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# ITERATIVE METHODS FOR SPLIT FEASIBILITY PROBLEMS IN CERTAIN BANACH SPACES

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Dedicated to Professor Wataru Takahashi on the occasion of his 70th birthday with love and respect

ABSTRACT. In this paper, our aim is to introduce an iterative algorithm for solving split feasibility problems and prove the strong convergence of the sequence generated by our iterative scheme in p-uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach spaces. Our result complements many recent and important results in this direction.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be two *p*-uniformly convex real Banach spaces which are also uniformly smooth. Let *C* and *Q* be nonempty, closed and convex subsets of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively,  $A : E_1 \to E_2$  be a bounded linear operator and  $A^* : E_2^* \to E_1^*$  be the adjoint of *A*. The *split feasibility problem* (SFP) is to find a point

(1.1)  $x \in C$  such that  $Ax \in Q$ .

We assume that SFP (1.1) has a nonempty solution set  $\Omega := \{y \in C : Ay \in Q\} = C \cap A^{-1}(Q)$ . Then, we have that  $\Omega$  is a closed and convex subset of  $E_1$ .

The SFP in finite-dimensional Hilbert spaces was first introduced by Censor and Elfving [5] for modeling inverse problems which arise from phase retrievals and in medical image reconstruction [3]. The SFP attracts the attention of many authors due to its application in signal processing. Various algorithms have been invented to solve it (see, for example, [4, 13, 16, 31-34] and references therein).

In solving SFP (1.1) in *p*-uniformly convex real Banach spaces which are also uniformly smooth, Schöpfer *et al.* [21] proposed the following algorithm: For  $x_1 \in E_1$  and  $n \geq 1$ , set

(1.2) 
$$x_{n+1} = \prod_C J_{E_1}^* [J_{E_1}(x_n) - t_n A^* J_{E_2}(Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n))],$$

where  $\Pi_C$  denotes the Bregman projection and J the duality mapping. Clearly the above algorithm covers the Byrne's CQ algorithm [3]

$$x_{n+1} = P_C(x_n - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)Ax_n), n \ge 1,$$

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which is found to be a gradient-projection method (GPM) in convex minimization as a special case. They established the *weak convergence* of algorithm (1.2) under the condition that  $E_1$  is *p*-uniformly convex, uniformly smooth and the duality mapping of  $E_1$  is sequentially weak-to-weak-continuous.

We remark here that the condition that the duality mapping of  $E_1$  is sequentially weak-to-weak-continuous assumed in [21] excludes some important Banach spaces, such as the classical  $L_p(2 spaces.$ 

Recently, Wang [29] modified the above algorithm (1.2) and proved strong convergence for the following multiple-sets split feasibility problem (MSSFP): find  $x \in E_1$ satisfying

(1.3) 
$$x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{r} C_i, Ax \in \bigcap_{j=1+r}^{r+s} Q_j,$$

where r, s are two given integers,  $C_i, i = 1, ..., r$  is a closed convex subset in  $E_1$ , and  $Q_j, j = r + 1, ..., r + s$ , is a closed convex subset in  $E_2$ . He defined for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$T_n(x) = \begin{cases} \Pi_{C_i(n)}(x), \ 1 \le i(n) \le r, \\ J_{E_1}^*[J_{E_1}(x) - t_n A^* J_{E_2}(Ax - P_{Q_j(n)}(Ax))], \ r+1 \le i(n) \le r+s, \end{cases}$$

where  $i: \mathbb{N} \to I$  is the cyclic control mapping

$$i(n) = n \mod (r+s) + 1,$$

and  $t_n$  satisfies

(1.4) 
$$0 < t \le t_n \le \left(\frac{q}{C_q ||A||^q}\right)^{\frac{1}{q-1}},$$

with  $C_q$  a constant defined as in Lemma 2.1 and proposed the following algorithm: For any initial guess  $x_1 = \bar{x}$ , define  $\{x_n\}$  recursively by

(1.5) 
$$\begin{cases} y_n = T_n x_n \\ D_n = \{ w \in E_1 : \Delta_p(y_n, w) \le \Delta_p(x_n, w) \} \\ E_n = \{ w \in E_1 : \langle x_n - w, J_p(\bar{x}) - J_p(x_n) \ge 0 \} \\ x_{n+1} = \Pi_{D_n \cap E_n}(\bar{x}). \end{cases}$$

Using the idea in the work of Nakajo and Takahashi [14], he proved the following strong convergence theorem in p-uniformly convex Banach spaces which is also uniformly smooth.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be two p-uniformly convex real Banach spaces which are also uniformly smooth. Let C and Q be nonempty, closed and convex subsets of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively,  $A : E_1 \to E_2$  be a bounded linear operator and  $A^* : E_2^* \to E_1^*$ be the adjoint of A. Suppose that SFP (1.3) has a nonempty solution set  $\Omega$ . Let the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be generated by (1.5). Then  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges strongly to the Bregman projection of  $\bar{x}$  onto the solution set  $\Omega$ . The main advantage of result of Wang [29] is that the weak-to-weak continuity of the duality mapping, assumed in [21] is dispensed with and strong convergence result was achieved. On the other hand, to implement the algorithm (1.5) of Wang [29], one has to calculate, at each iteration, the Bregman projection onto the intersection of two half spaces  $D_n$  and  $E_n$ . Recently, some researchers have considered SFP in Banach spaces (see, for example, [2, 22–25, 28]).

Our aim in this paper is to construct another iterative scheme for solving problem (1.1) for which its implementation does not involve calculation of Bregman projection onto the intersection of two half spaces at each step of the iteration for which strong convergence is achieved in *p*-uniformly convex real Banach spaces which are also uniformly smooth.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be real Banach spaces and let  $A : E_1 \to E_2$  be a bounded linear operator. The *dual (adjoint)* operator of A, denoted by  $A^*$ , is a bounded linear operator defined by  $A^* : E_2^* \to E_1^*$ 

$$\langle A^* \bar{y}, x \rangle := \langle \bar{y}, Ax \rangle, \ \forall x \in E_1, \bar{y} \in E_2^*$$

and the equalities  $||A^*|| = ||A||$  and  $\mathcal{N}(A^*) = \mathcal{R}(A)^{\perp}$  are valid, where  $\mathcal{R}(A)^{\perp} := \{x^* \in E_2^* : \langle x^*, u \rangle = 0, \forall u \in \mathcal{R}(A)\}$ . For more details on bounded linear operators and their duals, please see [8,26,27].

Let  $1 < q \leq 2 \leq p$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Let *E* be a real Banach space. The *modulus* of convexity  $\delta_E : [0, 2] \to [0, 1]$  is defined as

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

*E* is called uniformly convex if  $\delta_E(\epsilon) > 0$  for any  $\epsilon \in (0, 2]$ ; *p*-uniformly convex if there is a  $c_p > 0$  so that  $\delta_E(\epsilon) \ge c_p \epsilon^p$  for any  $\epsilon \in (0, 2]$ . The modulus of smoothness  $\rho_E(\tau) : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  is defined by

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

*E* is called uniformly smooth if  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\rho_E(\tau)}{\tau} = 0$ ; *q*-uniformly smooth if there is a  $C_q > 0$  so that  $\rho_E(\tau) \leq C_q \tau^q$  for any  $\tau > 0$ . The  $L_p$  space is 2-uniformly convex for 1 and*p* $-uniformly convex for <math>p \geq 2$ . It is known that *E* is *p*-uniformly convex if and only if its dual  $E^*$  is *q*-uniformly smooth (see [12]).

The q-uniformly smooth spaces have the following estimate [30].

**Lemma 2.1** (Xu, [30]). Let  $x, y \in E$ . If E is q-uniformly smooth, then there is a  $C_q > 0$  so that

$$||x - y||^{q} \le ||x||^{q} - q\langle y, J_{E}^{q}(x)\rangle + C_{q}||y||^{q}.$$

Here and hereafter, we assume that E is a *p*-uniformly convex and uniformly smooth, which implies that its dual space,  $E^*$ , is *q*-uniformly smooth and uniformly

convex. In this situation, it is known that the duality mapping  $J_E^p$  is one-to-one, single-valued and satisfies  $J_E^p = (J_{E^*}^q)^{-1}$ , where  $J_{E^*}^q$  is the duality mapping of  $E^*$  (see [1,7]). Here the *duality mapping*  $J_E^p : E \to 2^{E^*}$  is defined by

$$J_E^p(x) = \{ \bar{x} \in E^* : \langle x, \bar{x} \rangle = ||x||^p, ||\bar{x}|| = ||x||^{p-1} \}$$

The duality mapping  $J_E^p$  is said to be weak-to-weak continuous if

$$x_n \rightharpoonup x \Rightarrow \langle J_E^p x_n, y \rangle \to \langle J_E^p x, y \rangle$$

holds true for any  $y \in E$ . It is worth noting that the  $\ell_p(p > 1)$  space has such a property, but the  $J^p_E(p > 2)$  space does not share this property.

Given a Gâteaux differentiable convex function  $f : E \to \mathbb{R}$ , the Bregman distance with respect to f is defined as:

$$\Delta_f(x,y) = f(y) - f(x) - \langle f'(x), y - x \rangle, \ x, y \in E$$

It is worth noting that the duality mapping  $J_p$  is in fact the derivative of the function  $f_p(x) = (\frac{1}{p})||x||^p$ . Then the Bregman distance with respect to  $f_p$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_p(x,y) &= \frac{1}{q} ||x||^p - \langle J_E^p x, y \rangle + \frac{1}{p} ||y||^p \\ &= \frac{1}{p} (||y||^p - ||x||^p) + \langle J_E^p x, x - y \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{q} (||x||^p - ||y||^p) - \langle J_E^p x - J_E^p y, x \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Given  $x, y, z \in E$ , one can easily get

(2.1) 
$$\Delta_p(x,y) = \Delta_p(x,z) + \Delta_p(z,y) + \langle z - y, J_E^p x - J_E^p z \rangle,$$

(2.2) 
$$\Delta_p(x,y) + \Delta_p(y,x) = \langle x - y, J_E^p x - J_E^p y \rangle.$$

Generally speaking, the Bregman distance is not a metric due to the absence of symmetry, but it has some distance-like properties. For the *p*-uniformly convex space, the metric and Bregman distance has the following relation (see [21]):

(2.3) 
$$\tau ||x-y||^p \le \Delta_p(x,y) \le \langle x-y, J_E^p x - J_E^p y \rangle.$$

where  $\tau > 0$  is some fixed number.

It is easy to see that if  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are bounded sequences of a *p*-uniformly convex and uniformly smooth *E*, then  $x_n - y_n \to 0$ ,  $n \to \infty$  implies that  $\Delta_p(x_n, y_n) \to 0$ ,  $n \to \infty$ .

Let C be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of E. The metric projection

$$P_C x = \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in C} ||x - y||, \ x \in E$$

is the unique minimizer of the norm distance, which can be characterized by a variational inequality:

(2.4) 
$$\langle J_E^p(x - P_C x), z - P_C x \rangle \le 0, \ \forall z \in C.$$

Likewise, one can define the Bregman projection:

$$\Pi_C x = \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in C} \Delta_p(x, y), \ x \in E,$$

as the unique minimizer of the Bregman distance (see [20]). The Bregman projection can also be characterized by a variational inequality:

(2.5) 
$$\langle J_E^p(x) - J_E^p(\Pi_C x), z - \Pi_C x \rangle \le 0, \ \forall z \in C,$$

from which one has

(2.6) 
$$\Delta_p(\Pi_C x, z) \le \Delta_p(x, z) - \Delta_p(x, \Pi_C x), \ \forall z \in C.$$

In Hilbert spaces, the metric projection and the Bregman projection with respect to  $f_2$  are coincident, but in general they are different. More importantly, the metric projection can not share the decent property (2.6) as the Bregman projection in Banach spaces.

Following [1,6], we make use of the function  $V_p: E^* \times E \to [0, +\infty)$  associated with  $f_p$ , which is defined by

$$V_p(\bar{x}, x) = \frac{1}{q} ||\bar{x}||^q - \langle \bar{x}, x \rangle + \frac{1}{p} ||x||^p, \forall x \in E, \bar{x} \in E^*.$$

Then  $V_p$  is nonnegative and

(2.7) 
$$V_p(\bar{x}, x) = \Delta_p(J_E^*(\bar{x}), x) = \Delta_p(J_E^q(\bar{x}), x)$$

for all  $x \in E$  and  $\bar{x} \in E^*$ . Moreover, by the subdifferential inequality,

(2.8) 
$$V_p(\bar{x}, x) + \langle \bar{y}, J_E^*(\bar{x}) - x \rangle \le V_p(\bar{x} + \bar{y}, x)$$

for all  $x \in E$  and  $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in E^*$  (see also [11], Lemmas 3.2 and 3.3; [15]). In addition,  $V_p$  is convex in the first variable. Thus, for all  $z \in E$ ,

(2.9) 
$$\Delta_p \Big( J_E^q \Big( \sum_{i=1}^N t_i J_E^p(x_i) \Big), z \Big) = \Delta_p \Big( J_E^* \Big( \sum_{i=1}^N t_i J_E^p(x_i) \Big), z \Big)$$
$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^N t_i \Delta_p(x_i, z),$$

where  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^N \subset E$  and  $\{t_i\}_{i=1}^N \subset (0,1)$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^N t_i = 1$ . For more details, please see [22].

We next state the following lemma which will be used in the sequel.

**Lemma 2.2.** (Xu [30]) Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers satisfying the following relation:

$$a_{n+1} \le (1 - \alpha_n)a_n + \alpha_n \sigma_n + \gamma_n, n \ge 1,$$

where, (i)  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [0,1], \ \sum \alpha_n = \infty$ ; (ii)  $\limsup \sigma_n \le 0$ ; (iii)  $\gamma_n \ge 0$ ;  $(n \ge 1), \ \sum \gamma_n < \infty$ . Then,  $a_n \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ .

We shall adopt the following notations in this paper:

- $x_n \to x$  means that  $x_n \to x$  strongly;
- $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  means that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  weakly;

•  $\omega_w(x_n) := \{x : \exists x_{n_j} \to x\}$  is the weak *w*-limit set of the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ . In this paper, we assume that  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are *p*-uniformly convex real Banach spaces which are also uniformly smooth,  $E_1^*$  is *q*-uniformly smooth real Banach space which is also uniformly convex where  $1 < q \leq 2 \leq p < \infty$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . We further assume that  $J_{E_1}^p$  and  $J_{E_2}^p$  represent the duality mappings of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively and  $J_{E_1}^p = (J_{E_1^*}^q)^{-1}$ , where  $J_{E_1^*}^q$  is the duality mapping of  $E_1^*$ .

## 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be two p-uniformly convex real Banach spaces which are also uniformly smooth. Let C and Q be nonempty, closed and convex subsets of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively,  $A : E_1 \to E_2$  be a bounded linear operator and  $A^* : E_2^* \to E_1^*$ be the adjoint of A. Suppose that SFP (1.1) has a nonempty solution set  $\Omega$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a sequence in (0,1). For a fixed  $u \in C$ , let sequences  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be generated by  $x_1 \in C$ ,

(3.1) 
$$\begin{cases} y_n = J_{E_1}^q [J_{E_1}^p(x_n) - t_n A^* J_{E_2}^p(Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n))] \\ x_{n+1} = \prod_C J_{E_1}^q(\alpha_n J_{E_1}^p(u) + (1 - \alpha_n) J_{E_1}^p(y_n)), \ n \ge 1. \end{cases}$$

Suppose the following conditions are satisfied:

(a)  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n = 0;$ (b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$  and (c)  $0 < t \le t_n \le k < \left(\frac{q}{C_q ||A||^q}\right)^{\frac{1}{q-1}}.$ 

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges strongly to an element  $\bar{x} \in \Omega$ , where  $\bar{x} = \prod_{\Omega} u$ .

Proof. Let  $x^* \in \Omega$ . Suppose  $w_n := Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n), \forall n \ge 1$ . Then we have  $y_n = J_{E_1^*}^q [J_{E_1}^p(x_n) - t_n A^* J_{E_2}^p(w_n)], \forall n \ge 1$ . It follows from (2.4) that

$$\langle J_{E_2}^p(w_n), Ax_n - Ax^* \rangle = ||Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n)||^p + \langle J_{E_2}^p(w_n), P_Q(Ax_n) - Ax^* \rangle$$

$$(3.2) \geq ||Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n)||^p = ||w_n||^p,$$

which, with Lemma 2.1, yields

$$\begin{split} \Delta_p(y_n, x^*) &= \Delta_p(J_{E_1}^q[J_{E_1}^p(x_n) - t_n A^* J_{E_2}^p(w_n)], x^*) \\ &= \frac{1}{q} ||J_{E_1}^p(x_n) - t_n A^* J_{E_2}^p(w_n)||^q - \langle J_{E_1}^p(x_n), x^* \rangle \\ &\quad + t_n \langle J_{E_2}^p(w_n), Ax^* \rangle + \frac{1}{p} ||x^*||^p \\ &\leq \frac{1}{q} ||J_{E_1}^p(x_n)||^q - t_n \langle Ax_n, J_{E_2}^p(w_n) \rangle + \frac{C_q(t_n ||A||)^q}{q} ||J_{E_2}^p(w_n)||^q \\ &\quad - \langle J_{E_1}^p(x_n), x^* \rangle + t_n \langle J_{E_2}^p(w_n), Ax^* \rangle + \frac{1}{p} ||x^*||^p \\ &= \frac{1}{q} ||x_n||^p - \langle J_{E_1}^p(x_n), x^* \rangle + \frac{1}{p} ||x^*||^p + t_n \langle J_{E_2}^p(w_n), Ax^* - Ax_n \rangle \end{split}$$

$$+\frac{C_q(t_n||A||)^q}{q}||J_{E_2}^p(w_n)||^q$$

$$= \Delta_p(x_n, x^*) + t_n \langle J_{E_2}^p(w_n), Ax^* - Ax_n \rangle + \frac{C_q(t_n||A||)^q}{q}||J_{E_2}^p(w_n)||^q$$

$$(3.3) \qquad \leq \Delta_p(x_n, x^*) - \left(t_n - \frac{C_q(t_n||A||)^q}{q}\right)||w_n||^p.$$

Using the condition (c), we have

$$\Delta_p(y_n, x^*) \le \Delta_p(x_n, x^*), \ \forall n \ge 1.$$

Now, using (3.1), we have

$$(3.4) \qquad \Delta_p(x_{n+1}, x^*) \leq \alpha_n \Delta_p(u, x^*) + (1 - \alpha_n) \Delta_p(y_n, x^*)$$
$$\leq \alpha_n \Delta_p(u, x^*) + (1 - \alpha_n) \Delta_p(x_n, x^*)$$
$$\leq \max\{\Delta_p(u, x^*), \Delta_p(x_n, x^*)\}$$
$$\vdots$$
$$\leq \max\{\Delta_p(u, x^*), \Delta_p(x_1, x^*)\}.$$

Hence,  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded. Let  $\bar{x} = \prod_{\Omega} u$ . The rest of the proof will be divided into two parts.

<u>Case 1</u>. Suppose that there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\{\Delta_p(x_n, \bar{x})\}_{n=n_0}^{\infty}$  is non-increasing. Then  $\{\Delta_p(x_n, \bar{x})\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges and  $\Delta_p(x_n, \bar{x}) - \Delta_p(x_{n+1}, \bar{x}) \to 0, n \to 0$  $\infty$ . Then from (3.3) and (3.4), we obtain

$$\left(t_n - \frac{C_q(t_n||A||)^q}{q}\right) ||Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n)||^p \leq \Delta_p(x_n, \bar{x}) - \Delta_p(y_n, \bar{x})$$

$$\leq \Delta_p(x_n, \bar{x}) - \Delta_p(x_{n+1}, \bar{x})$$

$$+ \alpha_n [\Delta_p(u, \bar{x}) - \Delta_p(y_n, \bar{x})].$$

$$(3.5)$$

By condition (c) and (3.5), we have

$$0 < t \left( 1 - \frac{C_q k^{q-1} ||A||^q}{q} \right) ||Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n)||^p \leq \left( t_n - \frac{C_q(t_n ||A||)^q}{q} \right) ||Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n)||^p \leq \Delta_p(x_n, \bar{x}) - \Delta_p(x_{n+1}, \bar{x}) + \alpha_n [\Delta_p(u, \bar{x}) - \Delta_p(y_n, \bar{x})] \to 0, n \to \infty.$$

Hence, we obtain

$$(3.6) \qquad \lim_{n \to \infty} ||Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n)|| = 0.$$
  
Since  $y_n = J_{E_1}^q [J_{E_1}^p(x_n) - t_n A^* J_{E_2}^p(Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n))]$ , then we have  
 $0 \le ||J_{E_1}^p(y_n) - J_{E_1}^p(x_n)|| \le t_n ||A^*||||J_{E_2}^p(Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n))||$   
 $(3.7) \le \left(\frac{q}{C_q ||A||^q}\right)^{\frac{1}{q-1}} ||A^*||||Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n)|| \to 0, n \to \infty.$ 

Therefore, we obtain

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} ||J_{E_1}^p(y_n) - J_{E_1}^p(x_n)|| = 0.$$

Since  $J_{E_1^*}^q$  is also norm-to-norm uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of  $E_1^*$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} ||y_n - x_n|| = 0.$$

Furthermore, we have from (3.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_p(x_{n+1}, y_n) &\leq & \alpha_n \Delta_p(u, y_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \Delta_p(y_n, y_n) \\ &= & \alpha_n \Delta_p(u, y_n) \to 0, n \to \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} ||x_{n+1} - y_n|| = 0$$

and this implies that

$$||x_{n+1} - x_n|| \le ||y_n - x_n|| + ||x_{n+1} - y_n|| \to 0, n \to \infty$$

Similarly,

$$||J_{E_1^*}^q[J_{E_1}^p(x_n) - t_n A^* J_{E_2}^p(Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n))] - x_n|| = ||y_n - x_n|| \to 0, n \to \infty.$$

Since  $J_{E_1}^p$  is norm-to-norm uniformly continuous on bounded sets, then

$$\begin{aligned} t||A^*J_{E_2}^p(Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n))|| &\leq t_n||A^*J_{E_2}^p(Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n))|| \\ &= ||J_{E_1}^p(x_n) - t_nA^*J_{E_2}^p(Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n)) - J_{E_1}^p(x_n)|| \\ &\to 0, n \to \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

(3.8) 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} ||A^* J_{E_2}^p (Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n))|| = 0$$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded, there exists  $\{x_{n_j}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $x_{n_j} \rightarrow z \in \omega_w(x_n)$ . From (2.2), (2.5) and (2.3), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_p(z, \Pi_C z) &\leq \langle J_{E_1}^p(z) - J_{E_1}^p(\Pi_C z), z - \Pi_C z \rangle \\ &= \langle J_{E_1}^p(z) - J_{E_1}^p(\Pi_C z), z - x_{n_j} \rangle + \langle J_{E_1}^p(z) - J_{E_1}^p(\Pi_C z), x_{n_j} - \Pi_C x_{n_j} \rangle \\ &+ \langle J_{E_1}^p(z) - J_{E_1}^p(\Pi_C z), \Pi_C x_{n_j} - \Pi_C z \rangle \\ &\leq \langle J_{E_1}^p(z) - J_{E_1}^p(\Pi_C z), z - x_{n_j} \rangle + \langle J_{E_1}^p(z) - J_{E_1}^p(\Pi_C z), x_{n_j} - \Pi_C x_{n_j} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

As  $j \to \infty$ , we obtain that  $\Delta_p(z, \Pi_C z) = 0$ . Thus,  $z \in C$ . Let us now fix  $x \in C$ . Then,  $Ax \in Q$  and

$$||(I - P_Q)Ax_{n_j}||^p = \langle J_{E_2}^p(Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_{n_j})), Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_{n_j}) \rangle = \langle J_{E_2}^p(Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_{n_j})), Ax_{n_j} - Ax \rangle + \langle J_{E_2}^p(Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_{n_j})), Ax - P_Q(Ax_{n_j}) \rangle \leq \langle J_{E_2}^p(Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_{n_j})), Ax_{n_j} - Ax \rangle \leq M||A^* J_{E_2}^p(I - P_Q)Ax_{n_j}|| \to 0, n \to \infty,$$

where M > 0 is sufficiently large number. It then follows from (2.4) that

$$||(I - P_Q)Az||^p = \langle J_{E_2}^p(Az - P_Q(Az)), Az - P_Q(Az) \rangle = \langle J_{E_2}^p(Az - P_Q(Az)), Az - Ax_{n_j} \rangle + \langle J_{E_2}^p(Az - P_Q(Az)), Ax_{n_j} - P_Q(Ax_{n_j}) \rangle + \langle J_{E_2}^p(Az - P_Q(Az)), P_Q(Ax_{n_j}) - P_Q(Az) \rangle \leq \langle J_{E_2}^p(Az - P_Q(Az)), Az - Ax_{n_j} \rangle + \langle J_{E_2}^p(Az - P_Q(Az)), Ax_{n_j} - P_Q(Ax_{n_j}) \rangle.$$

Let  $w_n = J_{E_1^*}^q(\alpha_n J_{E_1}^p(u) + (1 - \alpha_n) J_{E_1}^p(y_n)), n \ge 1$ . Then  $\Delta_p(w_n, y_n) = \Delta_p(J_{E_1^*}^q(\alpha_n J_{E_1}^p(u) + (1 - \alpha_n) J_{E_1}^p(y_n)), y_n)$   $\le \alpha_n \Delta_p(u, y_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) \Delta_p(y_n, y_n)$  $= \alpha_n \Delta_p(u, y_n) \to 0, n \to \infty.$ 

Hence, by (2.3) we have  $\lim_{n \to \infty} ||w_n - y_n|| = 0$ . Furthermore

$$||w_n - x_n|| \le ||x_n - y_n|| + ||w_n - y_n|| \to 0, \ n \to \infty.$$

Since  $x_{n_j} \rightharpoonup z$  and  $||w_n - x_n|| \rightarrow 0$ , we have that  $w_{n_j} \rightharpoonup z$ . Also, since  $Ax_{n_j} \rightharpoonup Az$ , we have from (3.9) that

$$|(I - P_Q)Az|| = 0.$$

Thus,  $Az \in Q$ . Furthermore, we observe that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle w_n - \bar{x}, J_{E_1}^p(u) - J_{E_1}^p(\bar{x}) \rangle = \lim_{j \to \infty} \langle w_{n_j} - \bar{x}, J_{E_1}^p(u) - J_{E_1}^p(\bar{x}) \rangle$$
(3.10)
$$= \langle z - \bar{x}, J_{E_1}^p(u) - J_{E_1}^p(\bar{x}) \rangle \le 0.$$

Furthermore, by (2.8) and (2.7) we have

$$\begin{split} \Delta_{p}(x_{n+1},\bar{x}) &\leq \Delta_{p}(J_{E_{1}}^{q}(\alpha_{n}J_{E_{1}}^{p}(u)+(1-\alpha_{n})J_{E_{1}}^{p}(y_{n})),\bar{x}) \\ &= V_{p}(\alpha_{n}J_{E_{1}}^{p}(u)+(1-\alpha_{n})J_{E_{1}}^{p}(y_{n}),\bar{x}) \\ &\leq V_{p}(\alpha_{n}J_{E_{1}}^{p}(u)+(1-\alpha_{n})J_{E_{1}}^{p}(y_{n})-\alpha_{n}(J_{E_{1}}^{p}(u)-J_{E_{1}}^{p}(\bar{x})),\bar{x}) \\ &-\langle J_{E_{1}}^{q}(\alpha_{n}J_{E_{1}}^{p}(u)+(1-\alpha_{n})J_{E_{1}}^{p}(y_{n}))-\bar{x},-\alpha_{n}(J_{E_{1}}^{p}(u)-J_{E_{1}}^{p}(\bar{x}))\rangle \\ &= V_{p}(\alpha_{n}J_{E_{1}}^{p}(\bar{x})+(1-\alpha_{n})J_{E_{1}}^{p}(y_{n}),\bar{x}) \\ &+\alpha_{n}\langle w_{n}-\bar{x},J_{E_{1}}^{p}(u)-J_{E_{1}}^{p}(\bar{x})\rangle \\ (3.11) &= \Delta_{p}(J_{E_{1}}^{q}(\alpha_{n}J_{E_{1}}^{p}(\bar{x})+(1-\alpha_{n})J_{E_{1}}^{p}(y_{n})),\bar{x}) \\ &+\alpha_{n}\langle w_{n}-\bar{x},J_{E_{1}}^{p}(u)-J_{E_{1}}^{p}(\bar{x})\rangle \\ &\leq \alpha_{n}\Delta_{p}(\bar{x},\bar{x})+(1-\alpha_{n})\Delta_{p}(y_{n},\bar{x}) \\ &+\alpha_{n}\langle w_{n}-\bar{x},J_{E_{1}}^{p}(u)-J_{E_{1}}^{p}(\bar{x})\rangle \\ &= (1-\alpha_{n})\Delta_{p}(y_{n},\bar{x})+\alpha_{n}\langle w_{n}-\bar{x},J_{E_{1}}^{p}(u)-J_{E_{1}}^{p}(\bar{x})\rangle . \end{split}$$

Using Lemma 2.2 and (3.10) in (3.11), we obtain

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \Delta_p(x_n, \bar{x}) = 0.$$

Thus,  $x_n \to \bar{x}, n \to \infty$ .

Case 2

Assume that  $\{\Delta_p(x_n, \bar{x})\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is not monotonically decreasing sequence. Set  $\Gamma_n = \Delta_p(x_n, \bar{x}), \forall n \ge 1$  and let  $\tau : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  be a mapping for all  $n \ge n_0$  (for some  $n_0$  large enough) by

$$\tau(n) := \max\{k \in \mathbb{N} : k \le n, \Gamma_k \le \Gamma_{k+1}\}.$$

Clearly,  $\tau$  is a non decreasing sequence such that  $\tau(n) \to \infty$  as  $n \to \infty$  and

$$0 \leq \Gamma_{\tau(n)} \leq \Gamma_{\tau(n)+1}, \forall n \geq n_0$$

After a similar conclusion from (3.6), it is easy to see that

$$|Ax_{\tau(n)} - P_Q x_{\tau(n)}|| \to 0, n \to \infty.$$

By the similar argument as above in Case 1, we conclude immediately that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} ||A^* J_{E_2}^p (A x_{\tau(n)} - P_Q (A x_{\tau(n)}))|| = 0$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} ||x_{\tau(n)+1} - x_{\tau(n)}|| = 0$$

and

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle w_{\tau(n)} - \bar{x}, J_{E_1}^p(u) - J_{E_1}^p(\bar{x}) \rangle \le 0$$

Since  $\{x_{\tau(n)}\}\$  is bounded, there exists a subsequence of  $\{x_{\tau(n)}\}\$ , still denoted by  $\{x_{\tau(n)}\}\$  which converges weakly to  $z \in C$  and  $Az \in Q$ . From (3.11) we have that

$$\Delta_p(x_{\tau(n)+1}, \bar{x}) \le (1 - \alpha_{\tau(n)}) \Delta_p(x_{\tau(n)}, \bar{x}) + \alpha_{\tau(n)} \langle w_{\tau(n)} - \bar{x}, J_{E_1}^p(u) - J_{E_1}^p(\bar{x}) \rangle$$

which implies that (noting that  $\Gamma_{\tau(n)} \leq \Gamma_{\tau(n)+1}$  and  $\alpha_{\tau(n)} > 0$ )

$$\Delta_p(x_{\tau(n)}, \bar{x}) \le \langle w_{\tau(n)} - \bar{x}, J_{E_1}^p(u) - J_{E_1}^p(\bar{x}) \rangle.$$

This implies that

$$\limsup \Delta_p(x_{\tau(n)}, \bar{x}) \le 0.$$

Thus,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \Delta_p(x_{\tau(n)}, \bar{x}) = 0$ . So,

(3.12) 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} ||x_{\tau(n)} - \bar{x}|| = 0.$$

Since  $\lim_{n \to \infty} ||x_{\tau(n)+1} - x_{\tau(n)}|| = 0$ , we have that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} ||x_{\tau(n)+1} - \bar{x}|| = 0$ . Now, by (2.3), we have that

$$0 \leq \Delta_p(x_{\tau(n)+1}, \bar{x}) \leq \langle x_{\tau(n)+1} - \bar{x}, J_{E_1}^p(x_{\tau(n)+1}) - J_{E_1}^p(\bar{x}) \rangle \\ \leq ||x_{\tau(n)+1} - \bar{x}|| ||J_{E_1}^p(x_{\tau(n)+1}) - J_{E_1}^p(\bar{x})|| \to 0, n \to \infty.$$

Furthermore, for  $n \ge n_0$ , it is easy to see that  $\Gamma_{\tau(n)} \le \Gamma_{\tau(n)+1}$  if  $n \ne \tau(n)$  (that is,  $\tau(n) < n$ ), because  $\Gamma_j \ge \Gamma_{j+1}$  for  $\tau(n) + 1 \le j \le n$ . As a consequence, we obtain for all  $n \ge n_0$ ,

$$0 \le \Gamma_n \le \max\{\Gamma_{\tau(n)}, \Gamma_{\tau(n)+1}\} = \Gamma_{\tau(n)+1}.$$

Hence  $\lim \Gamma_n = 0$ , that is,  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $\bar{x}$ . This completes the proof.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be two  $L_p$  spaces with  $2 \le p < \infty$ . Let C and Q be nonempty, closed and convex subsets of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively,  $A : E_1 \to E_2$  be a bounded linear operator and  $A^* : E_2^* \to E_1^*$  be the adjoint of A. Suppose that SFP (1.1) has a nonempty solution set  $\Omega$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a sequence in (0,1). For a fixed  $u \in C$ , let sequences  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be generated by  $x_1 \in C$ ,

$$\begin{cases} y_n = J_{E_1^*}^q [J_{E_1}^p(x_n) - t_n A^* J_{E_2}^p(Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n))] \\ x_{n+1} = \prod_C J_{E_1^*}^q(\alpha_n J_{E_1}^p(u) + (1 - \alpha_n) J_{E_1}^p(y_n)), n \ge 1. \end{cases}$$

Suppose the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n = 0;$$
  
(b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$  and  
(c)  $0 < t \le t_n \le k < \left(\frac{q}{C_q ||A||^q}\right)^{\frac{1}{q-1}}$ 

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges strongly to an element  $\bar{x} \in \Omega$ , where  $\bar{x} = \prod_{\Omega} u$ .

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be two real Hilbert spaces. Let C and Q be nonempty, closed and convex subsets of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  respectively,  $A : H_1 \to H_2$  be a bounded linear operator and  $A^* : H_2 \to H_1$  be the adjoint of A. Suppose that SFP (1.1) has a nonempty solution set  $\Omega$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a sequence in (0,1). For a fixed  $u \in C$ , let sequences  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be generated by  $x_1 \in C$ ,

$$y_n = x_n - t_n A^* (Ax_n - P_Q(Ax_n))$$
  
$$x_{n+1} = P_C(\alpha_n u + (1 - \alpha_n)y_n), \ n \ge 1.$$

Suppose the following conditions are satisfied:

(a)  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n = 0;$ (b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$  and (c)  $0 < t \le t_n \le k < \frac{2}{||A||^2}.$ 

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges strongly to an element  $\bar{x} \in \Omega$ , where  $\bar{x} = P_{\Omega}u$ .

## 4. An Application

In this section, we give an application of Theorem 3.1 to the convexly constrained linear inverse problem in *p*-uniformly convex real Banach spaces which are also uniformly smooth.

Consider the convexly constrained linear inverse problem (cf [9])

(4.1) 
$$\begin{cases} Ax = b, \\ x \in C, \end{cases}$$

where  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are two *p*-uniformly convex real Banach spaces which are also uniformly smooth and  $A: E_1 \to E_2$  is a bounded linear mapping and  $b \in E_2$ . It is well known that the projected Landweber method (see, [10]) given by

$$\begin{cases} x_1 \in C, \\ x_{n+1} = P_C[x_n - \lambda A^*(Ax_n - b)], n \ge 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $A^*$  is the adjoint of A and  $0 < \lambda < 2\alpha$  with  $\alpha = \frac{1}{||A||^2}$ , converges weakly to a solution of (4.1). In what follows, we present an algorithm with strong convergence for solving (4.1).

**Corollary 4.1.** Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be two p-uniformly convex real Banach spaces which are also uniformly smooth. Let C and Q be nonempty, closed and convex subsets of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively,  $A : E_1 \to E_2$  be a bounded linear operator and  $A^* : E_2^* \to E_1^*$ be the adjoint of A. Suppose that the convexly constrained linear inverse problem (4.1) is consistent and let  $\Omega$  denote its solution set. Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a sequence in (0, 1). For a fixed  $u \in E_1$ , let sequences  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be generated by  $x_1 \in E_1$ ,

(4.2) 
$$\begin{cases} y_n = J_{E_1}^q [J_{E_1}^p(x_n) - t_n A^* J_{E_2}^p(Ax_n - b)] \\ x_{n+1} = \prod_C J_{E_1}^q (\alpha_n J_{E_1}^p(u) + (1 - \alpha_n) J_{E_1}^p(y_n)), \ n \ge 1. \end{cases}$$

Suppose the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n = 0;$$
  
(b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$  and  
(c)  $0 < t \le t_n \le k < \left(\frac{q}{C^{11/41}}\right)$ 

(c)  $0 < t \le t_n \le k < \left(\frac{q}{C_q ||A||^q}\right)^{\frac{1}{q-1}}$ . Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges strongly to an element  $\bar{x} \in \Omega$ , where  $\bar{x} = \prod_{\Omega} u$ .

*Proof.* For each  $n \ge 1$ , replacing  $b = P_Q(Ax_n), x_n \in E_1$  implies that (3.1) reduces to (4.2). Thus, by Theorem 3.1 we obtain the desired conclusion.

*Remark* 4.2. We make the following remark concerning our contributions in this paper.

1. The weak-to-weak continuity of the duality mapping assumed in [21] is dispensed with in this paper and strong convergence is achieved.

2. In implementing the algorithm (1.5), one has to calculate, at each iteration, the Bregman projection onto the intersection of two half spaces but in this our iterative algorithm (3.1), one does not have to calculate, at each iteration, the Bregman projection onto the intersection of two half spaces. Hence, our algorithm (3.1) appears more efficient and implementable than the algorithm of Wang [29].

3. Our result in this paper complement the recent results of [2, 22–25, 28] on split feasibility problems in Banach spaces.

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