

## FIXED POINT ITERATION PROCESSES FOR ASYMPTOTICALLY NONEXPANSIVE MAPPINGS

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $X$  be a uniformly convex Banach space which satisfies Opial's condition or has a Fréchet differentiable norm,  $C$  a bounded closed convex subset of  $X$ , and  $T: C \rightarrow C$  an asymptotically nonexpansive mapping. It is then shown that the modified Mann and Ishikawa iteration processes defined by  $x_{n+1} = t_n T^n x_n + (1 - t_n)x_n$  and  $x_{n+1} = t_n T^n (s_n T^n x_n + (1 - s_n)x_n) + (1 - t_n)x_n$ , respectively, converge weakly to a fixed point of  $T$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $C$  be a nonempty subset of a Banach space  $X$ . A mapping  $T: C \rightarrow C$  is said to be asymptotically nonexpansive if there exists a sequence  $\{k_n\}$  of positive numbers with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n = 1$  such that

$$\|T^n x - T^n y\| \leq k_n \|x - y\|$$

for all  $x, y$  in  $C$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . This class of mappings, as a natural extension to that of nonexpansive mappings, was introduced by Goebel and Kirk [4] in 1972. They proved that if  $C$  is a bounded closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$ , then every asymptotically nonexpansive self-mapping  $T$  of  $C$  has a fixed point. This existence result was recently generalized in [14] to a nearly uniformly convex (NUC) Banach space setting (see [5] for definition).

The study of iterative construction for fixed points of asymptotically nonexpansive mappings began in 1978. Bose [1] first proved that if  $C$  is a bounded closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space  $X$  which satisfies Opial's condition [7] and if  $T: C \rightarrow C$  is an asymptotically nonexpansive mapping, then  $\{T^n x\}$  converges weakly to a fixed point of  $T$  provided  $T$  is asymptotically regular at  $x$ , i.e.,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n x - T^{n+1} x\| = 0$ . This conclusion is still valid [8, 14] if Opial's condition of  $X$  is replaced by the condition that  $X$  has a Fréchet differentiable norm. Furthermore, in both cases, asymptotic regularity of  $T$  at  $x$  can be weakened to weak asymptotic regularity of  $T$  at  $x$ , i.e.,  $w\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T^n x - T^{n+1} x) = 0$  (see [12, 13]).

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Recently, Schu [10] considered the following modified Mann iteration process:

$$(M) \quad x_{n+1} = t_n T^n x_n + (1 - t_n)x_n, \quad n \geq 1,$$

where  $\{t_n\}$  is a sequence of real numbers in  $(0, 1)$  which is bounded away from both 0 and 1, i.e.,  $a \leq t_n \leq b$  for all  $n$  and some  $0 < a \leq b < 1$ . He verified that if  $C$  is a bounded closed convex subset of a Banach space  $X$  satisfying Opial's condition and if  $T: C \rightarrow C$  is an asymptotically nonexpansive mapping such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (k_n - 1)$  converges, then the modified Mann iteration process (M) converges weakly to a fixed point of  $T$ . Unfortunately, Schu's theorem does not apply to the  $L^p$  spaces if  $p \neq 2$  since none of these spaces satisfy Opial's condition (cf. [7]).

In this paper we first show that Schu's theorem remains true if the assumption that  $X$  satisfies Opial's condition is replaced by the one that  $Y$  has a Fréchet differentiable norm. This result (Theorem 3.1) applies to the  $L^p$  spaces for  $1 < p < \infty$  since each of these spaces is uniformly convex and uniformly smooth. We then prove the weak convergence of the modified Ishikawa iteration process (cf. Ishikawa [6]):

$$(I) \quad x_{n+1} = t_n T^n (s_n T^n x_n + (1 - s_n)x_n) + (1 - t_n)x_n, \quad n \geq 1,$$

in a uniformly convex Banach space which either satisfies Opial's condition or has a Fréchet differentiable norm.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES AND LEMMAS

Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Recall that  $X$  is said to satisfy Opial's condition [7] if for each sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  the condition  $x_n \rightarrow x$  weakly implies  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x\| < \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y\|$  for all  $y \in X$  different from  $x$ . It is known [7] that each  $l^p$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ) enjoys this property, while  $L^p$  does not unless  $p = 2$ . It is also known [3] that any separable Banach space can be equivalently renormed so that it satisfies Opial's condition. Recall also that  $X$  is said to have a Fréchet differentiable norm if, for each  $x$  in  $S(X)$ , the unit sphere of  $X$ , the limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t}$$

exists and is attained uniformly in  $y \in S(X)$ . In this case, we have

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{1}{2}\|x\|^2 + \langle h, J(x) \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2}\|x + h\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}\|x\|^2 + \langle h, J(x) \rangle + b(\|h\|)$$

for all  $x, h \in X$ , where  $J$  is the normalized duality map from  $X$  to  $X^*$  defined by

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

$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the duality pairing between  $X$  and  $X^*$ , and  $b$  is a function defined on  $[0, \infty)$  such that  $\lim_{t \downarrow 0} b(t)/t = 0$ .

Suppose now that  $C$  is a bounded closed convex subset of a Banach space  $X$  and  $\{T_n\}$  is a sequence of Lipschitzian self-mappings of  $C$  such that the set  $F$  of common fixed points of  $\{T_n\}$  is nonempty. Denote by  $L_n$  the Lipschitz constant of  $T_n$ . In the sequel, we always assume  $L_n \geq 1$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and use the notations  $\overline{\lim} = \limsup$ ,  $\underline{\lim} = \liminf$ ,  $\rightharpoonup$  for weak convergence,  $\rightarrow$  for strong convergence, and  $F(T)$  for the set of fixed points of  $T$ .

For a given  $x_1 \in C$ , we recurrently define the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by

$$x_{n+1} = T_n x_n, \quad n \geq 1.$$

**Lemma 2.1.** *Suppose that  $\sum_n(L_n - 1)$  converges. Then for each  $f \in F$ ,  $\lim_n \|x_n - f\|$  exists.*

*Proof.* For all  $n, m \geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+m+1} - f\| &= \|T_{n+m}x_{n+m} - f\| \leq L_{n+m}\|x_{n+m} - f\| \\ &\leq \left(\prod_{j=n}^{n+m} L_j\right) \|x_n - f\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_n(L_n - 1)$  converges, it follows that

$$\overline{\lim}_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+m+1} - f\| \leq \left(\prod_{j=n}^{\infty} L_j\right) \|x_n - f\|.$$

Consequently,

$$\overline{\lim}_n \|x_n - f\| \leq \underline{\lim}_n \|x_n - f\|.$$

This proves the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Suppose that  $X$  is uniformly convex and  $\sum_n(L_n - 1)$  converges. Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|tx_n + (1 - t)f_1 - f_2\|$  exists for every  $f_1, f_2 \in F$  and  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .*

*Proof.* We follow an idea of Reich [9]. Set

$$a_n = a_n(t) = \|tx_n + (1 - t)f_1 - f_2\|, \quad S_{n,m} = T_{n+m-1}T_{n+m-2} \cdots T_n,$$

and

$$b_{n,m} = \|S_{n,m}(tx_n + (1 - t)f_1) - (tx_{n+m} + (1 - t)f_1)\|.$$

Then, observing  $S_{n,m}x_n = x_{n+m}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+m} &= \|tx_{n+m} + (1 - t)f_1 - f_2\| \\ &\leq b_{n,m} + \|S_{n,m}(tx_n + (1 - t)f_1) - f_2\| \\ &\leq b_{n,m} + \left(\prod_{j=n}^{n+m-1} L_j\right) a_n \leq b_{n,m} + H_n a_n, \end{aligned}$$

where  $H_n = \prod_{j=n}^{\infty} L_j$ . By a result of Bruck [2], we have

$$\begin{aligned} b_{n,m} &\leq H_n g^{-1}(\|x_n - f_1\| - H_n^{-1} \|S_{n,m}x_n - f_1\|) \\ &\leq H_n g^{-1}(\|x_n - f_1\| - \|x_{n+m} - f_1\| + (1 - H_n^{-1})d), \end{aligned}$$

where  $g: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $g(0) = 0$ , is a strictly increasing continuous function depending only on  $d$ , the diameter of  $C$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n = 1$ , it follows from Lemma 2.1 that  $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} b_{n,m} = 0$ . Therefore,

$$\overline{\lim}_{m \rightarrow \infty} a_m \leq \lim_{n,m \leq \infty} b_{n,m} + \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n a_n = \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Suppose that  $X$  is a uniformly convex Banach space with a Fréchet differentiable norm and that  $\sum_n(L_n - 1)$  converges. Then for every  $f_1, f_2 \in F$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_n, J(f_1 - f_2) \rangle$  exists; in particular,*

$$\langle p - q, J(f_1 - f_2) \rangle = 0$$

for all  $p, q \in \omega_w(x_n)$ . Here,  $\omega_w(x_n)$  denotes the weak  $\omega$ -limit set of  $\{x_n\}$ , i.e.,  $\omega_w(x_n) = \{y \in X : y = w\text{-}\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} \text{ for some } n_k \uparrow \infty\}$ .

*Proof.* Taking  $x = f_1 - f_2$  and  $h = t(x_n - f_1)$  in (2.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \|f_1 - f_2\|^2 + t \langle x_n - f_1, J(f_1 - f_2) \rangle &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|tx_n + (1-t)f_1 - f_2\|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|f_1 - f_2\|^2 + t \langle x_n - f_1, J(f_1 - f_2) \rangle + b(t \|x_n - f_1\|). \end{aligned}$$

It follows from Lemma 2.2 that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \|f_1 - f_2\|^2 + t \cdot \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_n - f_1, J(f_1 - f_2) \rangle \\ \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \|tx_n + (1-t)f_1 - f_2\|^2 \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \|f_1 - f_2\|^2 + t \cdot \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_n - f_1, J(f_1 - f_2) \rangle + o(t). \end{aligned}$$

This yields

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_n - f_1, J(f_1 - f_2) \rangle \leq \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_n - f_1, J(f_1 - f_2) \rangle + o(1).$$

Letting  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ , we see that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_n - f_1, J(f_1 - f_2) \rangle$  exists.  $\square$

We also need the following known lemmas.

**Lemma 2.4** (cf. Schu [10]). *Let  $X$  be a uniformly convex Banach space,  $\{t_n\}$  a sequence of real numbers in  $(0, 1)$  bounded away from 0 and 1, and  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  sequences of  $X$  such that  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n\| \leq a$ ,  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y_n\| \leq a$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|t_n x_n + (1 - t_n) y_n\| = a$  for some  $a \geq 0$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y_n\| = 0$ .*

**Lemma 2.5** [11]. *Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $C$  a convex subset of  $X$ , and  $T: C \rightarrow C$  a uniformly  $L$ -Lipschitzian mapping, i.e.,  $\|T^n x - T^n y\| \leq L \|x - y\|$  for all  $x, y$  in  $C$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . For any given  $x_1$  in  $C$  and sequences  $\{t_n\}$  and  $\{s_n\}$  in  $[0, 1]$ , define  $\{x_n\}$  by*

$$x_{n+1} = t_n T^n (s_n T^n x_n + (1 - s_n) x_n) + (1 - t_n) x_n, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Then we have

$$\|x_n - T x_n\| \leq c_n + c_{n-1} L(1 + 3L + 2L)^2$$

for all  $n \geq 2$ , where  $c_n = \|x_n - T^n x_1\|$ .

**Lemma 2.6** [14]. *Suppose that  $C$  is a bounded closed convex subset of a uniformly convex Banach space and  $T: C \rightarrow C$  is an asymptotically nonexpansive mapping. Then  $I - T$  is demiclosed at the origin, i.e., for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $C$ , the conditions  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$  and  $x_n - T x_n \rightarrow 0$  imply  $x_0 - T x_0 = 0$ .*

### 3. WEAK CONVERGENCE

In this section we prove the weak convergence of the modified Mann and the modified Ishikawa iteration processes in a uniformly convex Banach space which satisfies Opial's condition or has a Fréchet differentiable norm.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $X$  be a uniformly convex Banach space with a Fréchet differentiable norm,  $C$  a bounded closed convex subset of  $X$ , and  $T: C \rightarrow C$  an asymptotically nonexpansive mapping such that  $\sum_n(k_n - 1)$  converges. Then for each  $x_1 \in C$ , the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by the modified Mann iteration process (M) with  $\{t_n\}$  a sequence of real numbers bounded away from 0 and 1 converges weakly to a fixed point of  $T$ .*

*Proof.* Set  $T_n = t_n T^n + (1 - t_n)I$ . (Here  $I$  is the identity operator of  $X$ .) Then it is easily seen that  $x_{n+1} = T_n x_n$ ,  $F(T_n) \supseteq F(T)$ , and  $T_n$  is Lipschitzian with constant  $L_n = t_n k_n + (1 - t_n) \geq 1$ . Since  $L_n - 1 = t_n(k_n - 1) \leq k_n - 1$  and  $\sum_n(k_n - 1)$  converges,  $\sum_n(L_n - 1)$  also converges. It thus follows from Lemma 2.3 that

$$(3.1) \quad \langle p - q, J(f_1 - f_2) \rangle = 0$$

for all  $p, q \in \omega_w(x_n)$  and  $f_1, f_2 \in F(T)$ . Moreover, for  $f \in F(T)$ , we have

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n x_n - f\| \leq \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n \|x_n - f\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - f\|$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|t_n(T^n x_n - f) + (1 - t_n)(x_n - f)\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+1} - f\|.$$

It follows from Lemma 2.4 that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n x_n - x_n\| = 0$ , which implies by Lemma 2.5 that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - T x_n\| = 0$ , which in turn implies by Lemma 2.6 that  $\omega_w(x_n)$  is contained in  $F(T)$ . So to show that  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to a fixed point of  $T$ , it suffices to show that  $\omega_w(x_n)$  consists of just one point. To this end, let  $p, q$  be in  $\omega_w(x_n)$ . Then since  $p, q$  belong to  $F(T)$ , it follows from (3.1) that

$$\|p - q\|^2 = \langle p - q, J(p - q) \rangle = 0.$$

Therefore,  $p = q$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

*Remark.* We do not know whether Theorem 3.1 remains valid if  $k_n$  is allowed to approach 1 slowly enough so that  $\sum_n(k_n - 1)$  diverges.

Next, we consider the modified Ishikawa iteration process (I) described in §1.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $X$  be a uniformly convex Banach space which satisfies Opial's condition or has a Fréchet differentiable norm,  $C$  a bounded closed convex subset of  $X$ , and  $T: C \rightarrow C$  an asymptotically nonexpansive mapping such that  $\sum_n(k_n - 1)$  converges. Suppose that  $x_1$  is a given point in  $C$  and  $\{t_n\}$  and  $\{s_n\}$  are real sequences such that  $\{t_n\}$  is bounded away from 0 and 1 and  $\{s_n\}$  is bounded away from 1. Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by the modified Ishikawa iteration process (I) converges weakly to a fixed point of  $T$ .*

*Proof.* Define a mapping  $T_n: C \rightarrow C$  by

$$T_n x = t_n T^n (s_n T^n x + (1 - s_n)x) + (1 - t_n)x, \quad x \in C.$$

Then it is easily seen that  $x_{n+1} = T_n x_n$ ,  $F(T_n) \supseteq F(T)$ , and  $T_n$  is Lipschitzian with constant  $L_n = 1 + t_n k_n (1 + s_n k_n - s_n) - t_n \geq 1$  for  $k_n \geq 1$ . Since  $L_n - 1 = t_n(1 + s_n k_n)(k_n - 1) \leq (1 + L)(k_n - 1)$ , where  $L = \sup_{n \geq 1} k_n$ , we see that  $\sum_n(L_n - 1)$  converges. Now repeating the arguments in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we arrive at the following conclusions:

- (i)  $\lim \|x_n - f\|$  exists for every  $f \in F(T)$ .
- (ii)  $\langle p - q, J(f_1 - f_2) \rangle = 0$  for every  $p, q \in \omega_w(x_n)$  and  $f_1, f_2 \in F(T)$ .
- (iii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - T^n y_n\| = 0$  with  $y_n = s_n T^n x_n + (1 - s_n)x_n$ .

Since

$$\begin{aligned}\|T^n x_n - x_n\| &\leq \|T^n x_n - T^n y_n\| + \|T^n y_n - x_n\| \\ &\leq k_n \|x_n - y_n\| + \|T^n y_n - x_n\| \\ &= k_n s_n \|T^n x_n - x_n\| + \|T^n y_n - x_n\|,\end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\|T^n x_n - x_n\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - k_n s_n} \|T^n y_n - x_n\|,$$

from which, together with the facts that  $\{s_n\}$  is bounded away from 1 and  $\{k_n\}$  converges to 1, we conclude that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n x_n - x_n\| = 0$ . By Lemma 2.5, we have the following result:

$$(iv) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - T x_n\| = 0.$$

It follows from (iv) and Lemma 2.6 that  $\omega_w(x_n) \subset F(T)$ . So to show the theorem, it suffices to show that  $\omega_w(x_n)$  is a singleton. To this end, we suppose first that  $X$  satisfies Opial's condition. Let  $p, q$  be in  $\omega_w(x_n)$  and  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  and  $\{x_{m_j}\}$  be subsequences of  $\{x_n\}$  chosen so that  $x_{n_i} \rightarrow p$  and  $x_{m_j} \rightarrow q$ . If  $p \neq q$ , then Opial's condition of  $X$  implies that

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - p\| &= \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n_i} - p\| < \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n_i} - q\| = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{m_j} - q\| \\ &< \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{m_j} - p\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - p\|.\end{aligned}$$

This contradiction proves the theorem in case  $X$  satisfies Opial's condition. Next, we assume that  $X$  has a Fréchet differentiable norm. Then since  $\omega_w(x_n) \subset F(T)$ , as in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we derive from (ii) that for every  $p, q$  in  $\omega_w(x_n)$

$$\|p - q\|^2 = \langle p - q, J(p - q) \rangle = 0.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

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