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# A Theorem for Zeros of Maximal Monotone and Bounded Maps in Certain Banach Spaces

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# Abstract

Let X be a p–uniformly convex and q–uniformly smooth real Banach space with dual space  $X^*$ . Let  $T_1: X \to 2^{X^*}$  and  $T_2: X \to 2^{X^*}$  be bounded maximal monotone mappings. An iterative process is constructed and proved to converge strongly to a zero of sum of the two maps.

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#### 1 Introduction

Let H be a real Hilbert space. A map  $T : H \to 2^H$  is called monotone if for each  $x, y \in H$ , the following inequality holds:

$$
\langle \xi - \tau, x - y \rangle \ge 0 \quad \forall \xi \in Tx, \tau \in Ty. \tag{1.1}
$$

This monotonicity condition in Hilbert space has been extended to arbitrary normed linear spaces. To introduce one of two known and studied extensions, we need the following definition. Let E be a real normed space with dual space  $E^*$ . A mapping  $\hat{J}: E \to 2^{E^*}$  is called the normalised duality map if for each  $x \in E$ ,

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

A map  $T: E \to 2^E$  is called *accretive* if for each  $x, y \in E$ , there exists  $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$  such that

$$
\langle \xi - \tau, j(x - y) \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall \xi \in Tx, \tau \in Ty. \tag{1.2}
$$

It is well known that if E is a real Hilbert space, then  $J = I$ , the identity map on E. In this case, the inequality (1.2) reduces to inequality (1.1). Hence, accretivity in normed spaces is one extension of Hilbert space monotonicity condition to arbitrary real normed spaces.

The map  $T$  is called *maximal accretive* if it is accretive and, in addition, the graph of  $T$  is not properly contained in the graph of any other accretive operator. In other words, a map T is maximal accretive if and only if T is accretive and  $R(I + tT) = E$  for all  $t > 0$ . If  $E = H$ , a real Hilbert space, maximal accretive mappings are called maximal monotone.

Also, a mapping  $T: E \to 2^{E^*}$  is called monotone if for all  $x, y \in D(T)$ 

<span id="page-1-0"></span>
$$
\langle \xi - \zeta, x - y \rangle \ge 0 \quad \forall \xi \in Tx, \ \forall \zeta \in Ty. \tag{1.3}
$$

It is clear that if  $E = H$  a real Hilbert space, then  $E = E^* = H$  and inequality [\(1.3\)](#page-1-0) coincides with the monotonicity definition in Hilbert spaces. So, this is another extension of Hilbert space monotonicity.

A mapping  $T: X \to 2^{X^*}$  is said to be maximal monotone if it is monotone and for  $(x, u) \in X \times X^*$ the inequalities  $\langle u - v, x - y \rangle > 0$ , for all  $(y, v) \in G(T)$ , imply  $(x, u) \in G(T)$  where  $G(T)$  is the graph of T.

A fundamental problem in the study of monotone operators in Hilbert spaces is that of finding an element  $u \in H$  such that  $0 \in Tu$ . This problem has been investigated by many researchers.

The proximal point algorithm (PPA) introduced by Martinet [\[1\]](#page-10-0) and studied extensively by Rockafellar [\[2\]](#page-10-1) and numerous authors is concerned with an iterative method for approximating a solution of  $0 \in Tu$  where T is a maximal monotone operator. Specifically, given  $x_n \in H$ , the proximal point algorithm generates the next iterate  $x_{n+1}$  by solving the following equation:

$$
x_{n+1} = \left(I + \frac{1}{\lambda_n}T\right)^{-1}(x_n) + e_n,
$$
\n(1.4)

where  $\lambda_n > 0$  is a regularizing parameter.

Rockafellar [\[2\]](#page-10-1) proved that if the sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded from above, then the resulting sequence  ${x_n}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of proximal point iterates converges weakly to a solution of  $0 \in Tu$ , provided that a solution exists. He then posed the following question.

Question i. Does the proximal point algorithm always converge strongly?

Güler [\[3\]](#page-10-2), (see also Bauschke et al. [\[4\]](#page-10-3)) resolved this question in the negative. This raised the following question naturally.

Question ii. Can the proximal point algorithm be modified to guarantee strong convergence?

Authors like Bruck [\[5\]](#page-10-4),Solodov and Svaiter [\[6\]](#page-10-5), Kamimura and Takahashi [\[7\]](#page-10-6), Reich and Sabach [\[8\]](#page-10-7), Xu [\[9\]](#page-10-8) and Lehdili and Moudafi [\[10\]](#page-10-9) obtained modifications of the PPA that yield strong convergence.

Remark 1.1. Observe that in using the proximal point algorithm, at each step of the iteration process, one has to compute  $\left(I + \frac{1}{\lambda_n}T\right)^{-1}(x_n)$  and this may not generally be convenient in several applications.

Consequently, while thinking of modifications of the proximal point algorithm that will guarantee strong convergence, the following question may be, perhaps, more important than Question ii.

Question iii. Can an iteration process be developed which will not involve the computation of  $\left(I + \frac{1}{\lambda_n}T\right)^{-1}(x_n)$  at each step of the iteration process and which will still guarantee *strong convergence* to a solution of  $0 \in Tu$ ?

In response to *Question iii*, Chidume and Djitte  $[11]$  gave an affirmative answer when the space  $E$  involved is a 2-uniformly smooth real Banach space. In fact, they proved the following theorem.

<span id="page-2-0"></span>**Theorem 1.1.** Let E be a 2-uniformly smooth real Banach space, and let  $T : E \to E$  be a bounded  $m$ -accurative map. For arbitrary  $x_1 \in E$ , define a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  by,

$$
x_{n+1} = x_n - \lambda_n T x_n - \lambda_n \theta_n (x_n - x_1), \quad n \ge 1,
$$

where  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{\theta_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are sequences in  $(0,1)$  satisfying the folliowing conditions:

(i)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \theta_n = 0$ ,  $\{\theta_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is decreasing; (*ii*)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \theta_n = \infty$ ,  $\lambda_n = o(\theta_n);$  $(iii)$   $\lim_{n\to\infty}$  $\left\lceil \frac{\theta_{n-1}}{\theta_n} - 1 \right\rceil$  $\frac{\partial_n}{\partial x_i \partial y_j} = 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n^2 < \infty$ . There exists a constant  $\gamma_0 > 0$  such that if  $\lambda_n \leq \gamma_0 \theta_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges strongly to a solution of the equation  $Tx = 0$ .

Remark 1.2. We note here that  $L_p$  spaces,  $p \geq 2$  are 2-uniformly smooth but  $L_p$  spaces,  $p \in (1,2)$ are not. So, this theorem of Chidume and Djitte does not guarantee strong convergence to a solution of the equation  $Tu = 0$  on  $L_p$  spaces, for  $p \in (1, 2)$ .

Remark 1.3. A solution of  $0 \in Tu$  where T is an accretive-type multi-valued mapping, in general, corresponds to an equilibrium state of a dynamical system (see e.g., Zeidler, [\[12\]](#page-10-11)).

We now consider the inclusion  $0 \in Tu$  where  $T: E \to 2^{E^*}$  is of the monotone-type and E is a real normed space. Assuming  $f : E \to \mathbb{R} \cup {\infty}$  is a proper convex function, then, the subdifferential of  $f, \partial f : E \to 2^{E^*}$  is defined as follows: for  $x \in E$ ,

$$
\partial f(x) = \{x^* \in E^* : f(y) - f(x) \ge \langle y - x, x^* \rangle, \forall y \in E\}
$$

and it is easy to see that  $0 \in \partial f(u)$  if and only if u is a minimizer of f. It is equally easy to see that the subdifferential of  $f, \partial f : E \to 2^{E^*}$  satitsfies the following inequality:

$$
\langle x^* - y^*, x - y \rangle \ge 0 \,\forall x^* \in \partial f(x), y^* \in \partial f(y). \tag{1.5}
$$

In this case, the subdifferential is said to be monotone.

Remark 1.4. If T is the subdifferential of a convex functional defined on the Banach space E, then a solution of  $0 \in Tu$ , corresponds to a minimizer of some convex functional defined on E.

Our objective in this paper is to prove a strong convergence theorem for sum of two multi-valued maximal monotone and bounded mappings in p−uniformly convex and q−uniformly smooth real Banach space. This complements theorem [1.1](#page-2-0) and is applicable in all  $L_p$  spaces,  $1 < p < \infty$ . Our method of proof is different and of independent interest.

### 2 Preliminaries

Let E be a real normed linear space of dimension  $\geq 2$ . The modulus of smoothness of E,  $\rho_E : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ , is defined by:

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

A normed linear space  $E$  is called uniformly smooth if

$$
\lim_{\tau \to 0} \frac{\rho_E(\tau)}{\tau} = 0.
$$

It is well known (see e.g., Chidume [\[13\]](#page-10-12) p. 16, also Lindenstrauss and Tzafriri [\[14\]](#page-10-13)) that  $\rho_E$  is nondecreasing. If there exist a constant  $c > 0$  and a real number  $q > 1$  such that  $\rho_E(\tau) \leq c\tau^q$ , then E is said to be q-uniformly smooth. Typical examples of such spaces are the  $L_p$ ,  $\ell_p$  and  $W_p^m$ spaces for  $1 < p < \infty$  where,

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

A Banach space  $E$  is said to be *strictly convex* if

$$
||x|| = ||y|| = 1, \quad x \neq y \implies \left\| \frac{x+y}{2} \right\| < 1.
$$

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

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

The space E is uniformly convex if and only if  $\delta_E(\epsilon) > 0$  for every  $\epsilon \in (0, 2]$ .

It is also well known (see e.g., Chidume [\[13\]](#page-10-12) p. 34, also Lindenstrauss and Tzafriri [\[14\]](#page-10-13)) that  $\delta_E$ is nondecreasing. If there exist a constant  $c > 0$  and a real number  $p > 1$  such that  $\delta_E(\epsilon) \geq c\epsilon^p$ , then E is said to be *p*-uniformly convex. Typical examples of such spaces are the  $L_p$ ,  $\ell_p$  and  $W_p^m$ spaces for  $1 < p < \infty$  where,

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

The norm of E is said to be Fréchet differentiable if for each  $x \in S := \{u \in E : ||u|| = 1\}$ ,

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

exists and is attained uniformly for  $y \in E$ .

In what follows, we shall need the following definitions and results. Let  $E$  be a smooth real Banach space with dual  $E^*$ . The Lyapounov functional  $\phi : E \times E \to \mathbb{R}$ , is defined by,

<span id="page-4-0"></span>
$$
\phi(x, y) = ||x||^2 - 2\langle x, Jy \rangle + ||y||^2, \text{ for } x, y \in E,
$$
\n(2.1)

where  $J$  is the normalized duality mapping from  $E$  into  $E^*$ . It was introduced by Alber and has been studied by Alber [\[15\]](#page-10-14), Alber and Guerre-Delabriere [\[16\]](#page-10-15), Kamimura and Takahashi [\[7\]](#page-10-6), Reich [\[17\]](#page-11-0) and a host of other authors. If  $E = H$ , a real Hilbert space, then equation [\(2.1\)](#page-4-0) reduces to  $\phi(x, y) = \|x - y\|^2$  for  $x, y \in H$ . It is obvious from the definition of the function  $\phi$  that

$$
(\|x\| - \|y\|)^2 \le \phi(x, y) \le (\|x\| + \|y\|)^2 \text{ for } x, y \in E. \tag{2.2}
$$

Define a map  $V: X \times X^* \to \mathbb{R}$  by

$$
V(x, x^*) = ||x||^2 - 2\langle x, x^* \rangle + ||x^*||^2, \quad \text{for } x \in X, x^* \in X^*.
$$
 (2.3)

Then,

<span id="page-4-4"></span>
$$
V(x, x^*) = \phi(x, J^{-1}(x^*)) \,\forall x \in X, \ x^* \in X^*.
$$
\n(2.4)

<span id="page-4-3"></span>**Lemma 2.1** (Alber, [\[18\]](#page-11-1)). Let X be a reflexive strictly convex and smooth Banach space with  $X^*$ as its dual. Then,

$$
V(x, x^*) + 2\langle J^{-1}x^* - x, y^* \rangle \le V(x, x^* + y^*)
$$
\n(2.5)

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

<span id="page-4-6"></span>**Lemma 2.2** (Alber, [\[18\]](#page-11-1)). Let X be a reflexive strictly convex and smooth Banach space with  $X^*$ as its dual. Let  $W: X \times X \to \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{1}^k}$  be defined by  $W(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}\phi(y, x)$ . Then,

$$
W(x,y) - W(z,y) \ge \langle Jx - Jz, z - y \rangle,\tag{2.6}
$$

i.e.,

<span id="page-4-5"></span>
$$
\phi(y, x) - \phi(y, z) \ge 2\langle Jx - Jz, z - y \rangle,\tag{2.7}
$$

and also

<span id="page-4-7"></span>
$$
W(x,y) \le \langle Jx - Jy, x - y \rangle,\tag{2.8}
$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

<span id="page-4-1"></span>**Lemma 2.3** (Alber, [\[18\]](#page-11-1)). Let X be a uniformly convex Banach space. Then, for any  $R > 0$  and any  $x, y \in X$  such that  $||x|| \leq R$ ,  $||y|| \leq R$ , the following inequality holds:

$$
\langle Jx - Jy, x - y \rangle \ge (2L)^{-1} \delta_X (c_2^{-1} ||x - y||),
$$

where  $c_2 = 2max\{1, R\}, 1 < L < 1.7$ .

<span id="page-4-2"></span>**Lemma 2.4** (Alber, [\[18\]](#page-11-1)). Let X be a uniformly smooth and strictly convex Banach space. Then for any  $R > 0$  and any  $x, y \in X$  such that  $||x|| \leq R$ ,  $||y|| \leq R$  the following inequality holds:

$$
\langle Jx - Jy, x - y \rangle \ge (2L)^{-1} \delta_{X^*} (c_2^{-1} \| Jx - Jy \|),
$$

where  $c_2 = 2max\{1, R\}, 1 < L < 1.7$ .

<span id="page-4-8"></span>**Lemma 2.5** (Alber, [\[18\]](#page-11-1)). Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be maximal monotone operators from X to  $2^{X^*}$  and  $D(T_1) \cap int D(T_2) \neq \emptyset$ . Then their sum  $T_1 + T_2$  is also a maximal monotone operator.

Let  $E^*$  be a real strictly convex dual Banach space with a Fréchet differentiable norm. Let T:  $E \to 2^{E^*}$  be a maximal monotone map with no monotone extension. Let  $z \in E^*$  be fixed. Then, for every  $\lambda > 0$  there exists a unique  $x_{\lambda} \in E$  such that  $Jx_{\lambda} + \lambda Tx_{\lambda} \ni z$  (see [\[19\]](#page-11-2), p. 342). Setting  $J_{\lambda}z = x_{\lambda}$ , we have the resolvent  $J_{\lambda} := (J + \lambda T)^{-1} : E^* \to E$  of T for every  $\lambda > 0$ . The following is a celebrated result of Reich.

<span id="page-5-0"></span>**Lemma 2.6** (Reich, [\[19\]](#page-11-2)). Let  $E^*$  be a strictly convex dual Banach space with a Fréchet differentiable norm, and let T be a maximal monotone map from E to  $E^*$  such that  $T^{-1}0 \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $z \in E^*$  be arbitrary but fixed. For each  $\lambda > 0$  there exists a unique  $x_{\lambda} \in E$  such that  $Jx_{\lambda} + \lambda Tx_{\lambda} \ni z$ . Furthermore,  $x_{\lambda}$  converges strongly to a unique  $p \in T^{-1}0$ .

<span id="page-5-4"></span>**Lemma 2.7.** From Lemma [2.6,](#page-5-0) setting  $\lambda_n := \frac{1}{\theta_n}$  where  $\theta_n \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ ,  $\theta_n \leq \theta_{n-1} \ \ \forall \ \ n \geq 1, \ z = Jv \ \textit{for some} \ v \in E, \ \textit{and} \ y_n := \left( J + \frac{1}{\theta_n} T \right)^{-1} z, \ \textit{we obtain that:}$ 

<span id="page-5-1"></span>
$$
Ty_n = \theta_n (Jv - Jy_n),
$$
  
\n
$$
y_n \to y^* \in T^{-1}0,
$$
\n(2.9)

where  $T: E \to E^*$  is maximal monotone.

*Remark* 2.1. We observe that equation  $(2.9)$  yields

$$
Jy_{n-1} - Jy_n + \frac{1}{\theta_n} \Big( Ty_{n-1} - Ty_n \Big) = \frac{\theta_{n-1} - \theta_n}{\theta_n} \Big( Jv - Jy_{n-1} \Big).
$$

Taking the duality pairing of the LHS of this equation with  $y_{n-1} - y_n$ , and using the monotonicity of T we obtain that,

<span id="page-5-2"></span>
$$
\langle Jy_{n-1} - Jy_n, y_{n-1} - y_n \rangle \leq \frac{\theta_{n-1} - \theta_n}{\theta_n} \| Jv - Jy_{n-1} \| \| y_{n-1} - y_n \|.
$$
\n(2.10)

In a p-uniformly convex space, we have (see e.g., Chidume [\[13\]](#page-10-12), p.34,) that, for some constant  $r > 0$ ,

<span id="page-5-3"></span>
$$
\delta_E(\epsilon) \ge r\epsilon^p \qquad \text{for } 0 < \epsilon \le 2. \tag{2.11}
$$

From lemma [2.3](#page-4-1) and inequalities [\(2.10\)](#page-5-2) and [\(2.11\)](#page-5-3) we obtain that,

<span id="page-5-5"></span>
$$
||y_{n-1} - y_n|| \le \left(\frac{\theta_{n-1} - \theta_n}{\theta_n}\right)^{1/p} C_1, \quad \text{for some } C_1 > 0.
$$
 (2.12)

Similarly, from lemma [2.4](#page-4-2) and inequalities [\(2.10\)](#page-5-2) and [\(2.11\)](#page-5-3) we obtain that

<span id="page-5-6"></span>
$$
||Jy_{n-1} - Jy_n|| \le \left(\frac{\theta_{n-1} - \theta_n}{\theta_n}\right)^{1/p} C_2, \quad \text{for some } C_2 > 0.
$$
 (2.13)

<span id="page-5-8"></span>Lemma 2.8 (Kamimura and Takahashi, [\[7\]](#page-10-6)). Let X be a real smooth and uniformly convex Banach space, and let  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be two sequences of X. If either  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  or  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded and  $\phi(x_n, y_n) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ , then  $||x_n - y_n|| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ .

<span id="page-5-7"></span>**Lemma 2.9** (Xu, [\[20\]](#page-11-3)). Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of non-negative real numbers satisfying the following condition

$$
a_{n+1} \le (1 - \sigma_n)a_n + \sigma_n b_n + c_n, \, n \ge 0,
$$
\n(2.14)

where  ${\{\sigma_n\}}_{n=0}^{\infty}, {\{b_n\}}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  and  ${\{c_n\}}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  satisfy the conditions:

(i)  $\{\sigma_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \subset [0,1], \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_n = \infty$  or equivalently,  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \sigma_n) = 0$ ; (*ii*)  $\limsup_{n\to\infty} b_n \leq 0;$ (*iii*)  $c_n \ge 0$  ( $n \ge 0$ ),  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n < \infty$ . Then,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = 0.$ 

**Lemma 2.10.** Let E be a smooth real Banach space with dual  $E^*$  and the function  $\phi: E \times E \to \mathbb{R}$  defined by,

$$
\phi(x, y) = ||x||^2 - 2\langle x, Jy \rangle + ||y||^2, \text{ for } x, y \in E,
$$

where *J* is the normalized duality mapping from *E* into  $2^{E^*}$ . Then,

<span id="page-6-2"></span>
$$
\phi(y,x) = \phi(x,y) + 2\langle x, Jy \rangle - 2\langle y, Jx \rangle. \tag{2.15}
$$

### 3 Main Results

<span id="page-6-1"></span>**Theorem 3.1.** For  $p > 1$ ,  $q > 1$ , let E be a p-uniformly convex and q-uniformly smooth real Banach space and let  $E^*$  be its dual. Let  $T_1 : E \to 2^{E^*}$  and  $T_2 : E \to 2^{E^*}$  be maximal monotone and bounded maps such that  $(T_1 + T_2)^{-1}(0) \neq \emptyset$  For arbitrary  $u_1 \in E$ , define a sequence  $\{u_n\}$ iteratively by:

$$
u_{n+1}=J^{-1}(Ju_n-\alpha_n\xi_n-\alpha_n\tau_n-\alpha_n\theta_n(Ju_n-Ju_1)),\ \xi_n\in T_1u_n,\ \tau_n\in T_2u_n\ n\geq 1,
$$

where  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{\theta_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are sequences in  $(0,1)$  such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \theta_n = 0$ ,  $\lambda_n^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \gamma_0 \theta_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and for some  $\gamma_0 > 0$ . Then, the sequence  $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded.

*Proof.* Since  $(T_1 + T_2)^{-1}(0) \neq \emptyset$ , let  $u^* \in (T_1 + T_2)^{-1}(0)$ . Then, there exists  $r > 0$  such that

$$
\frac{r}{5} \ge \phi(u^*, u_1).
$$

Define  $B := \{x \in E : \phi(x^*, x) \leq r\}$ . We show that  $\phi(u^*, u_n) \leq r$ ,  $\forall n \geq 1$ ; we do this by induction. By construction,  $\phi(u^*, u_1) \leq r$ . Assume  $\phi(u^*, u_n) \leq r$  for some  $n \geq 1$ .

We show that  $\phi(u^*, u_{n+1}) \leq r$ . Suppose, for contradiction, that this is not the case, i.e., suppose that  $\phi(u^*, u_{n+1}) > r$ . Since  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are bounded, define

$$
M: = \sup\{\left|\left|\xi + \tau + \theta(Ju - Ju_1)\right|\right| : u \in B, \theta \in (0, 1), \xi \in T_1 u, \tau \in T_2 u\} + 1,
$$
  
\n
$$
K_1: = \sup\{\left|\left|J^{-1}(Ju - \alpha \xi - \alpha \tau - \alpha \theta(Ju - Ju_1)) - u\right|\right| : u \in B, \alpha, \theta \in (0, 1), \xi \in T_1 u, \tau \in T_2 u\} + 1,
$$
  
\n
$$
K_2: = \sup\{\left|\left|Ju - Ju_1\right|\right| : \left|\left|u\right|\right| \le r_0\} + 1 \text{ for some } r_0 > 0,
$$
  
\n
$$
M^* = \left(\frac{2Lc_2^p MK_1}{r}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}
$$
  
\n
$$
\gamma_0: = \min\left\{1, \frac{r}{10M^*(M + K_2)}, \frac{r}{10MK_1}\right\},
$$

where  $c_2$  and L are constants appearing in lemma [2.3.](#page-4-1)

From the recurrence relation,

<span id="page-6-0"></span>
$$
||Ju_{n+1} - Ju_n|| = \lambda_n ||\xi_n + \tau_n + \theta_n (Ju_n - Ju_1)|| \le \lambda_n M. \tag{3.1}
$$

Observe that using lemma [2.3,](#page-4-1) equations [\(2.11\)](#page-5-3) and [\(3.1\)](#page-6-0), we have

<span id="page-7-0"></span>
$$
||u_{n+1} - u_n|| \le \lambda_n^{\frac{1}{p}} M^*.
$$
\n(3.2)

Take  $y^* = \lambda_n \xi_n + \lambda_n \tau_n + \lambda_n \theta_n (Ju_n - Ju_1)$ . Using lemma [2.1](#page-4-3) and relation [\(2.4\)](#page-4-4), we now compute as follows:

$$
r < \phi(u^*, u_{n+1})
$$
\n
$$
= V(u^*, Ju_n - \lambda_n \xi_n - \lambda_n \tau_n - \lambda_n \theta_n (Ju_n - Ju_1))
$$
\n
$$
\leq V(u^*, Ju_n) - 2\langle u_{n+1} - u^*, \lambda_n \xi_n + \lambda_n \tau_n + \lambda_n \theta_n (Ju_n - Ju_1) \rangle
$$
\n
$$
= V(u^*, Ju_n) - 2\lambda_n \langle u_{n+1} - u_n, \xi_n + \tau_n + \theta_n (Ju_n - Ju_1) \rangle
$$
\n
$$
-2\lambda_n \langle u_n - u^*, \xi_n + \tau_n + \theta_n (Ju_n - Ju_1) \rangle
$$
\n
$$
\leq \phi(u^*, u_n) + 2\lambda_n \|u_{n+1} - u_n\| \|\xi_n + \tau_n + \theta_n (Ju_n - Ju_1) \|
$$
\n
$$
-2\lambda_n \langle u_n - u^*, \xi_n + \tau_n + \theta_n (Ju_n - Ju_1) \rangle.
$$

Using inequality [\(3.2\)](#page-7-0) and the fact that  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are monotone, we obtain

<span id="page-7-1"></span>
$$
\phi(u^*, u_{n+1})
$$

$$
\leq \phi(u^*, u_n) + 2\lambda_n(\lambda_n^{\frac{1}{p}})M^*M - 2\lambda_n\theta_n\langle u_n - u^*, Ju_n - Ju_1\rangle.
$$
 (3.3)

But using the monotonicity of  $J$ , we have that

$$
-2\lambda_n \theta_n \langle u_n - u^*, Ju_n - Ju_1 \rangle
$$
  
=  $-2\lambda_n \theta_n \langle u_n - u_{n+1}, Ju_n - Ju_{n+1} \rangle - 2\lambda_n \theta_n \langle u_n - u_{n+1}, Ju_{n+1} - Ju_1 \rangle$   
 $-2\lambda_n \theta_n \langle u_{n+1} - u^*, Ju_n - Ju_{n+1} \rangle - 2\lambda_n \theta_n \langle u_{n+1} - u^*, Ju_{n+1} - Ju_1 \rangle$   
 $\leq 2\lambda_n \theta_n \|u_{n+1} - u_n\| K_2 + 2\lambda_n \theta_n \|Ju_{n+1} - Ju_n\| K_1$   
 $+2\lambda_n \theta_n \langle u_{n+1} - u^*, Ju_1 - Ju_{n+1} \rangle.$ 

Using inequalities  $(3.2)$ ,  $(3.1)$  and inequality  $(2.7)$  in lemma [2.2](#page-4-6) we have that

$$
-2\lambda_n \theta_n \langle u_n - u^*, Ju_n - Ju_1 \rangle
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq 2\lambda_n \theta_n (\lambda_n^{\frac{1}{p}}) M^* K_2 + \lambda_n \theta_n \phi(u^*, u_1) - \lambda_n \theta_n \phi(u^*, u_{n+1}) + 2\lambda_n^2 \theta_n M K_1.
$$

So, from inequality [\(3.3\)](#page-7-1), we have, using conditions on  $\theta_n$  and  $\lambda_n$ , that

$$
r < \phi(u^*, u_{n+1})
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq \phi(u^*, u_n) - \lambda_n \theta_n \phi(u^*, u_{n+1}) + 2\lambda_n (\lambda_n^{\frac{1}{p}}) M^*(M + K_2) + \lambda_n \theta_n \phi(u^*, u_1) + 2\lambda_n^2 \theta_n M K_1
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq r - \lambda_n \theta_n r + \lambda_n \theta_n \frac{r}{5} + \lambda_n \theta_n \frac{r}{5} + \lambda_n \theta_n \frac{r}{5} < r.
$$

This is a contradiction. Hence,  $\phi(u^*, u_n) \leq r$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and so the sequence  $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded.

<span id="page-7-2"></span>**Theorem 3.2.** For  $p > 1$ ,  $q > 1$ , let E be a p-uniformly convex and q-uniformly smooth real Banach space and let  $E^*$  be its dual. Let  $T_1 : E \to 2^{E^*}$  and  $T_2 : E \to 2^{E^*}$  be maximal monotone and bounded maps such that  $(T_1 + T_2)^{-1}(0) \neq \emptyset$  and  $D(T_1) \cap intD(T_2) \neq \emptyset$ . For arbitrary  $u_1 \in E$ , define a sequence  $\{u_n\}$  iteratively by:

$$
u_{n+1} = J^{-1}(Ju_n - \alpha_n \xi_n - \alpha_n \tau_n - \alpha_n \theta_n (Ju_n - Ju_1)), \ \xi_n \in T_1 u_n, \ \tau_n \in T_2 u_n \ n \ge 1.
$$

where  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{\theta_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are sequences in  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \theta_n = \infty$ ,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\lambda_n^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\theta_n} = 0$  $\left(\frac{\theta_{n-1}-\theta_n}{\theta_n}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ 

and  $\lim_{n\to\infty}$  $\frac{\partial n}{\partial x_i \partial y_j} = 0$ . Then, the sequence  $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges strongly to a solution of  $0 \in (T_1 + T_2)u.$ 

Proof. Using the same method of computation as in theorem [3.1,](#page-6-1) relation [\(2.15\)](#page-6-2) and the fact that  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are monotone we have, for some constant  $M_1 > 0$ ,

 $\phi(y_n, u_{n+1})$ 

- $= V(y_n, Ju_n \lambda_n \xi_n \lambda_n \tau_n \lambda_n \theta_n (Ju_n Ju_1))$
- $\leq V(y_n, Ju_n) 2\langle u_{n+1} y_n, \lambda_n \xi_n + \lambda_n \tau_n + \lambda_n \theta_n (Ju_n Ju_1) \rangle$
- $= \phi(u_n, y_n) + 2\langle u_n, Jy_n \rangle 2\langle y_n, Ju_n \rangle 2\langle u_{n+1} y_n, \lambda_n \xi_n + \lambda_n \tau_n + \lambda_n \theta_n (Ju_n Ju_1) \rangle$
- $= V(u_n, Jy_n) + 2\langle u_n, Jy_n \rangle 2\langle y_n, Ju_n \rangle 2\langle u_{n+1} y_n, \lambda_n \xi_n + \lambda_n \tau_n + \lambda_n \theta_n (Ju_n Ju_1) \rangle$
- $\leq V(u_n, Jy_{n-1}) 2\langle y_n u_n, Jy_{n-1} Jy_n \rangle + 2\langle u_n, Jy_n \rangle 2\langle y_n, Ju_n \rangle$  $-2\langle u_{n+1} - y_n, \lambda_n \xi_n + \lambda_n \tau_n + \lambda_n \theta_n (Ju_n - Ju_1) \rangle$
- $= \phi(y_{n-1}, u_n) + 2\langle y_{n-1}, Ju_n \rangle 2\langle u_n, Jy_{n-1} \rangle 2\langle y_n u_n, Jy_{n-1} Jy_n \rangle$  $+2\langle u_n, Jy_n\rangle - 2\langle y_n, Ju_n\rangle - 2\langle u_{n+1} - y_n, \lambda_n \xi_n + \lambda_n \tau_n + \lambda_n \theta_n (Ju_n - Ju_1)\rangle$
- $= \phi(y_{n-1}, u_n) + 2\langle y_{n-1} y_n, Ju_n \rangle + 2\langle y_n, Jy_n Jy_{n-1} \rangle$  $-2\lambda_n\langle u_{n+1} - u_n, \xi_n + \tau_n + \theta_n(Ju_n - Ju_1) \rangle - 2\lambda_n\langle u_n - y_n, \xi_n + \tau_n + \theta_n(Ju_n - Ju_1) \rangle$
- $\leq \phi(y_{n-1}, u_n) + ||y_n y_{n-1}||M_1 + ||Jy_n Jy_{n-1}||M_1 + \lambda_n||u_{n+1} u_n||M_1$  $-2\lambda_n\langle u_n - y_n, (\xi_n + \tau_n) - (\zeta_n + \mu_n) \rangle - 2\lambda_n\langle u_n - y_n, \zeta_n + \mu_n \rangle - 2\lambda_n\theta_n\langle u_n - y_n, Ju_n - Ju_1 \rangle$

for  $y_n$  as in lemma [2.7,](#page-5-4)  $\zeta_n \in T_1y_n$  and  $\mu_n \in T_2y_n$ .

But for some constant  $K^* > 0$ , using equation [\(2.8\)](#page-4-7), the fact that  $u_n$  and  $y_n$  are bounded.

$$
-2\lambda_n \theta_n \langle u_n - y_n, Ju_n - Ju_1 \rangle
$$
  
=  $-2\lambda_n \theta_n \langle u_n - y_{n-1}, Ju_n - Jy_{n-1} \rangle - 2\lambda_n \theta_n \langle y_{n-1} - y_n, Ju_n - Jy_{n-1} \rangle$   
 $-2\lambda_n \theta_n \langle u_n - y_n, Jy_{n-1} - Ju_1 \rangle$   
 $\leq -\lambda_n \theta_n \phi(y_{n-1}, u_n) + \lambda_n \theta_n ||y_n - y_{n-1}||K^*$   
 $-2\lambda_n \theta_n \langle u_n - y_n, Jy_{n-1} - Jy_n \rangle - 2\lambda_n \theta_n \langle u_n - y_n, Jy_n - Ju_1 \rangle$   
 $\leq -\lambda_n \theta_n \phi(y_{n-1}, u_n) + \lambda_n \theta_n ||y_n - y_{n-1}||K^* + \lambda_n \theta_n ||Jy_{n-1} - Jy_n||K^*$   
 $-2\lambda_n \theta_n \langle u_n - y_n, Jy_n - Ju_1 \rangle.$ 

Also, from lemma [2.5,](#page-4-8)  $T_1 + T_2$  is maximal monotone and applying lemma [2.7,](#page-5-4) we have that  $-2\lambda_n\langle u_n-y_n,\zeta_n+\mu_n\rangle-2\lambda_n\theta_n\langle u_n-y_n,Jy_n-Ju_1\rangle = -2\lambda_n\langle u_n-y_n,(\zeta_n+\mu_n)+\theta_n(Jy_n-Ju_1)\rangle = 0.$ Hence,

$$
\phi(y_n, u_{n+1})
$$
\n
$$
\leq \phi(y_{n-1}, u_n) - \lambda_n \theta_n \phi(y_{n-1}, u_n) + \lambda_n ||u_{n+1} - u_n||M_1 + ||y_n - y_{n-1}||M_1 + ||y_n - y_{n-1}||M_1 + ||y_n - Jy_{n-1}||M_1 + \lambda_n \theta_n ||Jy_n - Jy_{n-1}||K^* + \lambda_n \theta_n ||y_n - y_{n-1}||K^*.
$$
\n(3.4)

Using inequalities [\(2.12\)](#page-5-5), [\(2.13\)](#page-5-6) and [\(3.2\)](#page-7-0), together with conditions on  $\theta_n$  and  $\lambda_n$  we have that,

$$
\phi(y_n, u_{n+1})
$$
\n
$$
\leq \phi(y_{n-1}, u_n) - \lambda_n \theta_n \phi(y_{n-1}, u_n) + \lambda_n (\lambda_n^{\frac{1}{p}}) M^* M_1 + \left(\frac{\theta_{n-1} - \theta_n}{\theta_n}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} C_1 M_1
$$
\n
$$
+ \left(\frac{\theta_{n-1} - \theta_n}{\theta_n}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} C_2 M_1 + \lambda_n \theta_n \left(\frac{\theta_{n-1} - \theta_n}{\theta_n}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} C_2 K^* + \lambda_n \theta_n \left(\frac{\theta_{n-1} - \theta_n}{\theta_n}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} C_1 K^*
$$
\n
$$
\leq \phi(y_{n-1}, u_n) - \lambda_n \theta_n \phi(y_{n-1}, u_n) + \lambda_n (\lambda_n^{\frac{1}{p}}) K_0 + \left(\frac{\theta_{n-1} - \theta_n}{\theta_n}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} K_0,
$$

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where  $K_0 := max\{M^*M_1, C_1M_1 + C_2M_1 + C_1K^* + C_2K^*\}.$ 

Setting

$$
a_n := \phi(y_{n-1}, u_n), \ \sigma_n := \lambda_n \theta_n, \ c_n \equiv 0,
$$

and

$$
b_n := K_0 \left[ \frac{\lambda_n^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\theta_n} + \frac{\left( \frac{\theta_{n-1} - \theta_n}{\theta_n} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\lambda_n \theta_n} \right]
$$

we obtain that

 $a_{n+1} \le (1 - \sigma_n)a_n + \sigma_n b_n + c_n, n \ge 0.$ 

It now follows from lemma [2.9](#page-5-7) that  $a_n \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ , *i.e.*,  $\phi(y_{n-1}, u_n) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Consequently, by lemma [2.8,](#page-5-8) we have that  $\lim ||u_n - y_{n-1}|| = 0$ . Since  $y_n \to y^* \in (T_1 + T_2)^{-1}(0)$ , we have that  $u_n$  converges strongly to  $y^*$ . This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

Example 3.3. Prototypes for our theorems are the following:

$$
\lambda_n = (n+1)^{-a}
$$
 and  $\theta_n = (n+1)^{-b}$ ,  $n \ge 1$ ,

where

$$
0
$$

For example, without loss of generality, set  $r = p$ , and take

$$
a:=\frac{1}{(p+1)};\ \ \, b:=\min\Bigl\{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2p(p+1)}\Bigr\},
$$

Remark 3.1. (see e.g., Alber [\[18\]](#page-11-1)) The analytical representations of duality mappings are known in a number of Banach spaces. For instance, in the spaces  $l^p$ ,  $L^p(G)$  and  $W_m^p(G)$ ,  $p \in (1,\infty)$ ,  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ , respectively,

$$
Jx = ||x||_{l^p}^{2-p} y \in l^q, \quad y = \{|x_1|^{p-2} x_1, |x_2|^{p-2} x_2, \dots\}, \quad x = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\},
$$

$$
Jx = ||x||_{L^p}^{2-p} |x(s)|^{p-2} x(s) \in L^q(G), \quad s \in G,
$$

and

.

$$
Jx = ||x||_{W_m^p}^{2-p} \sum_{|\alpha| \le m} (-1)^{|\alpha|} D^{\alpha} (|D^{\alpha} x(s)|^{p-2} D^{\alpha} x(s)) \in W_{-m}^q(G), m > 0, s \in G
$$

## 4 Conclusion

Theorem [3.2](#page-7-2) complements Theorem [1.1](#page-2-0) to provide iterative process for the approximation of zeros of bounded maximal monotone operators. The result is applicable in all  $L_p$  spaces,  $1 < p < \infty$ .

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