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# Fixed points in countably Hilbert spaces

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## Abstract

Studying fixed points of nonlinear mappings in Hilbert spaces is of paramount importance (see, e.g., (Browder and Petryshyn in *J. Math. Anal. Appl.* 20:197-228, 1967)). We extend the notions of *weakly contractive* and *asymptotically weakly contractive* nonself-mappings defined on a closed convex proper subset of (into) a real Hilbert space to a real *countably Hilbert* space. Using the notion of metric projection on *countably Hilbert* spaces, we study iterative methods for approximating fixed points of nonself-maps. Moreover, we prove convergence theorems with estimates of convergence rates. Furthermore, we also establish the stability of the methods with respect to perturbations of the operators and with respect to the perturbations of the constraint sets.

## 1 Introduction

**Definition 1.1** (Uniformly convex space [2–6]) A normed linear space  $E$  is called *uniformly convex* if for any  $\epsilon \in (0, 2]$ , there exists  $\delta = \delta(\epsilon) > 0$  such that if  $x, y \in E$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ ,  $\|y\| = 1$ , and  $\|x - y\| \geq \epsilon$ , then  $\|\frac{1}{2}(x + y)\| \leq 1 - \delta$ .

**Definition 1.2** (Modulus of convexity [2–6]) Let  $E$  be a normed linear space with  $\dim E \geq 2$ . The *modulus of convexity* of  $E$  is the function  $\delta_E : (0, 2] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  defined by

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

**Definition 1.3** (Uniformly smooth space [2–6]) A normed linear space  $E$  is said to be *uniformly smooth* if whenever given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $\|x\| = 1$  and  $\|y\| \leq \delta$ , then

$$\|x + y\| + \|x - y\| < 2 + \epsilon \|y\|.$$

**Definition 1.4** (Modulus of smoothness [2–6]) Let  $E$  be a normed linear space with  $\dim E \geq 2$ . The *modulus of smoothness* of  $E$  is the function  $\rho_E : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_E(\tau) &:= \sup \left\{ \frac{\|x + y\| + \|x - y\|}{2} - 1 : \|x\| = 1; \|y\| = \tau \right\} \\ &= \sup \left\{ \frac{\|x + \tau y\| + \|x - \tau y\|}{2} - 1 : \|x\| = 1 = \|y\| \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $K$  be a nonempty convex subset of a real normed linear space  $E$ . For strict contraction self-mappings of  $K$  into itself, with a fixed point in  $K$ , a well-known iterative method ‘the celebrated *Picard method*’ has successfully been employed to approximate such fixed points. If, however, the domain of a mapping is a proper subset of  $E$  (and this is the case in several applications) and if it maps  $K$  into  $E$ , this iteration method may not be well defined. In this situation, for Hilbert spaces and uniformly convex uniformly smooth Banach spaces, this problem has been overcome by the introduction of the *metric projection* in the recursion formulas (see, e.g., [7–9]). The advantage of this is that if  $K$  is a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space  $H$  and  $P_K : H \rightarrow K$  is the metric projection of  $H$  onto  $K$ , then  $P_K$  is *nonexpansive*. This fact characterizes Hilbert spaces and unfortunately is not available in general Banach spaces.

**Definition 1.5** (Metric projection [2, 7, 8, 10]) Let  $E$  be a real uniformly convex and uniformly smooth Banach space,  $K$  be a nonempty proper subset of  $E$ . The operator  $P_K : E \rightarrow K$  is called a *metric projection operator* if it assigns to each  $x \in E$  its *nearest point*  $\bar{x} \in K$ , which is the solution of the minimization problem

$$P_K x = \bar{x}; \quad \bar{x} : \|x - \bar{x}\| = \inf_{\xi \in K} \|x - \xi\|.$$

Our purpose in this paper is to study, in *countably Hilbert* spaces, the classes of *weakly contractive* and *asymptotically weakly contractive* nonself-maps, which are important extensions of the classes of maps studied by Alber and Guerre-Delabriere [7] and by Chidume *et al.* [10]. Then, assuming the existence of fixed points for maps in our classes of operators and using several results of Alber and Guerre-Delabriere [7], we prove convergence theorems with estimates of the convergence rates. Our theorems give analogue versions of some results of [7, 10] in *countably Hilbert* spaces.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $K$  be a nonempty proper subset of a real Banach space  $E$ . A map  $A : K \rightarrow K$  is called a *strict contraction* if there exists  $k \in [0, 1)$  such that  $\|Ax - Ay\| \leq k\|x - y\|$  for all  $x, y \in K$ , and  $A$  is called *nonexpansive* if, for arbitrary  $x, y \in K$ ,  $\|Ax - Ay\| \leq \|x - y\|$ . The map  $A$  is called *asymptotically nonexpansive* if, for all  $x, y \in K$ , we have  $\|A^n x - A^n y\| \leq k_n \|x - y\|$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , where  $\{k_n\}$  is a sequence of real numbers such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n = 1$ . It is obvious that for asymptotically nonexpansive mappings, we may assume that  $k_n \geq 1$  and that  $k_{i+1} \leq k_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  (see, e.g., [3]).

A mapping  $A$  is called *weakly contractive of the class  $C_{\psi(t)}$*  on a nonempty set  $K$  in a Banach space  $E$  if there exists a continuous and nondecreasing function  $\psi(t)$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  with  $\psi(t) > 0$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\psi(0) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \psi(t) = +\infty$  such that  $\|Ax - Ay\| \leq \|x - y\| - \psi(\|x - y\|)$  for all  $x, y \in K$ .

**Definition 2.1** (Asymptotically weakly contractive [10]) Let  $K$  be a nonempty subset of a real Banach space  $E$ . A mapping  $A : K \rightarrow E$  is called *asymptotically weakly contractive of class  $C_{\psi(t)}$*  if there exists a continuous and nondecreasing function  $\psi(t)$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\psi$  is positive on  $\mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\psi(0) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \psi(t) = +\infty$ , and there exists a real sequence  $\{k_n\} \subseteq [1, \infty)$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n = 1$  such that

$$\|A(\Pi_K A)^{n-1} x - A(\Pi_K A)^{n-1} y\| \leq k_n \|x - y\| - \psi(\|x - y\|) \quad \forall x, y \in K,$$

where  $\Pi_K$  is the generalized projection operator in a Banach space  $E$ , recently introduced by Alber [8], which is an analogue of the metric projection  $P_K$  in Hilbert spaces.

**Definition 2.2** (Countably normed space [11–14]) Two norms  $\|\cdot\|_1$  and  $\|\cdot\|_2$  in a linear space  $E$  are said to be *compatible* if, whenever a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $E$  is Cauchy with respect to both norms and converges to a limit  $x \in E$  with respect to one of them, it also converges to the same limit  $x$  with respect to the other norm. A linear space  $E$  equipped with a countable system of compatible norms  $\|\cdot\|_n$  is said to be *countably normed*. Every countably normed linear space becomes a topological linear space when equipped with the topology generated by the neighborhood base consisting of all sets of the form

$$U_{f,\epsilon} = \bigcap \{x : x \in E; \|x\|_i < \epsilon, i \in f\}$$

for some number  $\epsilon > 0$  and finite set  $f$  of indices.

**Remark 2.3** ([14]) By considering the new norms  $\|x\|_n = \max_{i=1}^n \|x\|_i$  we may assume that the sequence of norms  $\{\|\cdot\|_n; n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is increasing, that is,

$$\|x\|_1 \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \dots \leq \|x\|_n \leq \dots \quad \forall x \in E.$$

If  $E$  is a countably normed space, the completion of  $E$  in the norm  $\|\cdot\|_n$  is denoted by  $E_n$ . Then, by definition,  $E_n$  is a Banach space. Also in the light of Remark 2.3, we can assume that  $E \subset \dots \subset E_{n+1} \subset E_n \subset \dots \subset E_1$ .

**Remark 2.4** In the light of Remark 2.3, we can easily see that the topology of a countably normed space is generated by the neighborhood base consisting of all sets of the form  $U_{r,\epsilon} = \{x : x \in E; \|x\|_r < \epsilon\}$  for a positive integer  $r$ . Moreover, it is obvious that a nonempty subset  $K$  of a countably normed space  $E$  is bounded in  $E$  if and only if  $K$  is bounded in each  $\|\cdot\|_i$ .

**Proposition 2.5** ([11]) *Let  $E$  be a countably normed space. Then  $E$  is complete if and only if  $E = \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty E_n$ .*

Each Banach space  $E_n$  has a dual, which is a Banach space and denoted by  $E_n^*$ .

**Proposition 2.6** ([11]) *The dual of a countably normed space  $E$  is given by  $E^* = \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty E_n^*$ , and we have the following inclusions:  $E_1^* \subset \dots \subset E_n^* \subset E_{n+1}^* \subset \dots \subset E^*$ . Moreover, for  $f \in E_n^*$ , we have  $\|f\|_n \geq \|f\|_{n+1}$ .*

**Example 2.7** ([13]) For  $1 < p < \infty$ , the space  $\ell^{p+0} := \bigcap_{q>p} \ell^q$  is a countably normed space. In fact, we can easily see that  $\ell^{p+0} = \bigcap_n \ell^{p_n}$  for any choice of a monotonic decreasing sequence  $\{p_n\}$  converging to  $p$ . Using Proposition 2.5 and the fact that  $\ell^{p_n}$  is a Banach space for every  $n$ , it is clear now that the countably normed space  $\ell^{p+0}$  is complete.

**Definition 2.8** (Countably Hilbert space [11, 12]) A linear space  $H$  equipped with a countable system of compatible norms  $\|\cdot\|_n$  is said to be *countably Hilbert space* if each  $\|\cdot\|_n$  is an inner product norm and  $E$  is complete with respect to its topology.

**Remark 2.9** In the light of Remark 2.3, Proposition 2.5, and Proposition 2.6, we can see that if  $H$  is a countably Hilbert space and if the completion of  $H$  in the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_n$  is denoted by  $H_n$ , then by definition, each  $H_n$  is a Hilbert space, hence  $H = \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty H_n$  and  $H^* = \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty H_n^*$ . Where,

$$H \subset \dots \subset H_{n+1} \subset H_n \subset \dots \subset H_1.$$

**Remark** If  $\beta = (\beta_n)$  is a sequence of positive numbers, the dual of the Hilbert space  $\ell^2(\beta) := \{x = \sum_{n=1}^\infty x_n \frac{e_n}{\beta_n} : \sum_{n=1}^\infty |x_n|^2 < \infty\}$  is the Hilbert space  $\ell^2(\beta)$ .

**Example 2.10** The space  $E := \bigcap_{i=1}^\infty \ell^2(\beta^i)$  is a countably Hilbert space, where  $\beta^i = (\beta_n^i)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  satisfies  $\beta_n^i \leq \beta_n^{i+1}$ , so that the Hilbert spaces  $H_i = \ell^2(\beta^i)$  follow the inclusion  $H_{i+1} \subseteq H_i$  for all  $i$ .

**Example** The Köthe space  $\ell^2[\|e_n\|_i] := \{x = (x_n) : \|x\|_i = (\sum_{n=1}^\infty |x_n|^2 \|e_n\|_i^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} < \infty, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  with unit basis identified by  $(e_n)$  is an example of a countably Hilbert space  $(E, \|\cdot\|_i)_{i=1}^\infty$  that has an unconditional basis  $(e_n)$  (see [15]).

Let  $E$  be a countably normed space. In [13],  $E$  is called *uniformly convex* if  $(E_i, \|\cdot\|_i)$  is uniformly convex for all  $i$ , that is, if for each  $i$ ,  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta_i(\epsilon) > 0$  such that if  $x, y \in E_i$  with  $\|x\|_i = 1 = \|y\|_i$  and  $\|x - y\|_i \geq \epsilon$ , then  $1 - \|\frac{x+y}{2}\|_i > \delta_i$ . The space  $E$  is called *uniformly smooth* if  $(E_i, \|\cdot\|_i)$  is uniformly smooth for all  $i$ , that is, if for each  $i$  whenever given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta_i > 0$  such that if  $\|x\|_i = 1$  and  $\|y\|_i \leq \delta_i$ , then  $\|x + y\|_i + \|x - y\|_i < 2 + \epsilon\|y\|_i$ .

Following these two notions, we see that any countably Hilbert space  $E$  is uniformly convex and uniformly smooth because each of its  $H_i$  is a Hilbert space.

In [13], we proved that if  $E$  is a countably normed linear space, then:

- (i)  $E$  is uniformly convex if and only if for each  $i$ ,  $\delta_{E_i}(\epsilon) > 0$  for all  $\epsilon \in (0, 2]$ .
- (ii)  $E$  is uniformly smooth if and only if  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\rho_{E_i}(t)}{t} = 0$  for all  $i$ .
- (iii) For each  $n$ , let  $E_n$  be the completion of  $E$  in the norm  $\|\cdot\|_n$ , and  $E_n^*$  its dual. Then for each  $i$ , we have: for every  $\tau > 0$ ,

$$\rho_{E_i}(\tau) = \sup \left\{ \frac{\tau \epsilon}{2} - \delta_{E_i^*}(\epsilon) : 0 < \epsilon \leq 2 \right\}.$$

- (iv)  $E$  is uniformly smooth if and only if  $E_i^*$  is uniformly convex for all  $i$ .
- (v)  $E$  is uniformly convex if and only if  $E_i^*$  is uniformly smooth for all  $i$ .

**Lemma 2.11** (see [9, 16–18]) *Let  $\{\lambda_k\}$  be a sequence of nonnegative numbers, and  $\{\alpha_k\}$  be a sequence of positive numbers such that  $\sum_{n=0}^\infty \alpha_n = \infty$ . If the recursive inequality*

$$\lambda_{n+1} \leq \lambda_n - \alpha_n \psi(\lambda_n), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \tag{1}$$

*holds, where  $\psi(\lambda)$  is a continuous strictly increasing function for all  $\lambda \geq 0$  with  $\psi(0) = 0$ , then:*

1.  $\lambda_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ;

2. the estimate of convergence rate

$$\lambda_n \leq \Phi^{-1}\left(\Phi(\lambda_1) - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \alpha_j\right) \tag{2}$$

is satisfied, where  $\Phi$  is defined by  $\Phi(t) = \int \frac{dt}{\psi(t)}$ , and  $\Phi^{-1}$  is the inverse function to  $\Phi$ .

**Lemma 2.12** (see [9, 16–18]) *Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$ ,  $\{\lambda_n\}$ , and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  be sequences of nonnegative numbers such that  $\{\alpha_n\} \subseteq (0, 1]$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^\infty \alpha_n = \infty$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^\infty \beta_n < \infty$ , and  $\frac{\gamma_n}{\alpha_n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . If the recursive inequality*

$$\lambda_{n+1} \leq (1 + \beta_n)\lambda_n - \alpha_n\psi(\lambda_n) + \gamma_n, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \tag{3}$$

is given, where  $\psi(\lambda)$  is a continuous and nondecreasing function  $\psi(t)$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\psi$  is positive on  $\mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\psi(0) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \psi(t) = +\infty$ . Then

1.  $\lambda_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ;
2. there exists a subsequence  $\{\lambda_{n_l}\} \subset \{\lambda_n\}$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ , such that

$$\lambda_{n_l} \leq \psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sum_{m=1}^{n_l} \alpha_m} + \frac{\bar{\gamma}_{n_l}}{\alpha_{n_l}}\right), \quad \bar{\gamma}_{n_l} = \gamma_{n_l} + \beta_{n_l}M, M > 0, \tag{4}$$

$$\lambda_{n_l+1} \leq \psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sum_{m=1}^{n_l} \alpha_m} + \frac{\bar{\gamma}_{n_l}}{\alpha_{n_l}}\right) + \bar{\gamma}_{n_l}, \tag{5}$$

$$\lambda_n \leq \lambda_{n_l+1} - \sum_{m=n_l+1}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha_m}{\mathcal{A}_m}, \quad n_l + 1 \leq n \leq n_{l+1}, \mathcal{A}_m = \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \alpha_i, \tag{6}$$

$$\lambda_{n+1} \leq \lambda_1 - \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{\alpha_m}{\mathcal{A}_m} \leq \lambda_1, \quad 1 \leq n \leq n_1 - 1, \tag{7}$$

$$1 \leq n_1 \leq s_{\max} = \max\left\{s : \sum_{m=1}^s \frac{\alpha_m}{\mathcal{A}_m} \leq \lambda_1\right\}. \tag{8}$$

**Lemma 2.13** (see [9, 16–18]) *If  $E$  is a uniformly convex space,  $K_1, K_2$  are nonempty closed convex subsets of  $E$ , and  $\mathcal{H}(K_1, K_2) \leq \sigma$ , then*

$$\|P_{K_1}x - P_{K_2}x\| \leq C_1\delta_E^{-1}(4L(d+r)\sigma),$$

where  $r = \|x\|$ ,  $d = \max\{d_1, d_2\}$ ,  $d_i = \text{dist}(\theta, K_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $\theta$  is the origin of  $E$ ,  $C_1 = 2 \max\{1, r + d\}$ , and  $\mathcal{H}$  is the Hausdorff distance.

A version of the following theorem in countably Hilbert spaces is very important and will be used in the proofs of our main results.

**Theorem 2.14** ([13]) *Let  $E$  be a real uniformly convex complete countably normed space, and  $K$  be a nonempty convex proper subset of  $E$  such that  $K$  is closed in each  $E_i$ . Then the metric projection is well defined on  $K$ , that is,*

$$\forall x \in E \setminus K \exists! \bar{x} \in K: \quad \|x - \bar{x}\|_i = \inf_{\xi \in K} \|x - \xi\|_i \quad \forall i.$$

### 3 Main results ‘successive approximations in a countably Hilbert space’

In this section we give new versions for some definitions of [7, 10] in *countably Hilbert spaces* and prove our main theorems.

**Definition 3.1** (Weakly contractive) Let  $K$  be a nonempty subset of a real countably Hilbert space  $E$ . A mapping  $A : K \rightarrow K$  is called *weakly contractive of the class  $C_{\psi(t)}$*  if there exists a continuous and nondecreasing function  $\psi(t)$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  with  $\psi(t) > 0 \forall t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\psi(0) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \psi(t) = +\infty$  such that for each  $i$ , we have  $\|Ax - Ay\|_i \leq \|x - y\|_i - \psi(\|x - y\|_i) \forall x, y \in K$ .

**Definition 3.2** (Asymptotically weakly contractive) Let  $K$  be a nonempty subset of a real countably Hilbert space  $E$ . A mapping  $A : K \rightarrow E$  is called *asymptotically weakly contractive of class  $C_{\psi(t)}$*  if there exists a continuous and nondecreasing function  $\psi(t)$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\psi$  is positive on  $\mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\psi(0) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \psi(t) = +\infty$  and if there exists a real sequence  $\{k_n\} : k_n \geq 1$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k_n = 1$  such that for each  $i$ , we have

$$\|A(P_K A)^{n-1}x - A(P_K A)^{n-1}y\|_i \leq k_n \|x - y\|_i - \psi(\|x - y\|_i) \quad \forall x, y \in K.$$

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $K$  be a nonempty convex subset of a real countably Hilbert space  $E = \bigcap H_n$  such that  $K$  is closed in each  $H_n$ , and  $A : K \rightarrow E$  be a weakly contractive map of the class  $C_{\psi(t)}$ . Suppose that  $F(A) \neq \emptyset$  and for  $x_1 \in K$  consider the iteration  $x_{n+1} = P_K Ax_n, n \geq 1$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{Ax_n\}$  are bounded in  $E$ ,  $\{x_n\}$  strongly converges to some point  $x^* \in F(A)$ , and the estimate

$$\|x_n - x^*\|_i \leq \Phi^{-1}(\Phi(\|x_1 - x^*\|_i) - (n - 1))$$

is satisfied for each  $i$ , where  $\Phi$  is defined by  $\Phi(t) = \int \frac{dt}{\psi(t)}$ .

*Proof* Since  $P_K$  is nonexpansive in each  $H_i$  and  $A$  is weakly contractive, for each  $i$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x^*\|_i &= \|P_K Ax_n - P_K Ax^*\|_i \\ &\leq \|Ax_n - Ax^*\|_i \\ &\leq \|x_n - x^*\|_i - \psi(\|x_n - x^*\|_i) \\ &\leq \|x_n - x^*\|_i. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Hence, for each  $i$ , we get by induction  $\|x_n - x^*\|_i \leq \|x_1 - x^*\|_i$ . Since  $x_1$  and  $x^*$  are fixed, this implies that  $\|x_n\|_i \leq \|x_1\|_i + 2\|x^*\|_i = R_i$ ; therefore, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded in each  $H_i$ , so it is bounded in  $E$ .

From (9) it follows that  $\|Ax_n\|_i - \|Ax^*\|_i \leq \|x_n\|_i + \|x^*\|_i \leq \|x_1\|_i + 2\|x^*\|_i + \|x^*\|_i$ . Since  $Ax^* = x^*$ , we have  $\|Ax_n\|_i \leq \|x_1\|_i + 4\|x^*\|_i = R'_i$ , and therefore  $\{Ax_n\}$  is bounded.

By (9), for each  $i$ , the sequence of positive numbers  $\{\lambda_n^i\}$  defined by  $\lambda_n^i = \|x_n - x^*\|_i$  satisfies  $\lambda_{n+1}^i \leq \lambda_n^i - \psi(\lambda_n^i)$ . This implies that for each  $i$ , the sequence  $\{\lambda_n^i\}$  is nonincreasing and bounded below by 0, and thus it converges to some  $\lambda^i$  such that  $0 \leq -\psi(\lambda^i) \leq 0$ . By the hypothesis on  $\psi$  we have that  $\lambda^i = 0$  for all  $i$ ; hence, for each  $i, \lambda_n^i \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Further,

by Lemma 2.11 we have the estimate

$$\lambda_n^i \leq \Phi^{-1}(\Phi(\lambda_1^i) - (n - 1)) \quad \forall n \geq 1. \tag{10}$$

□

Now, we present stability theorems for the perturbed approximations. First, we study the iterative method with perturbed operators  $A_n : K \rightarrow E$ .

**Theorem 3.4** *Let  $K$  be a nonempty convex subset of a real countably Hilbert space  $E$  such that  $K$  is closed in each  $H_n$ ,  $A : K \rightarrow E$  be a weakly contractive map of the class  $C_{\psi(t)}$ , and  $x^* \in K$  be its fixed point. Suppose that there exist sequences of positive numbers  $\{\delta_n\}$  and  $\{h_n\}$  converging to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and a finite positive function  $g(t)$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  such that for each  $i$  and for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\|A_n v - Av\|_i \leq h_n g(\|v\|_i) + \delta_n$ . If the iteration  $y_{n+1} = P_K A_n y_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , starting at arbitrary  $y_0 \in K$  is bounded, say by  $C$ , then it converges in norm to the point  $x^*$ . There exists a subsequence  $\{y_{n_l}\}$  of  $\{y_n\}$ ,  $l \geq 1$ , such that for each  $i$ ,*

$$\|y_{n_l} - x^*\|_i \leq \psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n_l} + Dh_{n_l} + \gamma_{n_l}\right), \quad D = g(C), \tag{11}$$

$$\|y_{n_l+1} - x^*\|_i \leq \psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n_l} + Dh_{n_l} + \gamma_{n_l}\right) + Dh_{n_l} + \gamma_{n_l}, \tag{12}$$

$$\|y_n - x^*\|_i \leq \|y_{n_l+1} - x^*\|_i - \sum_{n_l+1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{m}, \quad n_l + 1 \leq n \leq n_{l+1}, \tag{13}$$

$$\|y_{n+1} - x^*\|_i \leq \|y_1 - x^*\|_i - \sum_1^n \frac{1}{m} \leq \|y_1 - x^*\|_i, \quad 1 \leq n \leq n_l - 1, \tag{14}$$

$$1 \leq n_1 \leq s_{\max} = \max \left\{ s : \sum_1^s \frac{1}{m} \leq \|y_1 - x^*\|_i \right\}. \tag{15}$$

*Proof* Since the metric projection  $P_K$  is nonexpansive in each  $H_i$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_{n+1} - x^*\|_i &= \|P_K A_n y_n - P_K A x^*\|_i \\ &\leq \|A_n y_n - A x^*\|_i \\ &\leq \|A y_n - A x^*\|_i + \|A_n y_n - A y_n\|_i \\ &\leq \|y_n - x^*\|_i - \psi(\|y_n - x^*\|_i) + \gamma_n^i, \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

where  $0 \leq \gamma_n^i = \|A_n y_n - A y_n\|_i \leq Dh_n + \delta_n \rightarrow 0$ .

Thus, the sequence of positive numbers defined by  $\lambda_n^i = \|y_n - x^*\|_i$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , satisfies the recursive inequality  $\lambda_{n+1}^i \leq \lambda_n^i - \psi(\lambda_n^i) + \gamma_n^i$ . Then the assertion  $\lambda_n^i = \|y_n - x^*\|_i \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and estimates (11)-(15) follow from Lemma 2.12 with  $\alpha_i = 1$  and  $\beta_i = 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . □

Let us suppose that, instead of an exact set  $K$ , we have a sequence of perturbed sets  $K_n \subset E$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , such that the Hausdorff distance  $\mathcal{H}(K_n, K) \leq \sigma_n$ , that is, ‘ $\mathcal{H}(K_n, K)$  tends to 0 as  $n$  tends to  $\infty$ ’. Let  $D(A)$  be any domain for the operator  $A$  that contains both  $K$  and the perturbed sets  $K_n$  and such that the Hausdorff distance ‘ $\mathcal{H}(K_n, K)$  tends to 0 as  $n$  tends to  $\infty$ ’.

**Theorem 3.5** *Let  $K \subset D(A), K_n \subset D(A), n \geq 1$ , be nonempty convex sets in a real countably Hilbert space  $E$  such that  $K$  and  $K_n$  are closed in each component  $H_n$  and  $\mathcal{H}(K_n, K) \leq \sigma_n$ , let  $A : D(A) \rightarrow E$  be a weakly contractive map of the class  $C_{\psi(t)}$  with strictly increasing function  $\psi(t)$ , and  $x^* \in K$  be its fixed point. If  $\sigma_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then the iteration  $z_{n+1} = P_{K_{n+1}}Az_n, n \geq 1$ , starting at arbitrary  $z_1 \in K_1$  converges in norm to  $x^*$ . There exist a constant  $C > 0$  and a subsequence  $\{z_{n_l}\}$  of  $\{z_n\}, l = 1, 2, \dots$ , such that for each  $i$ ,*

$$\|z_{n_l} - x^*\|_i \leq \psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n_l} + C\sqrt{\sigma_{n_l+1}}\right), \tag{17}$$

$$\|z_{n_l+1} - x^*\|_i \leq \psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n_l} + C\sqrt{\sigma_{n_l}}\right) + \sqrt{\sigma_{n_l}}, \tag{18}$$

$$\|z_n - x^*\|_i \leq \|z_{n_l+1} - x^*\|_i - \sum_{m=n_l+1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{m}, \quad n_l + 1 \leq n \leq n_{l+1}, \tag{19}$$

$$\|z_{n+1} - x^*\|_i \leq \|z_1 - x^*\|_i - \sum_1^n \frac{1}{m} \leq \|z_1 - x^*\|_i, \quad 1 \leq n \leq n_l - 1, \tag{20}$$

$$1 \leq n_1 \leq s_{\max} = \max \left\{ s : \sum_1^s \frac{1}{m} \leq \|z_1 - x^*\|_i \right\}. \tag{21}$$

*Proof* For each  $i$  and all  $n \geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_{n+1} - x^*\|_i &= \|P_{K_{n+1}}Az_n - \underbrace{Ax^*}_{=P_Kx^*}\|_i \\ &\leq \|P_{K_{n+1}}Az_n - P_{K_{n+1}}Ax^*\|_i + \|P_{K_{n+1}}Ax^* - P_Kx^*\|_i. \end{aligned}$$

Since the metric projection operator is nonexpansive on each closed convex set  $K_n$ , we have

$$\|z_{n+1} - x^*\|_i \leq \|Az_n - Ax^*\|_i + \|P_{K_{n+1}}Ax^* - P_Kx^*\|_i. \tag{22}$$

By Lemma 2.13, if  $\mathcal{H}(K_{n+1}, K) \leq \sigma_{n+1}$ , then there exist positive constants  $C_1 \geq 0$  and  $C_2 \geq 0$ :  $\|P_{K_{n+1}}x^* - P_Kx^*\| \leq C_1\delta_E^{-1}(C_2\sigma_{n+1})$ . Since  $\frac{\epsilon^2}{8} \leq \delta_E(\epsilon)$ , that is,  $\delta_E^{-1}(\frac{\epsilon}{8}) \leq c_3\sqrt{\epsilon}$ , and thus, for the fixed point  $x^* \in E$ , there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\|P_{K_{n+1}}x^* - P_Kx^*\|_i \leq C\sqrt{\sigma_{n+1}}. \tag{23}$$

Since  $A$  is weakly contractive, using (23) in (22), we get

$$\|z_{n+1} - x^*\|_i \leq \|z_n - x^*\|_i - \psi(\|z_n - x^*\|_i) + C\sqrt{\sigma_{n+1}}.$$

Thus, the sequence of positive numbers  $\lambda_n^i := \|z_n - x^*\|_i, n \geq 1$ , satisfies

$$\lambda_{n+1}^i \leq \lambda_n^i - \psi(\lambda_n^i) + C\sqrt{\sigma_{n+1}}. \tag{24}$$

Since by assumption  $\sigma_{n+1} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , all the conditions of Lemma 2.12 are satisfied with  $\alpha_i = 1$  and  $\beta_i = 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . Thus,  $\lambda_n^i \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , that is, the sequence  $\{z_n\}$



converges in norm to  $x^*$ , and estimates (17)-(21) are all satisfied, which completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

Now we work in a system of perturbed operators  $A_n$  and perturbed sets  $K_n$  to approximate a fixed point  $x^*$  of the operator  $A$  on  $K$ .

**Theorem 3.6** *Let  $K \subset D(A)$ ,  $K_n \subset D(A)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , be nonempty convex sets in a real countably Hilbert space  $E$  such that  $K$  and  $K_n$  are closed in each component  $H_n$ ,  $A : D(A) \rightarrow E$  be a weakly contractive map of the class  $C_{\psi(t)}$  with strictly increasing function  $\psi(t)$ , and  $x^* \in K$  be its fixed point. Assume that, instead of  $A$ , the sequences  $\{A_n\}$  of operators  $A_n : K_n \rightarrow E$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , are given. Assume also that there exist sequences of positive numbers  $\{h_n\}$  and  $\{\sigma_n\}$  converging to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and a finite positive function  $g(t)$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  such that for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $t \geq 0$ , the Hausdorff distance  $\mathcal{H}(K_n, K) \leq \sigma_n$ , and*

$$\|A_n v - A v\|_i \leq h_n g(\|v\|_i) \quad \forall v \in K_n. \tag{25}$$

*If the iteration  $u_{n+1} = P_{K_{n+1}} A_n u_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , starting at arbitrary  $u_1 \in K_1$  is bounded, then it converges in norm to the point  $x^*$ . Moreover, there exist constants  $C > 0$  and  $C_1 \geq 0$  and a subsequence  $\{u_{n_l}\} \subset \{u_n\}$ ,  $l \geq 1$ , such that for each  $i$ ,*

$$\|u_{n_l} - x^*\|_i \leq \psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n_l} + C\sqrt{\sigma_{n_l+1}}\right) + \psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n_l} + C_1 h_{n_l}\right). \tag{26}$$

*Proof* Considering the iteration  $z_n$  of Theorem 3.5 with  $z_1 \in K_1$ , we get

$$\|u_{n+1} - x^*\|_i \leq \|u_{n+1} - z_{n+1}\|_i + \|z_{n+1} - x^*\|_i,$$

where  $\|z_{n+1} - x^*\|_i \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\sigma_n \rightarrow 0$  (by Theorem 3.5).

By assumptions  $\{u_n\}$  is bounded; then  $\forall n \geq 1 \exists M \geq 0: \|u_n\|_i \leq M$ . Since  $A$  is weakly contractive, then using (25), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_{n+1} - z_{n+1}\|_i &= \|P_{K_{n+1}} A_n u_n - P_{K_{n+1}} A z_n\|_i \\ &\leq \|A_n u_n - A z_n\|_i \\ &\leq \|A u_n - A z_n\|_i + \|A_n u_n - A u_n\|_i \\ &\leq \|u_n - z_n\|_i - \psi(\|u_n - z_n\|_i) + h_n g(\|u_n\|_i) \\ &\leq \|u_n - z_n\|_i - \psi(\|u_n - z_n\|_i) + h_n \underbrace{g(M)}_{=C_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the sequence of positive numbers defined by  $\lambda_n^i = \|u_n - z_n\|_i$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , satisfies the inequality  $\lambda_{n+1}^i \leq \lambda_n^i - \psi(\lambda_n^i) + C_1 h_n$ . Since  $h_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have by Lemma 2.12 that

$$\lambda_n^i = \|u_n - z_n\|_i \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \|u_{n_l} - z_{n_l}\|_i \leq \psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n_l} + C_1 h_{n_l}\right).$$

Therefore,

$$\|u_n - x^*\|_i \leq \|u_n - z_n\|_i + \|z_n - x^*\|_i \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{i.e., } u_n \rightarrow x^* \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_{n_l} - x^*\|_i &\leq \|u_{n_l} - z_{n_l}\|_i + \|z_{n_l} - x^*\|_i \\ &\leq \psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n_l} + C_1 h_{n_l}\right) + \psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n_l} + C\sqrt{\sigma_{n_l+1}}\right). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.7** *Let  $K \subset D(A)$ ,  $K_n \subset D(A)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , be nonempty convex sets in a real countably Hilbert space  $E$  such that  $K$  and  $K_n$  are closed in each  $H_n$ ,  $A : D(A) \rightarrow E$  be a weakly contractive map of the class  $C_{\psi(t)}$ , and  $x^* \in K$  be its fixed point. Assume that, instead of  $A$ , the sequences  $\{A_n\}$  of the operators  $A_n : K_n \rightarrow E$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , are given. Assume also that there exist sequences of positive numbers  $h_n$ ,  $\beta_n$ ,  $\delta_n$ ,  $\mu_n$ , and  $\sigma_n$  and a finite positive function  $g(t)$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  such that for each  $i$ , for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $t \geq 0$ , the Hausdorff distance  $\mathcal{H}(K_n, K) \leq \sigma_n$ , and*

$$\|A_n u - A_n v\|_i \leq (1 + \beta_n)\|u - v\|_i - \psi_n(\|u - v\|_i) + \mu_n \quad \forall u, v \in K_n, \tag{27}$$

$$\|A_n v - A v\|_i \leq h_n g(\|v\|_i) + \delta_n \quad \forall v \in K_n, \tag{28}$$

$$|\psi_n(t) - \psi(t)| \leq \nu_n \quad \forall t \geq 0. \tag{29}$$

If  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \beta_n < \infty$  and  $\gamma_n \rightarrow 0$ , where  $\gamma_n = h_n + \delta_n + \mu_n + \nu_n + \sqrt{\sigma_n}$ , then the iteration  $u_{n+1} = P_{K_{n+1}} A_n u_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , starting at arbitrary  $u_1 \in K_1$  converges in norm to the fixed point  $x^*$ .

**Remark 3.8** Observe that (27) for  $A_n$  is similar to the condition of weak contraction of  $A$ . At the same time, (28) is a standard condition of proximity between  $A_n$  and  $A$  in each point of  $K$ .

*Proof of Theorem 3.7* Consider the iteration of Theorem 3.5 with  $z_1 \in K_1$ ,

$$\|u_{n+1} - x^*\|_i \leq \|u_{n+1} - z_{n+1}\|_i + \|z_{n+1} - x^*\|_i, \tag{30}$$

$$\text{where, for each } i, \|z_{n+1} - x^*\|_i \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } \sigma_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ (Theorem 3.5)}. \tag{31}$$

The *claim* now is to prove that  $\|u_n - z_n\|_i \rightarrow 0$ . Noting that the sequence  $\{z_n\}$  is bounded, say by  $M$ , and following (24), (27), (28), and (29), for all  $n \geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_{n+1} - z_{n+1}\|_i &= \|P_{K_{n+1}} A_n u_n - P_{K_{n+1}} A z_n\|_i \\ &\leq \|A_n u_n - A z_n\|_i \\ &\leq \|A_n z_n - A z_n\|_i + \|A_n u_n - A_n z_n\|_i \\ &\leq (1 + \beta_n)\|u_n - z_n\|_i - \psi_n(\|u_n - z_n\|_i) + \mu_n \\ &\quad + h_n g(\|z_n\|_i) + \delta_n \\ &\leq (1 + \beta_n)\|u_n - z_n\|_i + \underbrace{\nu_n - \psi(\|u_n - z_n\|_i)}_{\leq h_n g(M)} + \mu_n \\ &\quad + \underbrace{h_n g(\|z_n\|_i)}_{\leq h_n g(M)} + \delta_n \\ &\leq (1 + \beta_n)\|u_n - z_n\|_i - \psi(\|u_n - z_n\|_i) + \gamma_n, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma_n = \mu_n + \nu_n + \delta_n + Ch_n$  and  $C = g(M)$ . Thus, the positive numbers  $\{\lambda_n^i\}_{n \geq 1}$  defined by  $\lambda_n^i = \|u_n - z_n\|_i$  satisfy the inequality

$$\lambda_{n+1}^i \leq (1 + \beta_n)\lambda_n^i - \psi(\lambda_n^i) + \gamma_n. \tag{32}$$

Since the sequence  $\{\beta_n\}$  is summable, that is,  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \beta_n < \infty$ , and hence  $\beta_n \rightarrow 0$ , we can see that the convergence conditions of  $\lambda_n^i$  given by Lemma 2.12 and (32) are the same. Therefore,  $\lambda_n^i = \|u_n - z_n\|_i \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\gamma_n \rightarrow 0$ , which proves the claim. Now, using (30) and (31), we conclude that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n - x^*\|_i = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9** *Let  $K$  be a nonempty convex subset of a real countably Hilbert space  $E$  such that  $K$  is closed in each  $H_n$ ,  $A : K \rightarrow E$  be an asymptotically weakly contractive map of class  $C_{\psi(t)}$  with  $\{k_n\} \subseteq [1, \infty)$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty (k_n - 1) < \infty$ , and let  $x^* \in F(A)$ . For  $x_1 \in K$ , consider the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by*

$$x_{n+1} = (P_K A)^n x_n, \quad n \geq 1. \tag{33}$$

Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $x^* \in F(A)$ .

*Proof* Considering (33) and that  $P_K$  is nonexpansive and  $A$  is asymptotically weakly contractive, set  $\beta_n = k_n - 1$ . Then, for each  $i$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x^*\|_i &= \|(P_K A)^n x_n - (P_K A)^n x^*\|_i \\ &\leq \|A(P_K A)^{n-1} x_n - A(P_K A)^{n-1} x^*\|_i \\ &\leq k_n \|x_n - x^*\|_i - \psi(\|x_n - x^*\|_i) \\ &= (1 + \beta_n) \|x_n - x^*\|_i - \psi(\|x_n - x^*\|_i) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j\right) \|x_1 - x^*\|_i, \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

so that  $\|x_n - x^*\|_i$  is bounded. If we now set  $\lambda_n^i := \|x_n - x^*\|_i$ , then Lemma 2.12 and (34) imply  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x^*\|_i = 0$  for all  $i$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10** *Let  $K$  be a nonempty convex subset of a real countably Hilbert space  $E$  such that  $K$  is closed in each  $H_n$ , let  $A : K \rightarrow E$  be a map such that  $A(P_K A)^{n-1}$  is bounded and  $P_K A : K \rightarrow K$  is asymptotically weakly contractive of the class  $C_{\psi(t)}$  with  $\{k_n\} \subseteq [1, \infty)$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty (k_n - 1) < \infty$ , and let  $x^* \in F(A)$ . Consider the perturbed operators  $A_n : K \rightarrow E$ . Suppose that there exist sequences of positive numbers  $\{\delta_n\}$  and  $\{h_n\}$  converging to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and a finite positive function  $g(t)$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  such that for all  $n \geq 1$ ,*

$$\|A_n(P_K A_n)^{n-1} v - A(P_K A)^{n-1} v\|_i \leq h_n g(\|v\|_i) + \delta_n \quad \forall v \in K. \tag{35}$$

If the iteration  $y_{n+1} = (P_K A_n)^n y_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , starting at arbitrary  $y_1 \in K$  is bounded or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(P_K A_n)^n y_n - (P_K A)^n y_n\|_i = 0$ , then it converges to the point  $x^*$ . Moreover, there exists a subsequence  $\{y_{n_l}\} \subset \{y_n\}$ ,  $l \geq 1$ , such that

$$\|y_{n_l} - x^*\|_i \leq \psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n_l} + \bar{\gamma}_{n_l}\right), \tag{36}$$

$$\|y_{n_l+1} - x^*\|_i \leq \psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n_l} + \bar{\gamma}_{n_l}\right) + \bar{\gamma}_{n_l}, \tag{37}$$

$$\|y_n - x^*\|_i \leq \|y_{n_l+1} - x^*\|_i - \sum_{n_l+1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{m}, \quad n_l + 1 \leq n \leq n_{l+1}, \tag{38}$$

$$\|y_{n+1} - x^*\|_i \leq \|y_1 - x^*\|_i - \sum_1^n \frac{1}{m} \leq \|y_1 - x^*\|_i, \quad 1 \leq n \leq n_l - 1, \tag{39}$$

$$1 \leq n_1 \leq s_{\max} = \max \left\{ s : \sum_1^s \frac{1}{m} \leq \|y_1 - x^*\|_i \right\}. \tag{40}$$

*Proof* Set  $\beta_n := k_n - 1$ . From the iteration and property of  $P_K A$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_{n+1} - x^*\|_i &= \|(P_K A_n)^n y_n - (P_K A)^n x^*\|_i \\ &\leq \|(P_K A)^n y_n - (P_K A)^n x^*\|_i + \|(P_K A_n)^n y_n - (P_K A)^n y_n\|_i \\ &\leq k_n \|y_n - x^*\|_i - \psi(\|y_n - x^*\|_i) + \|(P_K A_n)^n y_n - (P_K A)^n y_n\|_i. \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

- (i) Assume that the given iteration starting at arbitrary  $y_1 \in K$  is bounded, say by  $M > 0$ ; then  $\{A(P_K A)^{n-1} y_n\}$  is bounded, and hence, using (35), we get that  $\{A_n(P_K A_n)^{n-1} y_n\}$  is bounded. Thus, by the nonexpansive property of  $P_K$  in each  $H_i$  and (35) we get  $\|(P_K A_n)^n y_n - (P_K A)^n y_n\|_i \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, by (41) all the conditions of Lemma 2.12 are satisfied with  $\alpha_i = 1 \forall i \geq 1$ .
- (ii) Assume that the assumption  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(P_K A_n)^n y_n - (P_K A)^n y_n\|_i = 0$  is satisfied. Then setting  $\lambda_n^i := \|y_n - x^*\|_i$ , from (41) we get by Lemma 2.12 that the conclusions hold. □

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