

Steepest descent approximations in Banach space¹

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Abstract

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$$\begin{aligned}x_{n+1} &= x_n - \alpha_n(Ay_n - z), \\y_n &= x_n - \beta_n(Ax_n - z), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,\end{aligned}$$

where the sequences $\{\alpha_n\}$ and $\{\beta_n\}$ satisfy the following conditions:

- (i) $0 \leq \alpha_n, \beta_n \leq 1$,
- (ii) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = +\infty$,
- (iii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n$,

converges strongly to the unique solution of the equation $Ax = z$.

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1 Introduction

Let E be a real Banach space and let E^* be its dual space. The normalized duality mapping $J : E \rightarrow 2^{E^*}$ is defined by

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

where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the generalized duality pairing.

A mapping A with domain $D(A)$ and range $R(A)$ in E is said to be strongly accretive if there exist a constant $k \in (0, 1)$ such that for all $x, y \in D(A)$, there exists $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$ such that

$$\langle Ax - Ay, j(x - y) \rangle \geq k \|x - y\|^2,$$

and is called ϕ -strongly accretive if there is a strictly increasing function $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ with $\phi(0) = 0$ such that for any $x, y \in D(A)$ there exist $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$ such that

$$\langle Ax - Ay, j(x - y) \rangle \geq \phi(\|x - y\|) \|x - y\|.$$

The mapping A is called generalized Φ -accretive if there exist a strictly increasing function $\Phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ with $\Phi(0) = 0$ such that for all $x, y \in D(A)$ there exist $j(x - y) \in J(x - y)$ such that

$$\langle Ax - Ay, j(x - y) \rangle \geq \Phi(\|x - y\|).$$

It is well known that the class of generalized Φ -accretive mappings includes the class of ϕ -strongly accretive operators as a special case (one set $\Phi(s) = s\phi(s)$ for all $s \in [0, \infty)$).

Let $N(A) := \{x \in D(A) : Ax = 0\} \neq \emptyset$.

The mapping A is called strongly quasi-accretive if there exist $k \in (0, 1)$ such that for all $x \in D(A), p \in N(A)$ there exist $j(x - p) \in J(x - p)$ such that

$$\langle Ax - Ap, j(x - p) \rangle \geq k \|x - p\|^2.$$

A is called ϕ -strongly quasi-accretive if there exist a strictly increasing function $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ with $\phi(0) = 0$ such that for all $x \in D(A)$, $p \in N(A)$ there exist $j(x - p) \in J(x - p)$ such that

$$\langle Ax - Ap, j(x - p) \rangle \geq \phi(\|x - p\|) \|x - p\|.$$

Finally, A is called generalized Φ -quasi-accretive if there exist a strictly increasing function $\Phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ with $\Phi(0) = 0$ such that for all $x \in D(A)$, $p \in N(A)$ there exist $j(x - p) \in J(x - p)$ such that

$$(1) \quad \langle Ax - Ap, j(x - p) \rangle \geq \Phi(\|x - p\|).$$

A mapping $G : E \rightarrow E$ is called Lipschitz if there exists a constants $L > 0$ such that $\|Gx - Gy\| \leq L \|x - y\|$ for all $x, y \in D(G)$.

Closely related to the class of accretive-type mappings are those of pseudo-contractive types.

A mapping $T : E \rightarrow E$ is called strongly pseudo-contractive if and only if $I - T$ is strongly accretive, and is called strongly ϕ -pseudo-contractive if and only if $(I - T)$ is ϕ -strongly accretive. The mapping T is called generalized Φ -pseudo-contractive if and only if $(I - T)$ is generalized Φ -accretive.

In [5, page 9], Ciric et al. showed by taking an example that a generalized Φ -strongly quasi-accretive operator is not necessarily a ϕ -strongly quasi-accretive operator.

If $F(T) := \{x \in E : Tx = x\} \neq \emptyset$, the mapping T is called strongly hemi-contractive if and only if $(I - T)$ is strongly quasi-accretive; it is called ϕ -hemi-contractive if and only if $(I - T)$ is ϕ -strongly quasi-accretive; and T is called generalized Φ -hemi-contractive if and only if $(I - T)$ is generalized Φ -quasi-accretive.

The class of generalized Φ -hemi-contractive mappings is the most general (among those defined above) for which T has a unique fixed point. The relation between the zeros of accretive-type operators and the fixed points of pseudo-contractive-type mappings is well known [1,8,11].

The steepest descent approximation process for monotone operators was introduced independently by Vainberg [13] and Zarantonello [15]. Mann [9] introduced an iteration process which, under suitable conditions, converges to a zero in Hilbert space. The Mann iteration scheme was further developed by Ishikawa [6]. Recently, Ćirić et al. [5], Zhou and Guo [16], Morales and Chidume [12], Chidume [3], Xu and Roach [14] and many others have studied the characteristic conditions for the convergence of the steepest descent approximations.

Morales and Chidume proved the following theorem:

Theorem 1. *Let X be a uniformly smooth Banach space and let $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a ϕ -strongly accretive operator, which is bounded and demicontinuous. Let $z \in X$ and let x_0 be an arbitrary initial value in X for which $\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \phi(t) > \|Tx_0\|$. Then the steepest descent approximation scheme*

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - (Tx_n - z), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

converges strongly to the unique solution of the equation $Tx = z$ provided that the sequence $\{\alpha_n\}$ of positive real numbers satisfies the following:

- (i) $\{\alpha_n\}$ is bounded above by some fixed constant,
- (ii) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = +\infty$,
- (iii) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n b(\alpha_n) < +\infty$,

where $b : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a nondecreasing continuous function.

In [5], Ćirić et al. proved the following theorem:

Theorem 2. *Let X be a uniformly smooth Banach space and let $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a bounded and demicontinuous generalized strongly accretive operator. Let $z \in X$ and let x_0 be an arbitrary initial value in X for which $\|Tx_0\| <$*

$\sup \{ \Phi(t)/t : t > 0 \}$. Then a steepest descent approximation scheme defined by

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= x_n - \alpha_n(Ty_n - z), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \\ y_n &= x_n - \beta_n(Tx_n - z), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \end{aligned}$$

where the sequence $\{\alpha_n\}$ of positive real numbers satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) $\alpha_n \leq \lambda$, where λ is some fixed constant,
- (ii) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = +\infty$,
- (iii) $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, converges strongly to the unique solution of the equation $Tx = z$.

The purpose of this paper is to continue a study of sufficient conditions for the convergence of the steepest descent approximation process to the zero of a generalized strongly accretive operator. We also extend and improve the results which include the steepest descent method considered by Ciric et al. [5], Morales and Chidume [12], Chidume [3] and Xu and Roach [14] for a bounded ϕ -strongly quasi-accretive operator and also the generalized steepest descent method considered by Zhou and Guo [16] for a bounded ϕ -strongly quasi-accretive operator.

2 Main results

The following lemmas are now well known.

Lemma 1. [2] Let $J : E \rightarrow 2^E$ be the normalized duality mapping. Then for any $x, y \in E$, we have

$$\|x + y\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 + 2\langle y, j(x + y) \rangle, \quad \text{for all } j(x + y) \in J(x + y).$$

Suppose there exist a strictly increasing function $\Phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ with $\Phi(0) = 0$.

Lemma 2. [10] Let $\Phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a strictly increasing function with $\Phi(0) = 0$ and $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}, \{c_n\}$ be nonnegative real sequences such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0, \quad c_n = o(b_n), \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n = \infty.$$

Suppose that for all $n \geq 0$,

$$a_{n+1}^2 \leq a_n^2 - \Phi(a_{n+1})b_n + c_n,$$

then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$.

Theorem 3.. Let E be a real Banach space and let $A : E \rightarrow E$ be a Lipschitzian generalized strongly accretive operator. Let $z \in E$ and x_0 be an arbitrary initial value in E for which the steepest descent approximation scheme is defined by

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= x_n - \alpha_n(Ay_n - z), \\ y_n &= x_n - \beta_n(Ax_n - z), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \end{aligned}$$

where the sequences $\{\alpha_n\}$ and $\{\beta_n\}$ satisfy the following conditions:

- (i) $0 \leq \alpha_n, \beta_n \leq 1$,
- (ii) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = +\infty$,
- (iii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n$,

converges strongly to the unique solution of the equation $Ax = z$.

Proof. Following the technique of Chidume and Chidume [4], without loss of generality we may assume that $z = 0$. Define by p the unique zero of A .

By $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n$, imply there exist $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that, for all $n \geq n_0$, $\alpha_n \leq \delta$ and $\beta_n \leq \delta'$;

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \delta &= \min \left\{ \frac{1}{3L}, \frac{\Phi(2\Phi^{-1}(a_0))}{36L^2 [\Phi^{-1}(a_0)]^2} \right\}, \\ 0 < \delta' &= \min \left\{ \frac{1}{2L}, \frac{\Phi(2\Phi^{-1}(a_0))}{24L^2 [\Phi^{-1}(a_0)]^2} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Define $a_0 := \|Ax_{n_0}\| \|x_{n_0} - p\|$. Then from (1), we obtain that $\|x_{n_0} - p\| \leq \Phi^{-1}(a_0)$.

By induction, we shall prove that $\|x_n - p\| \leq 2\Phi^{-1}(a_0)$ for all $n \geq n_0$. Clearly, the inequality holds for $n = n_0$. Suppose it holds for some $n \geq n_0$, i.e., $\|x_n - p\| \leq 2\Phi^{-1}(a_0)$. We prove that $\|x_{n+1} - p\| \leq 2\Phi^{-1}(a_0)$. Suppose that this is not true. Then $\|x_{n+1} - p\| > 2\Phi^{-1}(a_0)$, so that $\Phi(\|x_{n+1} - p\|) > \Phi(2\Phi^{-1}(a_0))$. Using the recursion formula (2), we have the following estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \|Ax_n\| &= \|Ax_n - Ap\| \leq L \|x_n - p\| \leq 2L\Phi^{-1}(a_0), \\ \|y_n - p\| &= \|x_n - p - \beta_n Ax_n\| \leq \|x_n - p\| + \beta_n \|Ax_n\| \\ &\leq 2\Phi^{-1}(a_0) + 2L\Phi^{-1}(a_0)\beta_n \leq 3\Phi^{-1}(a_0), \\ \|x_{n+1} - p\| &= \|x_n - p - \alpha_n Ay_n\| \leq \|x_n - p\| + \alpha_n \|Ay_n\| \\ &\leq \|x_n - p\| + L\alpha_n \|y_n - p\| \\ &\leq 2\Phi^{-1}(a_0) + 3L\Phi^{-1}(a_0)\alpha_n \leq 3\Phi^{-1}(a_0). \end{aligned}$$

With these estimates and again using the recursion formula (2), we obtain by Lemma 1 that

$$\begin{aligned} (3) \quad \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 &= \|x_n - p - \alpha_n Ay_n\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x_n - p\|^2 - 2\alpha_n \langle Ay_n, j(x_{n+1} - p) \rangle \\ &= \|x_n - p\|^2 - 2\alpha_n \langle Ax_{n+1}, j(x_{n+1} - p) \rangle \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle Ax_{n+1} - Ay_n, j(x_{n+1} - p) \rangle \\ &\leq \|x_n - p\|^2 - 2\alpha_n \Phi(\|x_{n+1} - p\|) \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \|Ax_{n+1} - Ay_n\| \|x_{n+1} - p\| \\ &\leq \|x_n - p\|^2 - 2\alpha_n \Phi(\|x_{n+1} - p\|) \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n L \|x_{n+1} - y_n\| \|x_{n+1} - p\|, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - y_n\| &\leq \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + \|x_n - y_n\| = \alpha_n \|Ay_n\| + \beta_n \|Ax_n\| \\ &\leq L\alpha_n \|y_n - p\| + L\beta_n \|x_n - p\| \leq L\Phi^{-1}(a_0)(3\alpha_n + 2\beta_n), \end{aligned}$$

and consequently from (3), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4) \quad \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 &\leq \|x_n - p\|^2 - 2\alpha_n \Phi(\|x_{n+1} - p\|) \\
 &\quad + 2L^2 \Phi^{-1}(a_0) (3\alpha_n^2 + 2\alpha_n \beta_n) \|x_{n+1} - p\| \\
 &\leq \|x_n - p\|^2 - 2\alpha_n \Phi(2\Phi^{-1}(a_0)) \\
 &\quad + 6L^2 [\Phi^{-1}(a_0)]^2 (3\alpha_n^2 + 2\alpha_n \beta_n) \\
 &\leq \|x_n - p\|^2 - 2\alpha_n \Phi(2\Phi^{-1}(a_0)) + \alpha_n \Phi(2\Phi^{-1}(a_0)) \\
 &= \|x_n - p\|^2 - \alpha_n \Phi(2\Phi^{-1}(a_0)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\alpha_n \Phi(2\Phi^{-1}(a_0)) \leq \|x_n - p\|^2 - \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2,$$

implies

$$\Phi(2\Phi^{-1}(a_0)) \sum_{n=n_0}^j \alpha_n \leq \sum_{n=n_0}^j (\|x_n - p\|^2 - \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2) = \|x_{n_0} - p\|^2,$$

so that as $j \rightarrow \infty$ we have

$$\Phi(2\Phi^{-1}(a_0)) \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \alpha_n \leq \|x_{n_0} - p\|^2 < \infty,$$

which implies that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n < \infty$, a contradiction. Hence, $\|x_{n+1} - p\| \leq 2\Phi^{-1}(a_0)$; thus $\{x_n\}$ is bounded. Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|y_n - x_n\| &= \|x_n - \beta_n A x_n - x_n\| = \beta_n \|A x_n\| \leq L \beta_n \|x_n - p\| \\
 &\leq 2L \Phi^{-1}(a_0) \beta_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,
 \end{aligned}$$

implies the sequence $\{y_n - x_n\}$ is bounded. Since $\|y_n - p\| \leq \|y_n - x_n\| + \|x_n - p\|$, further implies the sequence $\{y_n\}$ is bounded.

Now from (4), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5) \quad \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 &\leq \|x_n - p\|^2 - 2\alpha_n \Phi(\|x_{n+1} - p\|) \\
 &\quad + 4L^2 [\Phi^{-1}(a_0)]^2 (3\alpha_n^2 + 2\alpha_n \beta_n).
 \end{aligned}$$

Denote

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \|x_n - p\|, \\ b_n &= 2\alpha_n, \\ c_n &= 4L^2 [\Phi^{-1}(a_0)]^2 (3\alpha_n^2 + 2\alpha_n\beta_n). \end{aligned}$$

Condition $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ensures the existence of a rank $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$b_n = 2\alpha_n \leq 1$, for all $n \geq n_0$. Now with the help of $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n$ and Lemma 2, we obtain from (5) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - p\| = 0,$$

completing the proof.

Theorem 4.. *Let E be a real Banach space and let $A : E \rightarrow E$ be a Lipschitzian generalized strongly quasi-accretive operator such that $N(A) \neq \emptyset$. Let $z \in E$ and x_0 be an arbitrary initial value in E for which the steepest descent approximation scheme is defined by*

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converges strongly to the unique solution of the equation $Ax = z$.

Remark 1. *One can easily see that if we take $\alpha_n = \frac{1}{n^\sigma}$; $0 < \sigma < \frac{1}{2}$, then $\sum \alpha_n = \infty$, but also $\sum \alpha^2 \not\leq \infty$. Hence the results of Chidume and Chidume in [4] are not true in general and consequently the results presented in this manuscript are independent of interest.*

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