

ON FIRMLY NONEXPANSIVE TYPE MAPPINGS  
IN BANACH SPACES  
(バナッハ空間における FIRMLY NONEXPANSIVE TYPE 写像について)

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we state the recently obtained strong convergence theorem of Browder's type for firmly nonexpansive-type mappings in Banach spaces.

1. INTRODUCTION

The following is Browder's strong convergence theorem [5] for nonexpansive mappings in Hilbert spaces; see, for instance, Takahashi [24]:

**Theorem 1.1** (Browder [5]). *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,  $C$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$ ,  $T$  a nonexpansive mapping from  $C$  into itself such that  $F(T)$  is nonempty, and  $x \in C$ . Then the following hold:*

- (1) *For each  $t \in (0, 1)$ , there exists a unique  $u_t \in C$  such that*

$$u_t = tx + (1 - t)Tu_t;$$

- (2) *the net  $\{u_t\}$  converges strongly to  $P_{F(T)}(x)$  as  $t \downarrow 0$ , where  $P_{F(T)}$  denotes the metric projection from  $H$  onto  $F(T)$ .*

This result was extended to accretive operators in Banach spaces by Reich [18] and Takahashi and Ueda [27].

Recently, the authors [13] proposed the class of *firmly nonexpansive-type* mappings in Banach spaces. It is a subclass of *D-firm* operators introduced by Bauschke, Borwein, and Combettes [3]. This class contains the classes of firmly nonexpansive mappings in Hilbert spaces and resolvents of maximal monotone operators in Banach spaces. In [14], the class of *nonspreading* mappings in Banach spaces was also introduced. Every firmly nonexpansive-type mapping is known to be nonspreading. Then fixed point theorems and convergence theorems for these nonlinear operators were investigated [13, 14].

In this paper, we state a strong convergence theorem [15] of Browder's type for firmly nonexpansive-type mappings in Banach spaces.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout the paper, every linear space is real. The set of real numbers is denoted by  $\mathbb{R}$ . The conjugate space of a Banach space  $E$  is denoted by  $E^*$ . We denote  $x^*(x)$  by  $\langle x, x^* \rangle$  for all  $(x, x^*) \in E \times E^*$ . For a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of  $E$ , the strong and weak convergence of  $\{x_n\}$  to  $x \in E$  is denoted by  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ , respectively.

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Let  $E$  be a Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and let  $S(E) = \{x \in E : \|x\| = 1\}$ . Then the *duality mapping*  $J$  from  $E$  into  $2^{E^*}$  is defined by

$$(2.1) \quad Jx = \{x^* \in E^* : \langle x, x^* \rangle = \|x\|^2 = \|x^*\|^2\}$$

for all  $x \in E$ . It is known that  $Jx \neq \emptyset$  for all  $x \in E$ . The space  $E$  is said to be *smooth* if the limit

$$(2.2) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t}$$

exists for all  $x, y \in S(E)$ . In this case, the norm of  $E$  is said to be *Gâteaux differentiable*. The norm of  $E$  is also said to be *uniformly Gâteaux differentiable* (resp. *uniformly Fréchet differentiable*) if the limit (2.2) converges uniformly in  $x \in S(E)$  for all  $y \in S(E)$  (resp. uniformly in  $x, y \in S(E)$ ). The space  $E$  is said to be *uniformly smooth* if the norm of  $E$  is uniformly Fréchet differentiable.

The space  $E$  is said to be *strictly convex* if  $\|(x + y)/2\| < 1$  whenever  $x, y \in S(E)$  and  $x \neq y$ . It is also said to be *uniformly convex* if for each  $\varepsilon \in (0, 2]$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\|x - y\| \geq \varepsilon$  and  $x, y \in S(E)$  imply that  $\|(x + y)/2\| \leq 1 - \delta$ . The space  $E$  is said to have the *Kadec-Klee property* if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence of  $E$  such that  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  and  $\|x_n\| \rightarrow \|x\|$ . We know the following; see, for instance, [10, 24]:

- (1) If  $E$  is smooth, then  $J$  is single-valued;
- (2) if  $E$  is strictly convex, then  $Jx \cap Jy \neq \emptyset$  implies that  $x = y$ ;
- (3) if  $E$  is reflexive, then  $J$  is onto;
- (4)  $E$  is uniformly smooth if and only if  $E^*$  is uniformly convex;
- (5) if  $E$  is uniformly convex, then  $E$  is a strictly convex and reflexive Banach space with the Kadec-Klee property.

Let  $E$  be a smooth Banach space. Following [1, 12], let  $\phi$  be a mapping from  $E \times E$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$(2.3) \quad \phi(x, y) = \|x\|^2 - 2\langle x, Jy \rangle + \|y\|^2$$

for all  $x, y \in E$ . It is obvious that

$$(2.4) \quad (\|x\| - \|y\|)^2 \leq \phi(x, y) \leq (\|x\| + \|y\|)^2$$

for all  $x, y \in E$ . If  $C$  is a nonempty closed convex subset of a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive Banach space  $E$ , then for each  $x \in E$ , there exists a unique  $z \in C$  (denoted by  $\Pi_C x$ ) such that  $\phi(z, x) = \min_{y \in C} \phi(y, x)$ . The mapping  $\Pi_C$  is called the *generalized projection* [1] from  $E$  onto  $C$ . Similarly, for each  $x \in E$ , there exists a unique  $z \in C$  (denoted by  $P_C x$ ) such that  $\|z - x\| = \min_{y \in C} \|y - x\|$ . The mapping  $P_C$  is called the *metric projection* from  $E$  onto  $C$ . It is easy to see that

$$(2.5) \quad \Pi_C(0) = P_C(0).$$

If  $E$  is a Hilbert space, then  $\Pi_C(x) = P_C(x)$  for all  $x \in E$ . For  $(x, z) \in E \times C$ , the following hold; see [1, 12, 24]:

- (1)  $z = \Pi_C(x)$  if and only if  $\langle y - z, Jx - Jz \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $y \in C$ ;
- (2)  $z = P_C(x)$  if and only if  $\langle y - z, J(x - z) \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $y \in C$ .

Let  $E$  be a smooth Banach space,  $C$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ , and  $T$  a mapping from  $C$  into itself. The set of fixed points of  $T$  is denoted by  $F(T)$ . Then  $T$  is

said to be of *firmly nonexpansive type* [13] if

$$(2.6) \quad \langle Tx - Ty, Jx - JTx - (Jy - JTy) \rangle \geq 0$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . If  $E$  is a Hilbert space, then  $J = I$  (the identity operator on  $E$ ) and hence  $T$  is of firmly nonexpansive type if and only if it is firmly nonexpansive in the classical sense, that is,

$$(2.7) \quad \|Tx - Ty\|^2 \leq \langle Tx - Ty, x - y \rangle$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ ; see, for example, [6, 8, 9, 11, 26]. It is easy to verify that the generalized projection operator  $\Pi_C$  is of firmly nonexpansive type and  $F(\Pi_C) = C$ . If  $r > 0$ ,  $C$  is a nonempty closed convex subset of a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive Banach space  $E$ , and  $A \subset E \times E^*$  is a monotone operator such that  $D(A) \subset C \subset J^{-1}R(J + rA)$ , then the *resolvent*  $Q_r$  of  $A$  defined by

$$(2.8) \quad Q_r x = (J + rA)^{-1} Jx$$

for all  $x \in C$  is a firmly nonexpansive-type mapping from  $C$  into itself and  $F(Q_r) = A^{-1}0$ ; see [13–15] for more details. The class of firmly nonexpansive-type mappings is included in the class of *D-firm operators* [3], where  $D$  stands for a Bregman distance. We also know that  $T$  is of firmly nonexpansive type if and only if

$$(2.9) \quad \phi(Tx, Ty) + \phi(Ty, Tx) + \phi(Tx, x) + \phi(Ty, y) \leq \phi(Tx, y) + \phi(Ty, x)$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ ; see [3, 13]. In particular, if a firmly nonexpansive-type mapping  $T$  has a fixed point, then

$$(2.10) \quad \phi(u, Tx) + \phi(Tx, x) \leq \phi(u, x)$$

for all  $u \in F(T)$  and  $x \in C$ . The mapping  $T$  is also said to be *nonspreading* [14] if

$$(2.11) \quad \phi(Tx, Ty) + \phi(Ty, Tx) \leq \phi(Tx, y) + \phi(Ty, x)$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . It is easy to see that every firmly nonexpansive-type mapping is nonspreading. A point  $u \in C$  is said to be *asymptotic fixed point* [19] of  $T$  if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of  $C$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow u$  and  $\|x_n - Tx_n\| \rightarrow 0$ . The set of asymptotic fixed points of  $T$  is denoted by  $\hat{F}(T)$ . The mapping  $T$  is also said to be *relatively nonexpansive* [16, 17] if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1)  $F(T)$  is nonempty;
- (2)  $\hat{F}(T) = F(T)$ ;
- (3)  $\phi(u, Tx) \leq \phi(u, x)$  for all  $u \in F(T)$  and  $x \in C$ .

We know the following lemmas:

**Lemma 2.1** ([14]). *Let  $E$  be a strictly convex Banach space with a uniformly Gâteaux differentiable norm,  $C$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ , and  $T$  a nonspreading mapping from  $C$  into itself. Then  $\hat{F}(T) = F(T)$ . Further, if  $F(T)$  is nonempty, then  $T$  is relatively nonexpansive.*

**Lemma 2.2** ([17]). *Let  $E$  be a smooth and strictly convex Banach space,  $C$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ , and  $T$  a mapping from  $C$  into itself such that  $F(T)$  is nonempty and  $\phi(u, Tx) \leq \phi(u, x)$  for all  $u \in F(T)$  and  $x \in C$ . Then  $F(T)$  is closed and convex.*

Motivated by the technique in [23, 24], the following fixed point theorem for nonspreading mappings in Banach spaces was shown:

**Theorem 2.3** ([14]). *Let  $E$  be a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive Banach space,  $C$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ , and  $T$  a nonspreading mapping from  $C$  into itself. Then  $F(T)$  is nonempty if and only if there exists  $x \in C$  such that  $\{T^n x\}$  is bounded.*

As a direct consequence of Theorem 2.3, we obtain the following:

**Corollary 2.4** ([13]). *Let  $E$  be a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive Banach space,  $C$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ , and  $T$  a firmly nonexpansive-type mapping from  $C$  into itself. Then  $F(T)$  is nonempty if and only if there exists  $x \in C$  such that  $\{T^n x\}$  is bounded.*

The following lemma implies that the class of firmly nonexpansive-type mappings is coincident with that of resolvents of monotone operators:

**Lemma 2.5** ([14]). *Let  $E$  be a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive Banach space,  $C$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $E$ , and  $T$  a mapping from  $C$  into itself. Then  $T$  is of firmly nonexpansive type if and only if there exists a monotone operator  $A \subset E \times E^*$  such that  $D(A) \subset C \subset J^{-1}R(J + A)$  and  $Tx = (J + A)^{-1}Jx$  for all  $x \in C$ .*

### 3. RESULTS

Using Lemmas 2.1, 2.2 and Corollary 2.4, we can show the following strong convergence theorem of Browder's type for firmly nonexpansive-type mappings in Banach spaces:

**Theorem 3.1** ([15]). *Let  $E$  be a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive Banach space,  $C$  a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of  $E$  with  $0 \in C$ , and  $T$  a firmly nonexpansive-type mapping from  $C$  into itself. Then the following hold:*

- (1) *For each  $t \in (0, 1)$ , there exists a unique  $u_t \in C$  such that*

$$u_t = (1 - t)Tu_t;$$

- (2) *if  $E$  has the Kadec-Klee property and the norm of  $E$  is uniformly Gâteaux differentiable, then the net  $\{u_t\}$  converges strongly to  $P_{F(T)}(0)$  as  $t \downarrow 0$ , where  $P_{F(T)}$  denotes the metric projection from  $E$  onto  $F(T)$ .*

The following is a direct consequence of Theorem 3.1 and Lemma 2.5:

**Theorem 3.2** ([15]). *Let  $E$  be a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive Banach space and  $C$  a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of  $E$  with  $0 \in C$ . Let  $r$  be a positive real number,  $A \subset E \times E^*$  a monotone operator such that  $D(A) \subset C \subset J^{-1}R(J + rA)$ , and  $Q_r x = (J + rA)^{-1}Jx$  for all  $x \in C$ . Then the following hold:*

- (1) *For each  $t \in (0, 1)$ , there exists a unique  $u_t \in C$  such that*

$$u_t = (1 - t)Q_r u_t;$$

- (2) *if  $E$  has the Kadec-Klee property and the norm of  $E$  is uniformly Gâteaux differentiable, then the net  $\{u_t\}$  converges strongly to  $P_{A^{-1}0}(0)$  as  $t \downarrow 0$ , where  $P_{A^{-1}0}$  denotes the metric projection from  $E$  onto  $A^{-1}0$ .*

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $E$  be a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive Banach space and  $A \subset E \times E^*$  a maximal monotone operator such that  $D(A)$  is bounded and  $0 \in \overline{D(A)}$ , where  $\overline{D(A)}$  denotes the norm closure of  $D(A)$ . Let  $r$  be a positive real number and  $Q_r x = (J + rA)^{-1}Jx$  for all  $x \in \overline{D(A)}$ . Then the following hold:*

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(1) For each  $t \in (0, 1)$ , there exists a unique  $u_t \in \overline{D(A)}$  such that

$$u_t = (1 - t)Q_r u_t;$$

(2) if  $E$  has the Kadec–Klee property and the norm of  $E$  is uniformly Gâteaux differentiable, then the net  $\{u_t\}$  converges strongly to  $P_{A^{-1}0}(0)$  as  $t \downarrow 0$ , where  $P_{A^{-1}0}$  denotes the metric projection from  $E$  onto  $A^{-1}0$ .

*Proof.* We know that  $\overline{D(A)}$  is closed and convex. In fact,

$$(3.1) \quad \lim_{t \downarrow 0} J_t x = x$$

for all  $x \in \overline{\text{co}} D(A)$ , where  $\overline{\text{co}} D(A)$  denotes the closed convex hull of  $D(A)$  and  $J_t$  is defined by  $J_t = (I + tJ^{-1}A)^{-1}$  for all  $t > 0$ ; see [2, 25] for more details. Thus we have  $\overline{\text{co}} D(A) \subset \overline{D(A)}$ . This implies that  $\overline{\text{co}} D(A) = \overline{D(A)}$  and hence  $\overline{D(A)}$  is closed and convex.

Since  $A$  is maximal monotone, we know that  $R(J + rA) = E^*$  see [2, 7, 22, 25]. Putting  $C = \overline{D(A)}$ , we know that  $C$  is a bounded closed convex subset of  $E$  with  $0 \in C$ ,

$$(3.2) \quad D(A) \subset C \subset E = J^{-1}E^* = J^{-1}R(J + rA),$$

and  $Q_r$  is a firmly nonexpansive-type mapping from  $C$  into itself. Thus, by Theorem 3.2, we obtain the conclusion.  $\square$

Let  $E$  be a Banach space and  $f$  a function from  $E$  into  $(-\infty, \infty]$ . Then  $f$  is said to be *proper* if the *effective domain*  $D(f) = \{x \in E : f(x) \in \mathbb{R}\}$  of  $f$  is nonempty. It is said to be *convex* if

$$(3.3) \quad f(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) \leq \alpha f(x) + (1 - \alpha)f(y)$$

whenever  $x, y \in E$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . It is also said to be *lower semicontinuous* if  $\{x \in E : f(x) \leq r\}$  is closed in  $E$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $x \in E$  be given. Then a point  $x^* \in E^*$  is said to be a *subgradient* of  $f$  at  $x$  if

$$(3.4) \quad f(x) + \langle y - x, x^* \rangle \leq f(y)$$

for all  $y \in E$ . The set of subgradients of  $f$  at  $x$  is said to be the *subdifferential* of  $f$  at  $x$  and denoted by  $\partial f(x)$ . The mapping  $\partial f \subset E \times E^*$  is called the *subdifferential mapping* of  $f$ .

Using Corollary 3.3, we can also show the following corollary:

**Corollary 3.4** ([15]). *Let  $E$  be a smooth, strictly convex, and reflexive Banach space,  $r$  a positive real number, and  $f$  a proper lower semicontinuous convex function from  $E$  into  $(-\infty, \infty]$  such that  $D(f)$  is bounded and  $0 \in \overline{D(f)}$ . Then the following hold:*

(1) For each  $t \in (0, 1)$ , there exists a unique  $u_t \in \overline{D(f)}$  such that

$$u_t = (1 - t) \cdot \arg \min_{y \in E} \left\{ f(y) + \frac{1}{2r} \phi(y, u_t) \right\};$$

(2) if  $E$  has the Kadec–Klee property and the norm of  $E$  is uniformly Gâteaux differentiable, then the net  $\{u_t\}$  converges strongly to  $P(0)$  as  $t \downarrow 0$ , where  $P$  denotes the metric projection from  $E$  onto  $\arg \min_{y \in E} f(y)$ .

*Proof.* Brøndsted and Rockafellar's theorem [4] implies that  $D(\partial f)$  is norm dense in  $D(f)$ , that is,  $D(f) \subset \overline{D(\partial f)}$ ; see also [25]. This gives us that  $\overline{D(\partial f)} = \overline{D(f)}$ . Rockafellar's theorem [20, 21] also ensures that the subdifferential  $\partial f$  of  $f$  is maximal monotone; see also [25]. We also know that

$$(3.5) \quad Q_r x = \arg \min_{y \in E} \left\{ f(y) + \frac{1}{2r} \phi(y, x) \right\}$$

for all  $x \in C = \overline{D(f)}$ , where  $Q_r x = (J + r\partial f)^{-1}J$  for all  $x \in C$ ; see, for instance, [12, 25]. It is also known that  $(\partial f)^{-1}(0) = \arg \min_{y \in E} f(y)$  and  $D(\partial f) \subset D(f)$ . Thus, by Corollary 3.3, we obtain the conclusion.  $\square$

We do not know the answers to the following problems:

*Problem 3.5.* Is it possible to prove Theorem 3.1 without assuming that  $C$  is bounded?

*Problem 3.6.* Is it possible to prove Theorem 3.1 for a net of the form:  $x \in C$  and

$$(3.6) \quad u_t = tx + (1 - t)Tu_t$$

for all  $t \in (0, 1)$ ?

*Problem 3.7.* Is it possible to obtain an analogous result of Browder's strong convergence theorem for *nonspreading* mappings in Banach spaces?

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