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### SPLIT EQUALITY FIXED POINT PROBLEMS FOR LIPSCHITZ HEMI-CONTRACTIVE MAPPINGS

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**Abstract.** A very important general class of split feasiblity problem was introduced by Moudafi and Al-Shamas [13], in the case when the mappings are firmly nonexpansive defined on real Hilbert spaces. We propose in this paper a new Krasnoselskii's-type algorithm to solve the problem in the more general case when the mappings are Lipschitz hemicontractive. We show that the proposed algorithm converges weakly to a solution of the problem. We also show that the iterative sequence obtained converges strongly to a solution of the problem under suitable compactness assumptions.

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# 1. Introduction

Let *H* be a real Hilbert space and let *K* be a closed convex and bounded subset of *H*. Let  $T: K \to K$  be a mapping. A fixed point of *T* is simply a point  $x \in K$  such that Tx = x. The collection of all fixed points of *T* is denoted by F(T). The mapping *T* is said to be

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• demi-contractive if

$$||Tx - Tp||^2 \le ||x - p||^2 + k||x - Tx||$$

for some  $k \in (0, 1)$  and all  $(x, p) \in K \times F(T)$ ,

• hemicontractive if

$$||Tx - Tp||^2 \le ||x - p||^2 + ||x - Tx||^2$$

for all  $(x, p) \in K \times F(T)$ .

• *Lipschitzian* if there exists L > 0 such that

$$||Tx - Ty|| \le L||x - y||.$$

The split equality problem was introduced by Moudafi and Al-Shemas[13] in (2013) as a generalization of the split feasibility problem which appear as inverse problems in phase retrivial, medical image recontruction, intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) and so on (see e.g., Byrne [3], Censor *et al.* [4], Censor *et al.* [5], and Censor and Elfving [6]). It serves as a model for inverse problems in the case where constraints are imposed on the solutions in the domain of a linear transformation an also in its range.

The split equality problem of Moudafi is stated as follows:

(1) Find 
$$x \in C = F(S)$$
 and  $y \in Q = F(T)$  such that  $Ax = By$ ,

where  $A : H_1 \to H_3$  and  $B : H_2 \to H_3$  are two bounded linear operators,  $H_1$ ,  $H_2$ , and  $H_3$  are real Hilbert spaces, while  $S : H_1 \to H_1$  and  $T : H_2 \to H_2$  firmly quasi-nonexpansive mappings, respectively.

They studied the convergence of a weakly coupled iterative algorithm given by

(2) 
$$(SEP) \begin{cases} x_{n+1} = S(x_n - \gamma_n A^* (Ax_n - By_n)), \\ y_{n+1} = T(y_n + \gamma_n B^* (Ax_n - By_n)), n \ge 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $A^*$  and  $B^*$  are the adjoints of *A* and *B*, respectively, while  $\lambda$  is the sum of the spectral radii of  $A^*A$  and  $\gamma_n \in (0, \frac{2}{\lambda})$ .

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The iterative algorithm of Moudafi was for firmly quasi-nonexpansive mapping which has very attractive properties that makes the use of this simple iterative algorithm introduced suitable.

The algorithm of Moudafi and Al-shamas has great merits because it is implementable without the use of projections and yet it is a generalization of the split equality problem if we set  $H_3 = H_2$  and B = I. The algorithm was extended by Yuan-Fang *et al*. [17] who introduced the following algorithm for solving problem (2):

(3)  
$$\begin{cases} \forall x_1 \in H_1, \quad \forall y_1 \in H_2, \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n) x_n + \alpha_n S(x_n - \gamma_n A^* (Ax_n - By_n)), \\ y_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n) y_n + \alpha_n T(y_n + \gamma_n B^* (Ax_n - By_n)), \quad \forall n \ge 1. \end{cases}$$

where  $S: H_1 \to H_1$ ,  $T: H_2 \to H_2$  are still two *firmly quasi-nonexpansive mappings*,  $A: H_1 \to H_3$ ,  $B: H_2 \to H_3$  are bounded linear operators,  $A^*$  and  $B^*$  are the adjoints of A and B, respectively,  $\gamma_n \in (0, \frac{2}{\lambda})$ , where  $\lambda$  is the sum of the spectral radii of  $A^*A$  and  $B^*B$ , respectively, and  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [\alpha, 1]$  (for some  $\alpha > 0$ ). Under suitable conditions, the authors obtained strong and weak convergence results, respectively. It was therefore natural to investigate if the split equality problem can be extended to a more general class of mappings apart from the class of firmly quasi-nonexpansive mappings studied by Moudafi and Al-Shamas [13], and Yuan-Fang *et al.* [17].

Motivated by the work of Moudafi and Al-Shamas, Chidume *et al.* [10] studied convergence theorems for split equality problem involving two *demi-contractive* mappings. They introduced the following Krasnoselskii-type iterative algorithm

(4) 
$$\begin{cases} \forall x_1 \in H_1, \quad \forall y_1 \in H_2, \\ x_{n+1} = (1-\alpha) \left( x_n - \gamma A^* (Ax_n - By_n) \right) + \alpha U \left( x_n - \gamma A^* (Ax_n - By_n) \right), \\ y_{n+1} = (1-\alpha) \left( y_n + \gamma B^* (Ax_n - By_n) \right) + \alpha T \left( y_n + \gamma B^* (Ax_n - By_n) \right), \quad \forall n \ge 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $U: H_1 \rightarrow H_1$ ,  $T: H_2 \rightarrow H_2$  are two *demi-contractive mappings* defined on Hilbert spaces. The class of demi-contractive mappings properly contains the class of firmly quasinonexpansive mappings which was studied by Moudafi and Al-Shemas [13]. The aim of the present study is to extend the split equality problem of Moudafi and Al-Shamas [13], and Chidume *et al.* [10], to Lipschitz hemicontractive mappings. The very important class of hemicontractive mapping contains pseudocontractive mappings with nonempty fixed point sets. The later has been studied extensively, for example, by Browder and Petryshn [1], Browder [2], Chidume [8], Chidume and Zegeye [9], Kirk [11], Maruster[12], Xu [15] and a host of other authors, and is known to properly contain the important class of demicontractive mappings studied by Chidume *et al.* [10]. We will discuss some weak and strong convergence theorem for a mean value sequence introduced.

Our theorems and corollaries extend and generalize the results of Censor and Segal [7], Chidume *et al.* [10], Maruster *et al.* [12], Moudafi and Al-Shemas [13], Xu [16], Yuan-Fang *et al.* [17], and a host of other results.

## 2. Preliminaries

We introduce in this section some definitions, notations and results which will be needed in proving our main theorem. In the sequel, strong convergence is denoted by " $\rightarrow$ " and weak convergence by " $\rightarrow$ ". We recall the following useful definitions and lemmas.

**Definition 2.1.** [Demiclosedness principle] Let  $T : K \to K$  be a mapping. Then I - T is called *demiclosed* at zero if for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in H such that  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ , and  $||x_n - Tx_n|| \rightarrow 0$ , then Tx = x.

**Definition 2.2.** A mapping  $T : K \to K$  is called *hemicompact* if, for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - Tx_n|| = 0$ , there exists a subsequence, say,  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $x_{n_k} \to p \in K$ .

Trivial examples of hemicompact mappings are mappings with compact domains.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let *H* be a Hilbert space. Then the following identity holds:

(5) 
$$\|\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y\|^2 = \lambda \|x\|^2 + (1-\lambda)\|y\|^2 - \lambda(1-\lambda)\|x-y\|^2,$$

where  $\lambda \in (0,1)$  and  $x, y \in H$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** (Xu [15]) Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers satisfying the following relation  $a_{n+1} \leq a_n + \sigma_n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_n < \infty$ . Then,  $\lim a_n$  exists. If, in addition,  $\{a_n\}$  has a subsequence that converges to 0, then  $a_n$  converges to 0 as  $n \to \infty$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** ([Opial's Lemma [14]) Let H be a real Hilbert space and  $x_n$  be a sequence in Hfor which there exists a nonempty set  $\Gamma \subseteq H$  such that for every  $x \in \Gamma$ ,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} ||x_n - x||$  exists and any weak-cluster point of the sequence belongs to  $\Gamma$ . Then, there exists  $x^* \in \Gamma$  such that  $\{x_n\}$ converges weakly to  $x^*$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be two real Hilbert spaces. Then, the product  $H_1 \times H_2$  is a Hilbert with inner product  $\langle (x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \rangle_* := \langle x_1, y_1 \rangle_1 + \langle x_2, y_2 \rangle_2$  where  $\langle ., . \rangle_1, \langle ., . \rangle_2$  are the inner products on  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  respectively.

## 3. Main results

In this section, we propose a coupled iterative algorithm for solving the split equality fixed point problem, involving hemicontractive mappings, as stated below:

(6) Find 
$$x \in C = F(S)$$
 and  $y \in Q = F(T)$  such that  $Ax = By$ ,

where  $A : H_1 \to H_3$  and  $B : H_2 \to H_3$  are two bounded linear operators,  $H_1$ ,  $H_2$ , and  $H_3$  are real Hilbert spaces, while  $S : H_1 \to H_1$  and  $T : H_2 \to H_2$  hemicontractive mappings, respectively. Henceforth, given two Lipschitz hemicontractive mappings *S* and *T*, we define the set

(7) 
$$\Gamma := \{ (p,q) \in H_1 \times H_2 : Sp = p, Tq = q \},\$$

and a mapping  $G: H_1 \times H_2 \rightarrow H_1 \times H_2$  by

(8) 
$$G(x,y) := (S(x - \lambda A^*(Ax - By)), T(y + \lambda B^*(Ax - By)).$$

It is easily to seen that *G* is Lipschitz. Moreover, for  $(p,q) \in \Gamma$ , G(p,q) = (p,q). Now consider the coupled iterative algorithm given below

(9) 
$$\begin{cases} (x_1, y_1) \in H_1 \times H_2, \text{ chosen arbitarily,} \\ (x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) = (1 - \alpha)((x_n - \lambda A^* (Ax_n - By_n), y_n + \lambda B^* (Ax_n - By_n)) + \alpha G(u_n, v_n), \\ (u_n, v_n) = (1 - \alpha)((x_n - \lambda A^* (Ax_n - By_n), y_n + \lambda B^* (Ax_n - By_n)) + \alpha G(x_n, y_n), \\ \alpha \in (0, L^{-2}(\sqrt{L^2 + 1} - 1)) \\ \lambda \in (0, \frac{2\alpha}{\lambda(A,B)}), \end{cases}$$

where  $\bar{\lambda}(A,B)$  is the sum of the spectral radii of  $A^*A$  and  $B^*B$  and *L* the Lipschitz constant of *G*. We show in what follows that the iterative sequence generated by the algorithm above converges weakly to a solution of split equalty problem (6).

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $H_1, H_2, H_3$  be real Hilbert spaces,  $S : H_1 \to H_1$  and  $T : H_2 \to H_2$  two Lipschitz hemicontractive mappings, and  $A : H_1 \to H_3$  and  $B : H_2 \to H_3$  are two bounded linear mappings. Then the coupled sequence  $(x_n, y_n)$  generated by the algorithm (3.4) converges weakly to a solution  $(x^*, y^*)$  of problem (6).

**Proof.** Define  $||(x,y)||_*^2 = ||x||_1^2 + ||y||_2^2$ . Taking  $(p,q) \in \Gamma$  and using Lemma 2.3, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|(x_{n+1},y_{n+1}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} &= \|(1-\alpha)((x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}), y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n})) - (p,q)) \\ &+ \alpha(G(u_{n},v_{n}) - (p,q))\|_{*}^{2} \\ &\leq (1-\alpha) \Big[ \|(x_{n},y_{n}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} - 2\lambda \|Ax_{n} - By_{n}\|_{*}^{2} + \lambda^{2}(\bar{\lambda}(A,B))\|Ax_{n} - By_{n}\|^{2} \Big] \\ &+ \alpha \|G(u_{n},v_{n}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} \\ &- \alpha(1-\alpha) \|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}), y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n})) - G(u_{n},v_{n})\|_{*}^{2}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the definition of the mapping G and the hemicontractive properties of S and T we get

$$\begin{split} \|G(u_{n},v_{n})-(p,q)\|_{*}^{2} &= \|G(u_{n},v_{n})-G(p,q)\|_{*}^{2} \\ &\leq \|(u_{n}-\lambda A^{*}(Au_{n}-Bv_{n}),v_{n}+\lambda B^{*}(Au_{n}-Bv_{n}))-(p,q)\|_{*}^{2} \\ &+ \|(u_{n}-\lambda A^{*}(Au_{n}-Bv_{n}),v_{n}+\lambda B^{*}(Au_{n}-Bv_{n}))-G(u_{n},v_{n})\|_{*}^{2} \\ &\leq \|(u_{n},v_{n})-(p,q)\|_{*}^{2}-\lambda(2-\lambda(\bar{\lambda}(A,B)))\|Au_{n}-Bv_{n}\|^{2} \\ &+ \|(u_{n}-\lambda A^{*}(Au_{n}-Bv_{n}),v_{n}+\lambda B^{*}(Au_{n}-Bv_{n}))-G(u_{n},v_{n})\|_{*}^{2}. \end{split}$$

In view of the inequalities above, we obtain

(10)  

$$\|(x_{n+1},y_{n+1}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} \leq (1-\alpha) \Big[ \|(x_{n},y_{n}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} - \lambda (2-\lambda(\bar{\lambda}(A,B))) \|Ax_{n} - By_{n}\|^{2} \Big]$$
(11) 
$$+ \alpha \Big[ \|(u_{n},v_{n}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} - \lambda (2-\lambda(\bar{\lambda}(A,B))) \|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2} \Big]$$

(12) 
$$+ \|(u_n - \lambda A^*(Au_n - Bv_n), v_n + \lambda B^*(Au_n - Bv_n)) - G(u_n, v_n)\|_*^2.$$

(13) 
$$-\alpha(1-\alpha)\|(x_n-\lambda A^*(Ax_n-By_n),y_n+\lambda B^*(Ax_n-By_n)-G(u_n,v_n)\|_*^2.$$

Using the definition of  $u_n$  and  $v_n$ , we have the following chain of inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \|(u_{n},v_{n}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} &= \|(1-\alpha)[(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}), y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n})) - (p,q) \\ &+ \alpha[G(x_{n},y_{n}) - (p,q)]\|_{*}^{2} \\ &\leq (1-\alpha) \left[ \|(x_{n},y_{n}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} - \lambda(2 - \lambda(\bar{\lambda}(A,B))) \|Ax_{n} - By_{n}\|^{2} \right] \\ &+ \alpha \left[ \|(x_{n},y_{n}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} - \lambda(2 - \lambda(\bar{\lambda}(A,B))) \|Ax_{n} - By_{n}\|^{2} \\ &+ \|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}), y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - G(x_{n},y_{n})\|_{*}^{2} \right] \\ &- \alpha(1-\alpha) \|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}), y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - G(x_{n},y_{n})\|_{*}^{2}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|(u_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}), v_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - G(u_{n}, v_{n})\|_{*}^{2}. \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha) \|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}), y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n})) - G(u_{n}, v_{n})\|^{2} \\ &+ \alpha \|G(x_{n}, y_{n}) - G(u_{n}, v_{n})\|^{2} \\ &- \alpha (1 - \alpha) \|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}), y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n})) - G(x_{n}, y_{n})\|^{2}. \end{aligned}$$

If we substitute these inequalities into their rightful positions in inequality (10), we get the following:

$$\begin{split} \|(x_{n+1},y_{n+1}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} &\leq (1-\alpha) \left[ \|(x_{n},y_{n}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} - \lambda(2-\lambda(\bar{\lambda}(A,B)))\|Ax_{n} - By_{n}\|^{2} \right] \\ &+ \alpha \left[ (1-\alpha) \left[ \|(x_{n},y_{n}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} - \lambda(2-\lambda(\bar{\lambda}(A,B)))\|Ax_{n} - By_{n}\|^{2} \right] \\ &+ \alpha \left[ \|(x_{n},y_{n}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} - \lambda(2-\lambda(\bar{\lambda}(A,B)))\|Ax_{n} - By_{n}\|^{2} \right] \\ &+ \|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}),y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - G(x_{n},y_{n})\|_{*}^{2} \right] \\ &- \alpha(1-\alpha)\|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}),y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - G(x_{n},y_{n})\|_{*}^{2} . \\ &- \lambda(2-\lambda(\bar{\lambda}(A,B)))\|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2} \right] \\ &+ (1-\alpha)\|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}),y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n})) - G(u_{n},v_{n})\|^{2} \\ &+ \alpha\|G(x_{n},y_{n}) - G(u_{n},v_{n})\|^{2} \\ &- \alpha(1-\alpha)\|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}),y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n})) - G(x_{n},y_{n})\|^{2} \right] \\ &- \alpha(1-\alpha)\|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}),y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n})) - G(x_{n},y_{n})\|^{2} \right] \\ &- \alpha(1-\alpha)\|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}),y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n})) - G(x_{n},y_{n})\|^{2} \right] \\ &- \alpha(1-\alpha)\|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}),y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n})) - G(x_{n},y_{n})\|^{2} \right] \\ &- \alpha(1-\alpha)\|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}),y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - G(u_{n},v_{n})\|^{2} \right] \\ &- \alpha(1-\alpha)\|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}),y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - G(u_{n},v_{n})\|^{2} \right] \\ &- \alpha(1-\alpha)\|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}),y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - G(u_{n},v_{n})\|^{2} \right] \\ &- \alpha(1-\alpha)\|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}),y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - G(u_{n},v_{n})\|^{2} \right]$$

Gathering all the similar terms together, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|(x_{n+1},y_{n+1}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} &\leq \|(x_{n},y_{n}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} - \lambda(2 - \lambda(\bar{\lambda}(A,B))) \|Ax_{n} - By_{n}\|^{2} \\ &- (\alpha^{2} - 2\alpha^{3}) \|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}), y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - G(x_{n},y_{n})\|_{*}^{2} \\ &- \alpha\lambda(2 - \lambda(\bar{\lambda}(A,B))) \|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2} \Big] \\ &+ \alpha^{2} \|G(x_{n},y_{n}) - G(u_{n},v_{n})\|_{*}^{2}. \end{aligned}$$

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Again since S and T are Lipschiptz with Lipschitz constant, say,  $L_s$  and  $L_t$  respectively. Set  $L = \max\{L_s, L_t\}$ . Then,

$$\begin{split} \|G(x_{n}, y_{n}) - G(u_{n}, v_{n})\|^{2} &= \|S(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - S(u_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|_{1}^{2} \\ &+ \|T(y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - T(v_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|_{2}^{2} \\ &\leq L^{2} \Big[ \|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n})) - u_{n}\|_{1}^{2} \\ &+ \|(y_{n} - \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n})) - v_{n}\|_{2}^{2} + 2\lambda \langle Ax_{n} - Au_{n} - \lambda (Ax_{n} - By_{n}), Au_{n} - Bv_{n} \rangle, \\ &- 2\lambda \langle By_{n} - Bv_{n} - \lambda (Ax_{n} - By_{n}), Au_{n} - Bv_{n} \rangle + \lambda^{2} (\bar{\lambda}(A, B)) \|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2} \Big]. \\ &\leq L^{2} \Big[ \alpha^{2} \|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}), y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - G(x_{n}, y_{n})\|_{*}^{2} \\ &+ 2\lambda \langle Ax_{n} - By_{n}, Au_{n} - Bv_{n} \rangle - \lambda (2 - \lambda \bar{\lambda}(A, B)) \|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2} \Big]. \end{split}$$

Since  $2\lambda \langle Ax_n - By_n, Au_n - Bv_n \rangle \leq 2\lambda ||Ax_n - By_n||^2 + 2\lambda ||Au_n - Bv_n||^2$ , we conclude that

$$\|G(x_n, y_n) - G(u_n, v_n)\|^2 \le L^2 \Big[ \alpha^2 \| (x_n - \lambda A^* (Ax_n - By_n), y_n + \lambda B^* (Ax_n - By_n) - G(x_n, y_n) \|_*^2 + 2\lambda \| Ax_n - By_n \|^2 + \lambda^2 \bar{\lambda} (A, B) \| Au_n - Bv_n \|^2 \Big].$$

Substituting this in its rightful place gives

$$\begin{split} \|(x_{n+1},y_{n+1}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} &\leq \|(x_{n},y_{n}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} - \lambda(2 - \lambda(\bar{\lambda}(A,B)))\|Ax_{n} - By_{n}\|^{2} \\ &- (\alpha^{2} - 2\alpha^{3})\|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}), y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - G(x_{n},y_{n})\|_{*}^{2} \\ &- \alpha\lambda(2 - \lambda(\bar{\lambda}(A,B)))\|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2}\Big] \\ &+ \alpha^{2}L^{2}\Big[\alpha^{2}\|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}), y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - G(x_{n},y_{n})\|_{*}^{2} \\ &2\lambda\|Ax_{n} - By_{n}\|^{2} + \lambda^{2}\bar{\lambda}(A,B))\|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2}\Big] \\ &= \|(x_{n},y_{n}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} \\ &+ [-2\lambda + 2\lambda\alpha^{2}L^{2} + \lambda^{2}(\bar{\lambda}(A,B))]\|Ax_{n} - By_{n}\|^{2} \\ &- \alpha^{2}(1 - 2\alpha - \alpha^{2}L^{2}) \times \|(x_{n} - \lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}), y_{n} + \lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n} - By_{n}) - G(x_{n},y_{n})\|_{*}^{2} \\ &+ [-2\alpha\lambda + \alpha\lambda^{2}\bar{\lambda}(A,B)) + \alpha^{2}L^{2}\lambda^{2}\bar{\lambda}(A,B))]\|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2}. \end{split}$$

Finally, if we observe that  $1 - 2\alpha - \alpha^2 L^2 > 0$  is the same as  $|\alpha + \frac{1}{L^2}| < L^{-2}\sqrt{L^2 + 1}$ , then, since  $\alpha \in (0, L^{-2}[\sqrt{1 + L^2} - 1])$ , we have  $1 - 2\alpha - \alpha^2 L^2 > 0$ . Therefore, we have  $\alpha^2 L^2 < 1 - 2\alpha$  and  $2 - 2\alpha^2 L^2 > 0$ . Certainly,  $\alpha < \min\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{L}\}$ , and  $-2\lambda + 2\lambda\alpha^2 L^2 + \lambda^2(\bar{\lambda}(A, B)) < -2\lambda + 2\lambda(1 - 2\alpha) + \lambda^2(\bar{\lambda}(A, B)) = -4\alpha\lambda + \lambda^2(\bar{\lambda}(A, B)) < 0$  since  $\lambda < \frac{2\alpha}{\bar{\lambda}(A, B)}$ . Finally, we have

$$\begin{split} &-2\alpha\lambda+\alpha\lambda^2\bar{\lambda}(A,B))+(\alpha L\lambda)^2\bar{\lambda}(A,B)\\ &<-2\alpha\lambda+\alpha\lambda^2\bar{\lambda}(A,B))+\lambda^2\bar{\lambda}(A,B)(1-2\alpha)\\ &<-2\alpha\lambda+\lambda^2\bar{\lambda}(A,B)<0. \end{split}$$

From the previous chain of inequalities we may now conclude the following,

(14) 
$$\|(x_{n+1},y_{n+1}) - (p,q)\|_*^2 \le \|(x_n,y_n) - (p,q)\|_*^2,$$

$$[2\lambda - 2\lambda\alpha^{2}L^{2} - \lambda^{2}(\bar{\lambda}(A,B))] \|Ax_{n} - By_{n}\|^{2} \le \|(x_{n},y_{n}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2} - \|(x_{n+1},y_{n+1}) - (p,q)\|_{*}^{2}$$

and

$$[\alpha^{2}(1-2\alpha-\alpha^{2}L^{2})||(x_{n}-\lambda A^{*}(Ax_{n}-By_{n}),y_{n}+\lambda B^{*}(Ax_{n}-By_{n})-G(x_{n},y_{n})||_{*}^{2}$$

(16) 
$$\leq \|(x_n, y_n) - (p, q)\|_*^2 - \|(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) - (p, q)\|_*^2.$$

Using Lemma 2.4 we have by (14) that  $||(x_n, y_n) - (p, q)||_*^2$  has a limit. Therefore, taking limits on both sides of (15), and (16) respectively, we have that

(17) 
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} ||Ax_n - By_n||^2 = 0,$$

(18) 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|(x_n - \lambda A^* (Ax_n - By_n), y_n + \lambda B^* (Ax_n - By_n) - G(x_n, y_n)\|_*^2 = 0.$$

Next, we show that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - S(x_n)||_1 = 0$  and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||y_n - S(y_n)||_2 = 0$ . The fact that  $||(x_n, y_n) - (p,q)||_*^2$  has a limit shows that both  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are bounded. Suppose that  $x^*$  and  $y^*$  are weak cluster points of the sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  such that  $x_{n_k} \rightharpoonup x^*$  and  $y_{n_k} \rightharpoonup y^*$  repectively. Then

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} \|S(x_{n_k}-\lambda A^*(Ax_{n_k}-By_{n_k}))-Sx_{n_k}\| \leq L_s\bar{\lambda}(A,B)\lim_{k\to\infty} \|Ax_{n_k}-By_{n_k}\|=0,$$

and similarly,

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} \|T(y_{n_k}+\lambda B^*(Ax_{n_k}-By_{n_k}))-Ty_{n_k}\| \leq L_t\bar{\lambda}(A,B)\lim_{k\to\infty} \|Ax_{n_k}-By_{n_k}\|=0.$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n_k} - S(x_{n_k})\| &\leq \|x_{n_k} - (x_{n_k} - \lambda A^* (Ax_{n_k} - By_{n_k})\| \\ &+ \|(x_{n_k} - \lambda A^* (Ax_{n_k} - By_{n_k})) - S(x_{n_k} - \lambda A^* (Ax_{n_k} - By_{n_k}))\| \\ &L_s \bar{\lambda}(A, B) \|Ax_{n_k} - By_{n_k}\| \to 0 \ as \ k \to \infty. \end{aligned}$$

A similar computation gives that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} ||y_{n_k} - T(y_{n_k})|| = 0$ . Since *S* and *T* are demiclosed at zero, we conclude that  $x^* = S(x^*)$  and  $y^* = T(y^*)$ . Again, since  $x_{n_k} \rightharpoonup x^*$  and  $y_{n_k} \rightharpoonup y^*$ , we have that

$$Ax_{n_k} - By_{n_k} \rightharpoonup Ax^* - By^*,$$

and by the weak lower semi-continuity of norm square.

$$||Ax^*-By^*|| \leq \liminf_{n\to\infty} ||Ax_{n_k}-By_{n_k}|| = 0.$$

So,  $Ax^* = By^*$  and thus  $(x^*, y^*) \in \Gamma$ . In conclusion, we have obtain thus far that for each  $(p,q) \in \Gamma$ , the sequence  $||(x_n, y_n) - (p,q)||_*^2$  has a limit. Moreover, each weak cluster point of the sequence  $(x_n, y_n)$  is an element of  $\Gamma$ . We may now invoke the celebrated Opial's Lemma 2.5 to conclude that there exist  $(x^*, y^*) \in \Gamma$  such that  $(x_n, y_n)$  converges weakly to  $(x^*, y^*)$ . Hence the iterative sequence  $(x_n, y_n)$  converges weakly to a solution of the spit equality problem (6). The proof is complete.

We may strengthen the conditions of the theorem and obtain the strong convergence of the sequence as follows.

**Theorem 3.2.** Suppose that the assupptions of Theorem 3.1 are fulfilled. Assume, in addition, that the mappings S and T are also hemicompact. Then, for any initial point  $(x_1, y_1)$ , the coupled iterative sequence  $(x_n, y_n)$  derived from the algorithm converges strongly to a solution of problem (SEP).

**Proof.** We have obtained from Theorem 3.1 that  $(x_n, y_n)$  is bounded, and that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} ||x_n - S(x_n)|| = 0$ , and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} ||y_n - T(y_n)|| = 0$ . On the other hand, since *S* and *T* are hemicompact, we

have some subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  and  $\{y_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$ , respectively, such that  $\{x_{n_k}\} \to x^*$ and  $\{y_{n_k}\} \to y^*$ . The subsequence also converge weakly and therefore  $Ax_{n_k} - By_{n_k} \rightharpoonup Ax^* - By^*$ . As we have shown above, this yields  $Ax^* = By^*$  and  $(x^*, y^*) \in \Gamma$ . Going back to the proof of Theorem 3.1, we have that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||(x_n, y_n) - (x^*, y^*)||_*^2$  exists and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}) - (x^*, y^*)||_*^2$ . We may conclude by Lemma 2.4 that  $(x_n, y_n) \to (x^*, y^*) \in \Gamma$ . So our iterative algorith converges to a solution of (*SEP*) and the proof is complete.

**Corollary 3.3.** Suppose that the mappings *S* and *T* in Theorem 3.2 are hemicompact and demicontractive. Then, for any initial point  $(x_1, y_1)$ , the coupled iterative sequence  $(x_n, y_n)$  derived from the algorithm converges strongly to a solution of problem (SEP).

In conclusion, our theorems extend and complement the results of Chidume *et al.* [10], Xu [16], Moudafi and Al-Shamas [13] and many other authors to the more general class of Lipschitz hemicontractive mappings.

#### **Conflict of Interests**

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