $U_E = \{x \in E : \|x\| = 1\}$ .  $E$  is said to be *Gâteaux differentiable* if the limit  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x+ty\| - \|x\|}{t}$  exists for all  $x, y \in U_E$ . In this case,  $E$  is said to be *smooth*. In a smooth Banach space, the normalized duality mapping is single valued. In the work, we use  $j$  to denote the single valued normalized duality mapping. The norm of  $E$  is said to be *uniformly*

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*Gâteaux differentiable* if for each  $y \in U_E$ , the limit is attained uniformly for each  $x \in U_E$ .

$E$  is said to be *uniformly convex* if for any  $\epsilon \in (0, 2]$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that, for all  $x, y \in U_E$ ,

$$\|x - y\| \geq \epsilon \quad \text{implies} \quad \|x + y\| \leq 2(1 - \delta).$$

It is known that a uniformly convex Banach space is reflexive and strictly convex.

Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$  and  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a nonlinear mapping. A point  $x \in C$  is said to be a *fixed point* of  $T$  if  $Tx = x$ . Denote by  $F(T)$  the set of fixed points of  $T$ ; that is,  $F(T) = \{x \in C : Tx = x\}$ . Recall the following definitions.

(1)  $T$  is said to be *contractive* if there exists a constant  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  such that

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

(2)  $T$  is said to be *strongly pseudocontractive* if there exists a constant  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  such that

$$\langle Tx - Ty, j(x - y) \rangle \leq \alpha\|x - y\|^2, \quad \forall x, y \in C;$$

(3)  $T$  is said to be *nonexpansive* if

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

One classical way to study nonexpansive mappings is to use contractions to approximate a nonexpansive mapping; see [3,8-10,14]. More precisely, take  $t \in (0, 1)$  and define a contraction  $T_t : C \rightarrow C$  by

$$(1.1) \quad T_t x = tu + (1 - t)Tx, \quad x \in C,$$

where  $u \in C$  is a fixed point. Banach's contraction mapping principle guarantees that  $T_t$  has a unique fixed point  $x_t$  in  $C$ . In the case that  $T$  enjoys a nonempty fixed point set, Browder [3] proved that if  $E$  is a Hilbert space, then  $\{x_t\}$  does converges strongly to the fixed point of  $T$  that is nearest to  $u$ . Reich [10] extended Browder's result to the setting of Banach space and proved that if  $E$  is a uniformly smooth Banach

space, then  $\{x_t\}$  converges strongly to a fixed point of  $T$  and the limit defines the unique sunny nonexpansive retraction from  $C$  onto  $F(T)$ .

Viscosity approximation method which was introduced by Moudafi [7] has been considered by many authors. In 2004, Xu [14] studied the following continuous scheme

$$(1.2) \quad x_t = tf(x_t) + (1-t)Tx_t,$$

where  $t \in (0, 1)$ ,  $f$  is a contraction with the coefficient  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $T$  is a nonexpansive self-mapping on  $C$ . He showed that  $\{x_t\}$  defined by (1.2) converges strongly to a fixed point  $x$  of the mapping  $T$ , which also solves the following variational inequality

$$\langle f(x) - x, j(y - x) \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall y \in F(T).$$

Recall that a family  $S = \{T(s) : 0 \leq s < \infty\}$  of mappings from  $C$  into itself is called a *nonexpansive semigroup* on  $C$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (c1)  $T(0)x = x$  for all  $x \in C$ ;
- (c2)  $T(s+t)x = T(s)T(t)x$  for all  $x \in C$  and  $s, t \geq 0$ ;
- (c3)  $\|T(s)x - T(s)y\| \leq \|x - y\|$  for all  $x, y \in C$  and  $s \geq 0$ ;
- (c4) for all  $x \in C$ ,  $s \mapsto T(s)x$  is continuous.

In this paper, we use  $F(S)$  to denote the set of fixed points of  $S$ , that is,  $F(S) = \bigcap_{0 \leq s < \infty} F(T(s))$ . We know that  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$  if  $C$  is bounded; see [2].

Recently, Plubtieng and Punpaeng [8] studied the problem of convergence of paths for nonexpansive semigroups in Hilbert spaces. To be more precise, they proved the following result.

**THEOREM PP.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space and  $S = \{T(s) : 0 \leq s < \infty\}$  be a nonexpansive semigroup on  $C$  such that  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{\lambda_t\}$  be a net of positive real numbers such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \lambda_t = \infty$ . Then for a contraction  $f : C \rightarrow C$  with coefficient  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , the sequence  $\{x_t\}$  defined by*

$$x_t = tf(x_t) + (1-t) \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds,$$

converges strongly to  $\tilde{x}$ , where  $\tilde{x}$  is the unique solution in  $F(S)$  of the variational inequality

$$\langle (I - f)\tilde{x}, x - \tilde{x} \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall x \in F(S).$$

The purpose of this paper is to establish a general Banach version of Theorem PP. In order to prove our main result, we need the following lemmas.

LEMMA 1.1. ([1,5,11]) *Let  $D$  be a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach Space  $E$  and  $S = \{T(t) : 0 \leq t < \infty\}$  be a nonexpansive semigroup on  $D$ . Then, for any  $0 \leq h < \infty$ ,*

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x \in D} \left\| \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t T(s)x ds - T(h) \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t T(s)x ds \right\| = 0.$$

A function  $\omega : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is said to belong to  $\Gamma$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $\omega(0) = 0$ ;
- (2)  $r > 0 \Rightarrow \omega(r) > 0$ ;
- (3)  $t \leq s \Rightarrow \omega(t) \leq \omega(s)$ .

LEMMA 1.2. ([13]) *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex Banach space. Then, for any  $R > 0$ , there exists  $\omega_R \in \Gamma$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} x, y \in B_R[0], \quad x^* \in J(x), \quad y^* \in J(y) \\ \implies \langle x - y, x^* - y^* \rangle \geq \omega_R(\|x - y\|)\|x - y\|, \end{aligned}$$

where  $B_R[0] = \{x : \|x\| \leq R\}$ .

LEMMA 1.3. ([6]) *Let  $E$  be a Banach space,  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$  and  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a continuous strong pseudocontraction. Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $C$ .*

Next, let us recall the definition of means. Let  $S$  be a nonempty set and  $B(S)$  the Banach space of all bounded real valued functions on  $S$  with the supremum norm. Let  $X$  be a subspace of  $B(S)$  and  $\mu$  an element in  $X^*$ , where  $X^*$  denotes the dual space of  $X$ . Then we denote by  $\mu(f)$  the value of  $\mu$  at  $f \in X$ . If  $e(s) = 1$  for all  $s \in S$ ,

sometimes  $\mu(e)$  will be denoted by  $\mu(1)$ . When  $X$  contains constants, a linear functional  $\mu$  on  $X$  is said to be a *mean* on  $X$  if  $\|\mu\| = \mu(1) = 1$ . From [13], we see that  $\mu$  is a mean on  $X$  if and only if

$$\inf_{s \in S} f(s) \leq \mu(f) \leq \sup_{s \in S} f(s), \quad \forall f \in X.$$

Set  $A = (0, 1)$ , let  $B(A)$  denote the Banach space of all bounded real value functions on  $A$  with supremum norm and let  $X$  be a subspace of  $B(A)$ .

LEMMA 1.4. ([13]) *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Banach space  $E$ . Suppose that the norm of  $E$  is uniformly Gâteaux differentiable. Let  $\{x_t\}$  be a bounded set in  $E$  and  $z \in C$ . Let  $\mu_t$  be a mean on  $X$ . Then  $\mu_t \|x_t - z\|^2 = \min_{y \in C} \|x_t - y\|^2$  if and only if  $\mu_t \langle y - z, J(x_t - z) \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $y \in C$ .*

## 2. Main results

THEOREM 2.1. *Let  $E$  be a uniformly convex Banach space with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm,  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$  and  $f : C \rightarrow C$  be a fixed bounded continuous strong pseudocontraction with the coefficient  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Let  $\{\lambda_t\}_{0 < t < 1}$  be a net of positive real numbers such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \lambda_t = \infty$  and  $S = \{T(s) : 0 \leq s < \infty\}$  be a nonexpansive semigroup on  $C$  such that  $F(S) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\{x_t\}$  defined by*

$$(2.1) \quad x_t = tf(x_t) + (1-t) \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds,$$

where  $t \in (0, 1)$  converges strongly as  $t \rightarrow 0$  to  $\bar{x} \in F(S)$ , which solves the following variational inequality

$$\langle f(\bar{x}) - \bar{x}, j(p - \bar{x}) \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall p \in F(S).$$

*Proof.* For  $t \in (0, 1)$ , define a mapping  $T_t^f : C \rightarrow C$  by

$$T_t^f x = tf(x) + (1-t) \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x ds.$$

Then  $T_t^f : C \rightarrow C$  is a continuous strong pseudocontraction for each  $t \in (0, 1)$ . Indeed, for each  $x, y \in C$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle T_t^f x - T_t^f y, j(x - y) \rangle \\ &= t \langle f(x) - f(y), j(x - y) \rangle \\ & \quad + (1 - t) \left\langle \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x ds - \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)y ds, j(x - y) \right\rangle \\ & \leq t\alpha \|x - y\|^2 + (1 - t) \|x - y\|^2 \\ &= [1 - t(1 - \alpha)] \|x - y\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 1.3, we see that  $T_t^f$  has a unique fixed point  $x_t$  in  $C$  for each  $t \in (0, 1)$ . Hence (2.1) is well defined.

Next, we show that  $\{x_t\}$  is bounded. Taking  $p \in F(S)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_t - p\|^2 &= \langle x_t - p, j(x_t - p) \rangle \\ &= t \langle f(x_t) - p, j(x_t - p) \rangle \\ & \quad + (1 - t) \left\langle \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds - p, j(x_t - p) \right\rangle \\ &= t \langle f(x_t) - f(p), j(x_t - p) \rangle + t \langle f(p) - p, j(x_t - p) \rangle \\ & \quad + (1 - t) \left\langle \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds - p, j(x_t - p) \right\rangle \\ & \leq t\alpha \|x - p\|^2 + t \langle f(p) - p, j(x_t - p) \rangle \\ & \quad + (1 - t) \left\| \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds - p \right\| \|x_t - p\| \\ & \leq [1 - t(1 - \alpha)] \|x_t - p\|^2 + t \langle f(p) - p, j(x_t - p) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$(2.2) \quad \|x_t - p\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \langle f(p) - p, j(x_t - p) \rangle.$$

This implies that

$$\|x_t - p\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \|f(p) - p\|.$$

This shows that  $\{x_t\}$  is bounded. On the other hand, for each  $\tau \geq 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|T(\tau)x_t - x_t\| \\
 & \leq \left\| T(\tau)x_t - T(\tau)\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds\right) \right\| \\
 & \quad + \left\| T(\tau)\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds\right) - \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds \right\| \\
 & \quad + \left\| \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds - x_t \right\| \\
 (2.3) \quad & \leq 2 \left\| x_t - \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds \right\| \\
 & \quad + \left\| T(\tau)\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds\right) - \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds \right\| \\
 & = \frac{2t}{1-t} \|f(x_t) - x_t\| \\
 & \quad + \left\| T(\tau)\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds\right) - \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds \right\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $z_0 \in F(S)$  and  $M = \{z \in C : \|z - z_0\| \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \|f(z_0) - z_0\|\}$ , we see that  $M$  is a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of  $C$  which is  $T(s)$ -invariant for each  $s \in [0, \infty)$  and contains  $\{x_t\}$ . From Lemma 1.1 and passing to  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0}$  in (2.3), we can obtain that, for all  $\tau \geq 0$ ,

$$(2.4) \quad T(\tau)x_t - x_t \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

Define  $h(x) = \mu_t \|x_t - x\|^2$  for all  $x \in C$ , where  $\mu_t$  is a mean. Then  $h(x)$  is a continuous, convex and  $h(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty$ . We see that  $h$  attains its infimum over  $C$  (see, e.g., [11,13]). Set

$$D = \left\{ x \in C : h(x) = \inf_{y \in C} h(y) \right\}.$$

Then  $D$  is a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of  $C$ . We see that  $D$  is singleton. Indeed, suppose that  $\tilde{x}, \bar{x} \in D$  and  $\tilde{x} \neq \bar{x}$ . From Lemma 1.2, we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle (x_t - \bar{x}) - (x_t - \tilde{x}), j(x_t - \bar{x}) - j(x_t - \tilde{x}) \rangle \\
 & > \omega_R(\|\bar{x} - \tilde{x}\|)\|\bar{x} - \tilde{x}\|, \quad \forall 0 < t < 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$(2.5) \quad \mu_t \langle \tilde{x} - \bar{x}, j(x_t - \bar{x}) - j(x_t - \tilde{x}) \rangle > 0.$$

On the other hand, we see from Lemma 1.4 that

$$(2.6) \quad \mu_t \langle \tilde{x} - \bar{x}, j(x_t - \bar{x}) \rangle \leq 0$$

and

$$(2.7) \quad \mu_t \langle \bar{x} - \tilde{x}, j(x_t - \tilde{x}) \rangle \leq 0.$$

Adding up (2.6) and (2.7), we arrive at

$$\mu_t \langle \tilde{x} - \bar{x}, j(x_t - \bar{x}) - j(x_t - \tilde{x}) \rangle \leq 0.$$

This contradicts (2.5). This shows that  $\bar{x} = \tilde{x}$ . Next, we denote the single element in  $D$  by  $\bar{x}$ . It follows from (2.4) that

$$\begin{aligned} h(T(\tau)(\bar{x})) &= \mu_t \|x_t - T(\tau)(\bar{x})\|^2 \\ &= \mu_t \|T(\tau)(x_t) - T(\tau)(\bar{x})\|^2 \\ &\leq \mu_t \|x_t - \bar{x}\|^2 \\ &= h(\bar{x}), \quad \forall \tau \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\bar{x} = T(\tau)(\bar{x})$  for all  $\tau \geq 0$ , that is,  $\bar{x} \in F(S)$ .

On the other hand, we see from Lemma 1.4 that

$$\mu_t \langle y - \bar{x}, j(x_t - \bar{x}) \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

By taking  $y = f(\bar{x})$ , we obtain that

$$(2.8) \quad \mu_t \langle f(\bar{x}) - \bar{x}, j(x_t - \bar{x}) \rangle \leq 0.$$

Combining (2.2) with (2.8), we arrive at

$$\mu_t \|x_t - \bar{x}\|^2 = 0.$$

This implies that there exists a subnet  $\{x_{t_\alpha}\}$  of  $\{x_t\}$  such that  $x_{t_\alpha} \rightarrow \bar{x}$ .

Notice that

$$x_t - f(x_t) = (1 - t) \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds - f(x_t) \right).$$

For any  $p \in F(S)$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle x_t - f(x_t), j(x_t - p) \rangle \\ &= (1 - t) \left\langle \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds - f(x_t), j(x_t - p) \right\rangle \\ &= (1 - t) \left\langle \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds - x_t, j(x_t - p) \right\rangle \\ &\quad + (1 - t) \langle x_t - f(x_t), j(x_t - p) \rangle \\ &= (1 - t) \left\langle \frac{1}{\lambda_t} \int_0^{\lambda_t} T(s)x_t ds - p, j(x_t - p) \right\rangle \\ &\quad + (1 - t) \langle p - x_t, j(x_t - p) \rangle + (1 - t) \langle x_t - f(x_t), j(x_t - p) \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - t) \langle x_t - f(x_t), j(x_t - p) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$(2.9) \quad \langle x_t - f(x_t), j(x_t - p) \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall p \in T(S).$$

In particular, we have

$$(2.10) \quad \langle x_{t_\alpha} - f(x_{t_\alpha}), j(x_{t_\alpha} - p) \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall p \in T(S).$$

It follows that

$$(2.11) \quad \langle \bar{x} - f(\bar{x}), j(\bar{x} - p) \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall p \in T(S).$$

Assume that there exists another subnet  $\{x_{t_\beta}\}$  of  $\{x_t\}$  such that  $x_{t_\beta} \rightarrow \hat{x} \in F(S)$ . From (2.11), we arrive at

$$(2.12) \quad \langle \bar{x} - f(\bar{x}), j(\bar{x} - \hat{x}) \rangle \leq 0.$$

In view of (2.9), we see that

$$(2.13) \quad \langle x_{t_\beta} - f(x_{t_\beta}), j(x_{t_\beta} - \bar{x}) \rangle \leq 0.$$

It follows that

$$(2.14) \quad \langle \hat{x} - f(\hat{x}), j(\hat{x} - \bar{x}) \rangle \leq 0.$$

Adding up (2.12) and (2.14), we obtain that

$$\langle \bar{x} - f(\bar{x}) - \hat{x} + f(\hat{x}), j(\bar{x} - \hat{x}) \rangle \leq 0.$$

This implies that

$$\|\bar{x} - \hat{x}\|^2 \leq \alpha \|\bar{x} - \hat{x}\|^2.$$

Note that  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . We see that  $\bar{x} = \hat{x}$ . This shows that  $\{x_t\}$  converges strongly to  $\bar{x} \in F(S)$ , which is the unique solution to the variational inequality

$$\langle f(\bar{x}) - \bar{x}, j(p - \bar{x}) \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall p \in F(S).$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

REMARK 2.2. The viscosity approximation method considered in Theorem 2.1 is different from Moudafi's and Chen et al.'s. In [7], Moudafi considered  $f$  as a contraction. In [4], Chen et al. considered  $f$  as a Lipschitz strong pseudocontraction. In this work, we consider  $f$  as a continuous strong pseudocontraction.

REMARK 2.3. Theorem 2.1 which includes the corresponding results announced in Chen and Song [5], Shioji and Takahashi [12] and Xu [14] as special cases mainly improves Theorem PP (Theorem 3.1 of Plubtieng and Punpaeng [8]) in the following aspects.

(1) Extend the space from Hilbert spaces to uniformly convex Banach spaces;

(2) Extend the mapping  $f$  from the class of contractions to the class continuous strong pseudocontractions.

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