

## AN APPROXIMATION METHOD FOR MONOTONE LIPSCHITZIAN OPERATORS IN HILBERT SPACES

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### Abstract

Suppose  $H$  is a complex Hilbert space and  $K$  is a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$ . Suppose  $T: K \rightarrow H$  is a monotone Lipschitzian mapping with constant  $L \geq 1$  such that, for  $x$  in  $K$  and  $h$  in  $H$ , the equation  $x + Tx = h$  has a solution  $q$  in  $K$ . Given  $x_0$  in  $K$ , let  $\{C_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be a real sequence satisfying: (i)  $C_0 = 1$ , (ii)  $0 \leq C_n < L^{-2}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , (iii)  $\sum_n C_n(1 - C_n)$  diverges. Then the sequence  $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  in  $H$  defined by  $p_n = (1 - C_n)x_n + C_n Sx_n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , where  $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  in  $K$  is such that, for each  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\|x_n - P_{n-1}\| = \inf_{x \in K} \|p_{n-1} - x\|$ , converges strongly to a solution  $q$  of  $x + Tx = h$ . Explicit error estimates are given. A similar result is also proved for the case when the operator  $T$  is locally Lipschitzian and monotone.

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Let  $X$  be an arbitrary Banach space. An operator  $T$  with domain  $D(T)$  and range  $R(T)$  in  $X$  is said to be *monotone* [7] if

$$(1) \quad \|x - y\| \leq \|x - y + t(Tx - Ty)\| \quad \text{for every } x, y \in D(A) \text{ and } t > 0.$$

If  $X = H$ , a complex Hilbert space, condition (1) reduces to  $\operatorname{Re}\langle x - y, Tx - Ty \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $x, y$  in  $H$ . Operators satisfying (1) are sometimes referred to as *accretive* (see e.g. [2]). The accretive operators were introduced by T. Kato [7] and F. E. Browder [2] in 1967. In 1968, Browder proved that if  $T: X \rightarrow X$  is locally Lipschitzian and accretive, then  $(I + T)(X) = X$ ; this result was subsequently generalized by R. H. Martin [12] in 1970 to the continuous accretive operators. In 1974 K. Deimling [5] generalized Martin's result by showing that if  $V$  is an open

subset of  $X$  and  $T$  a continuous mapping of  $V$  into  $X$ , and if  $T$  is locally closed, locally one-to-one and locally accretive, then  $T(V)$  is open. For some interesting applications of this result the reader may consult [9] or [10].

An early fundamental result in the theory of monotone operators on Hilbert space due to Zarantonello [14] states that the operator equation  $x + Tx = h$  has a unique solution  $x$  in  $H$  for each  $h$  in  $H$ , provided that  $T$  is monotonic and Lipschitzian. Recently Dotson [6] has shown that if  $T: H \rightarrow H$  is monotonic and has Lipschitz constant 1 (in this case the operator  $T$  is called *nonexpansive* in the terminology of [8]), then an iterative process of the type introduced by W. R. Mann [11], under certain conditions, converges strongly to the unique solution of the equation.

Our object in this paper is to construct an iterative process which converges strongly to a solution of the operator equation  $x + Tx = f$  for  $f$  in  $H$  and  $x$  in  $K$  where  $T: K \rightarrow H$  is a monotonic Lipschitzian operator with Lipschitz constant  $L \geq 1$ , and where  $K$  is a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$ . Thus, our result generalizes Dotson's theorem both in the domain of definition of the operator and in the range of its Lipschitz constant. Furthermore, we prove a convergence result for the equation  $x + Tx = f$  when  $T$  is *locally* Lipschitzian and monotone.

**THEOREM 1.** *Suppose  $H$  is a complex Hilbert space and  $K$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$ . Suppose  $T: K \rightarrow H$  is a monotonic Lipschitzian mapping with constant  $L \geq 1$  such that, for  $x$  in  $K$ , and  $h$  in  $H$ , the equation  $x + Tx = h$  has a solution  $q$  in  $K$ . Define  $S: K \rightarrow H$  by  $Sx = -Tx + h$  for all  $x$  in  $K$ . Given  $x_0$  in  $K$ , let  $\{C_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be a real sequence satisfying: (i)  $C_0 = 1$ , (ii)  $0 \leq C_n < L^{-2}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , (iii)  $\sum_n C_n(1 - C_n)$  diverges. Then the sequence  $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  in  $H$  defined by  $p_n = (1 - C_n)x_n + C_n Sx_n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , where  $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  in  $K$  is such that, for each  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\|x_n - p_{n-1}\| = \inf_{x \in K} \|p_{n-1} - x\|$ , converges strongly to a solution  $q$  of  $x + Tx = h$ .*

**PROOF.** We observe that  $q$  is a fixed point of  $S$  and that  $\|Sx - Sy\| \leq L\|x - y\|$  for all  $x, y$  in  $K$ . Moreover, monotonicity of  $T$  implies that  $\operatorname{Re}\langle Sx - Sy, x - y \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $x, y$  in  $K$ . Let  $R: H \rightarrow K$  be the map which assigns to each point  $x$  of  $H$  the unique point of  $K$  which is nearest to  $x$ . Then  $R$  is nonexpansive [4]. Starting with  $x_0 \in K$  we obtain  $Sx_0$  in  $H$  and so compute  $p_0$  from  $p_0 = (1 - C_0)x_0 + C_0 Sx_0$  in  $H$ . Then  $x_1 = R(p_0)$  lies in  $K$ , so that  $p_1 = (1 - C_1)x_1 + C_1 Sx_1$ . By continuing this process we generate the sequence  $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  in  $H$ . Observe that

$$(2) \quad \|x_n - q\| = \|R(p_{n-1}) - R(q)\| \leq \|p_{n-1} - q\| \quad \text{for each } n \geq 1.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}\|p_n - q\|^2 &= \|(1 - C_n)(x_n - q) + C_n(Sx_n - Sq)\|^2 \\ &= (1 - C_n)^2 \|x_n - q\|^2 + C_n^2 \|Sx_n - Sq\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2C_n(1 - C_n)\operatorname{Re}\langle Sx_n - Sq, x_n - q \rangle \\ &\leq \{(1 - C_n)^2 + L^2 C_n^2\} \|x_n - q\|^2,\end{aligned}$$

since  $\operatorname{Re}\langle Sx_n - Sq, x_n - q \rangle \leq 0$ ,  $C_n \in [0, 1)$  and  $\|Sx_n - Sq\| \leq L\|x_n - q\|$ . Thus, using (2) we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned}(3) \quad \|p_n - q\|^2 &\leq \{(1 - C_n)^2 + L^2 C_n^2\} \|p_{n-1} - q\|^2 \\ &= (1 - [C_n(1 - C_n) + C_n(1 - L^2 C_n)]) \|p_{n-1} - q\|^2 \\ &\leq \prod_{k=1}^n [1 - \{C_k(1 - C_k) + C_k(1 - L^2 C_k)\}] \|p_0 - q\|^2,\end{aligned}$$

and for all  $k$ ,  $C_k(1 - C_k) + C_k(1 - L^2 C_k) \leq \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4L^2} < 1$  (since  $L \geq 1$ ). Moreover, the divergence of  $\sum_k C_k(1 - C_k)$  implies that

$$\prod_{k=1}^n [1 - \{C_k(1 - C_k) + C_k(1 - L^2 C_k)\}] \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence  $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  converges strongly to  $q$ , completing the proof of the theorem.

#### REMARKS.

(i) Our theorem generalizes the theorem of [6] to mappings with Lipschitz constant  $L \geq 1$  and to mappings which may only be defined on nonempty closed convex subsets  $K$  of  $H$  and which take values in  $H$ .

(ii) With the notation of the theorem, if  $K = H$ , the iteration scheme of the theorem can be simplified to  $x_{n+1} = (1 - C_n)x_n + C_n Sx_n$ ,  $x_0 \in H$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . In this case, a theorem of Zarantonello [14] guarantees the existence of a unique fixed point, say  $q$ , of  $S$  in  $H$ . Then, it follows that

$$\|x_{n+1} - q\|^2 \leq [1 - \{C_n(1 - C_n) + C_n(1 - C_n L^2)\}] \|x_n - q\|^2,$$

and, as in the proof of the above theorem,  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges strongly to  $q$ .

There are some particular choices of  $C_n$  and an alternate method which give the additional information of an error estimate. Choose  $C_n = 1/(n + L^2)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Then, clearly,  $C_n < L^{-2}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . It is easy to see that  $\sum C_n(1 - C_n)$  diverges. Let  $q$  denote a solution of  $x + Tx = h$ . Then, as in the proof of the theorem, using the same notation, from (3) we obtain,

$$(4) \quad \|p_n - q\|^2 \leq \left[ \frac{(n + L^2 - 1)^2}{(n + L^2)^2} + \frac{L^2}{(n + L^2)^2} \right] \|p_{n-1} - q\|^2.$$

Observe that inequality (3) also yields  $\|p_n - q\| \leq \|p_{n-1} - q\|$  for all  $n \geq 1$  (since for all  $k$ ,  $C_k(1 - C_k) + C_k(1 - L^2C_k) < 1$ ), so that (4) yields

$$(5) \quad (n + L^2)^2 \|p_n - q\|^2 - (n + L^2 - 1)^2 \|p_{n-1} - q\|^2 \leq L^2 \|p_0 - q\|^2.$$

Summing inequality (5) for  $n = 1$  to  $N$  and observing that the left hand side telescopes, we obtain

$$(N + L^2)^2 \|p_N - q\|^2 - L^2 \|p_0 - q\|^2 \leq NL^2 \|p_0 - q\|^2,$$

so that for each  $N = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , we have

$$\|p_N - q\|^2 \leq \frac{L^2}{(N + L^2)} \|p_0 - q\|^2.$$

Thus,  $\{p_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges to  $q$ , and for each  $n$  we have

$$\|p_n - q\| \leq \left( \frac{L^2}{n + L^2} \right)^{1/2} \|p_0 - q\|.$$

**DEFINITION.** Let  $D(T)$  denote the domain of a map  $T$ . Then  $T: D(T) \rightarrow H$  is called *locally Lipschitzian* with constant  $L \geq 1$  if, for each  $q$  in  $D(T)$ , there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$(6) \quad \|Tx - Ty\| \leq L\|x - y\| \text{ whenever } \|x - q\| \leq \varepsilon \text{ and } \|y - q\| \leq \varepsilon.$$

**THEOREM 2.** Suppose  $T: D(T) \rightarrow H$  is a locally Lipschitzian (with Lipschitz constant  $L \geq 1$ ) monotone operator with  $D(T) \subseteq H$  open, and let  $f \in H$ . Suppose the equation  $x + Tx = f$  has a solution  $q$  in  $D(T)$ , and define  $S$  by  $Sx = -Tx + f$ . Let  $\{C_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be a real sequence satisfying (i)  $C_0 = 1$ , (ii)  $0 \leq C_n < L^{-2}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , and (iii)  $\sum_n C_n(1 - C_n)$  diverges. For  $q \in B \subseteq H$ , where  $B$  is closed and convex, define the sequences  $\{p_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $H$  and  $\{X_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  in  $B$  by (a)  $X_0 \in B$  arbitrary, (b)  $p_{n+1} = (1 - C_n)X_n + C_nSX_n$ , and (c)  $X_n$  is the point in  $B$  such that  $\|X_n - p_{n-1}\| = \inf_{x \in B} \|p_{n-1} - x\|$ . Then, for any initial guess  $X_0$  in  $B$ , the sequence  $\{p_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges strongly to a solution  $q$  in  $B$  of  $x + Tx = f$ .

**PROOF.** Let  $q$  be a solution of  $x + Tx = f$ . Since  $T$  is locally Lipschitzian, given any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , choose  $\hat{\varepsilon} \in (0, \varepsilon)$  so that (6) is satisfied. Let  $B = \{X \in H: \|q - X\| \leq \hat{\varepsilon}\}$ . Then  $B$  is closed and convex. Since  $\{X_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  is contained in  $B$ , we have

$$\|SX_n - Sq\| = \|TX_n - Tq\| \leq L\|X_n - q\| \text{ for all } n.$$

The rest of the argument is now exactly as in the proof of Theorem 1 and is, therefore, omitted.

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