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# Convergence Theorems for $\alpha$ -Nonexpansive Mappings in CAT(0) Spaces

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# Abstract

In this paper we derive convergence theorems for an  $\alpha$ -nonexpansive mapping of a nonempty closed and convex subset of a complete CAT(0) space for SPiterative process and Thianwan's iterative process.

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# 1 Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to study fixed point theorems for  $\alpha$ -nonexpansive mappings in CAT(0) spaces. A metric space X is a CAT(0)

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space (see Bridson and Haefliger [2]) if it is geodesically connected and if every geodesic triangle in X is at least as 'thin' as its comparison triangle in the Euclidean plane. Our approach is to prove  $\Delta$ -convergence theorems for SP-iteration and Thianwan's iterations for  $\alpha$ -nonexpansive mappings in CAT(0) spaces.

Here are the details. Let X be a CAT(0) space and let C be a nonempty subset of X and  $T: C \to X$  be a mapping. Denote F(T) by the set of fixed points of T, i.e.,  $F(T) = \{x \in C : Tx = x\}.$ 

**Definition 1.1** T is said to be nonexpansive if  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq d(x, y)$ for all  $x, y \in C$  and that T is quasi-nonexpansive if  $F(T) \neq \phi$  and  $d(Tx, y) \leq d(x, y)$  for all  $x \in C$  and  $y \in F(T)$ .

In 2011, Aoyama and Kohsaka [1] defined  $\alpha$ -non-expansive mappings in Banach spaces. We introduce the notion of this mapping in CAT(0)spaces.

**Definition 1.2** A mapping  $T: C \to X$  is said to be an  $\alpha$ -non-expansive for some real number  $\alpha < 1$  if  $d(Tx, Ty)^2 \leq \alpha d(Tx, y)^2 + \alpha d(Ty, x)^2 + (1 - 2\alpha)d(x, y)^2$  for all  $x, y \in C$ .

Clearly, 0-non-expansive maps are exactly non-expansive maps.

**Definition 1.3 ([6])** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a bounded sequence in a CAT(0) space X. For  $x \in X$ , we set  $r(x, \{x_n\}) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup d(x, x_n)$ . The asymptotic  $r(\{x_n\})$  of  $\{x_n\}$  is given by  $r(\{x_n\}) = \inf\{r(x, \{x_n\}) : x \in X\}$  and the asymptotic center  $A(\{x_n\})$  of  $\{x_n\}$  is the set  $A(\{x_n\}) = \{x \in X : r(x, \{x_n\}) = r(\{x_n\})\}$ .

**Remark 1.4**  $A(\{x_n\})$  consists of exactly one point in CAT(0) spaces (see, e.g., [5, Proposition 7].

**Definition 1.5 ([6])** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a CAT(0) space X is said to  $\Delta$ -converge to  $x \in X$  if x is the unique asymptotic center of  $\{u_n\}$  for every subsequence  $\{u_n\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$ . In this case we write  $\Delta$ -lim  $x_n = x$  and call x the  $\Delta$ -limit of  $\{x_n\}$ .

Let (X, d) be a metric space. A geodesic path joining  $x \in X$  to  $y \in X$ (or, more briefly, a geodesic from x to y) is a map c from a closed interval  $[0, l] \subset R$  to X such that c(0) = x, c(l) = y and d(c(t), c(t')) = |t - t'|for all  $t, t' \in [0, l]$ . In particular, c is an isometry and d(x, y) = l. The image  $\alpha$  of c is called a geodesic (or metric) segment joining x and y. When it is unique this geodesic segment is denoted by [x, y]. The space (X, d) is said to be a geodesic space if every two points of X are joined by a geodesic and X is said to be uniquely geodesic if there is exactly one geodesic joining x and y for each  $x, y \in X$ . A subset  $Y \subseteq X$  is said to be convex if Y includes every geodesic segment joining any two of its points. A geodesic triangle  $\Delta(x_1, x_2, x_2)$  in a geodesic metric space (X, d) consists of three points  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  in X (the vertices of  $\Delta$ ) and a geodesic segment between each pair of vertices (the edges of  $\Delta$ ). A comparison triangle for the geodesic triangle  $\Delta(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  in (X, d) is a triangle  $\overline{\Delta}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \Delta(\overline{x}_1, \overline{x}_2, \overline{x}_3)$  in the Euclidean plane  $\mathbb{E}^2$  such that  $d_{\mathbb{E}^2}(\bar{x}_i, \bar{x}_j) = (x_i, x_j)$  for  $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . A geodesic space is said to be a CAT(0) space if all geodesic triangles satisfy the following comparison axiom:

Let  $\Delta$  be a geodesic triangle in X and let  $\overline{\Delta}$  be a comparison triangle for  $\Delta$ . Then  $\Delta$  is said to satisfy the CAT(0) inequality if for all  $x, y \in \Delta$ and all comparison points  $\overline{x}, \overline{y} \in \overline{\Delta}, d(x, y) \leq d_{\mathbb{E}^2}(\overline{x}, \overline{y})$ .

If  $x, y_1, y_2$  are points in a CAT(0) space and if  $y_0$  is the midpoint of the segment  $[y_1, y_2]$ , then the CAT(0) inequality implies

$$d(x, y_0)^2 \le \frac{1}{2}d(x, y_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}d(x, y_2)^2 - \frac{1}{4}d(y_1, y_2)^2$$
 (CN)

This is the (CN) inequality of Bruhat and Tits [3]. In fact, a geodesic space is a CAT(0) space if and only if it satisfy (CN) inequality.

Now we collect some results which are used in our main results:

**Lemma 1.6 ([6])** Let (X, d) be a CAT(0) space. Then for  $x, y \in X$  and for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ , there exists a unique point  $z \in [x, y]$  such that

$$d(x, z) = td(x, y)$$
 and  $d(y, z) = (1 - t)d(x, y).$  (1.1)

Lemma 1.7 ([6]) Let X be a CAT(0) space. Then

$$d((1-t)x \oplus ty, z) \le (1-t)d(x, z) + td(y, z)$$
(1.2)

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

Lemma 1.8 ([6]) Let (X, d) be a CAT(0) space. Then

$$d((1-t)x \oplus ty, z)^2 \le (1-t)d(x, z)^2 + td(y, z)^2 - t(1-t)d(x, y)^2 \quad (1.3)$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Lemma 1.9 ([7])** Every bounded sequence in a complete CAT(0) space always has a  $\Delta$ -convergent subsequence.

**Lemma 1.10 ([4])** If C is a closed convex subset of a complete CAT(0) space and if  $\{x_n\}$  is a bounded sequence in C then the asymptotic center of  $\{x_n\}$  is in C.

In 2009, Thianwan [12] introduced an iteration named by his name, i.e., Thianwan's iteration which is defined by  $x_1 \in C$  and

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n T y_n + (1 - \alpha_n) y_n,$$
  

$$y_n = \beta_n T x_n + (1 - \beta_n) x_n, \quad \text{for all } n \ge 1,$$
(1.4)

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\beta\}$  are sequences in [0, 1].

In 2011, Phuengrattana and Suantai [10] defined the SP-iteration as follows:

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n T y_n + (1 - \alpha_n) y_n,$$
  

$$y_n = \beta_n T z_n + (1 - \beta_n) z_n,$$
  

$$z_n = \gamma_n T x_n + (1 - \gamma_n) x_n,$$
  
(1.5)

for all  $n \geq 1$ , where  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$ ,  $\{\gamma_n\}$  are sequences of positive numbers in [0, 1]. They showed that the Mann, Ishikawa and SP-iterations are equivalent and the SP-iteration converges better than the others for the class of continuous and non-decreasing functions. Clearly Thianwan's iteration and Mann iterations are special cases of the SP-iteration.

**Example 1.11** Here we provide an example which proves that the SPiteration converges much faster than the other iterations, for the increasing function  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 8x - 2$ , the Ishikawa iteration converges in 22nd iterations while the SP-iteration converges in 2nd iteration with  $x_0 = 0.8$ .

Recall that SP-iteration and Thianwan's iteration in CAT(0) spaces are described as follows:

For any initial point  $x_1$  in C, we define the iterates  $\{x_n\}$  by

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} = \alpha_n T y_n \oplus (1 - \alpha_n) y_n \\ y_n = \beta_n T x_n \oplus (1 - \beta_n) x_n \end{cases}$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$  are sequences of positive numbers in [0, 1]. This iteration is Thianwan's new two step iteration. And if the iterates  $\{x_n\}$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= \alpha_n T y_n \oplus (1 - \alpha_n) y_n, \\ y_n &= \beta_n T z_n \oplus (1 - \beta_n) z_n, \\ z_n &= \gamma_n T x_n \oplus (1 - \gamma_n) x_n, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \ge 1$ , where  $\{\alpha_n\}$ ,  $\{\beta_n\}$ ,  $\{\gamma_n\}$  are sequences of positive numbers in [0, 1]. Then it is known as SP-iteration.

**Remark 1.12** If  $\gamma_n = 0$  then (1.5) reduces to the iterative process (1.4).

## 2 Main Results

Now we are all set to prove our main results. We start with proving key lemmas for later use.

**Lemma 2.1 ([9])** Let C be a nonempty subset of a CAT(0) space X. Let  $T : C \to X$  be an  $\alpha$ -nonexpansive mapping for some real number  $\alpha < 1$  such that  $F(T) \neq \phi$ . Then T is quasi-nonexpansive.

**Proof.** Let  $x \in C$  and  $z \in F(T)$ . Then we have

$$d(Tx, z)^{2} = d(Tx, Tz)^{2}$$

$$\leq \alpha d(Tx, z)^{2} + \alpha d(x, Tz)^{2} + (1 - 2\alpha)d(x, z)^{2}$$

$$= \alpha d(Tx, z)^{2} + \alpha d(x, z)^{2} + (1 - 2\alpha)d(x, z)^{2}$$

$$= \alpha d(Tx, z)^{2} + (1 - \alpha)d(x, z)^{2}.$$

Therefore,  $d(Tx, z) \leq d(x, z)$ . This inequality ensures the closedness of F(T).

**Lemma 2.2 ([9])** Let C be a nonempty closed and convex subset of a CAT(0) space X. Let  $T : C \to X$  be an  $\alpha$ -nonexpansive mapping for some  $\alpha < 1$ . Then the following conditions hold:

(i) If  $0 \le \alpha < 1$ , then

$$d(x, Ty)^{2} \leq \frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha} d(x, Tx)^{2} + \frac{2}{1-\alpha} \{\alpha d(x, y) + d(Tx, Ty)\} d(x, Tx) + d(x, y)^{2},$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ . (ii) If  $\alpha < 0$ , then

$$d(x,Ty)^{2} \leq d(x,Tx)^{2} + \frac{2}{1-\alpha} \{(-\alpha)d(Tx,y) + d(Tx,Ty)\}d(x,Tx) + d(x,y)^{2},$$

for all  $x, y \in C$ .

**Proof.** (i) Observe

$$\begin{aligned} d(x,Ty)^2 &\leq [d(x,Tx) + d(Tx,Ty)]^2 \\ &= d(x,Tx)^2 + d(Tx,Ty)^2 + 2d(x,Tx)d(Tx,Ty) \\ &\leq d(x,Tx)^2 + \alpha d(Tx,y)^2 + \alpha d(x,Ty)^2 + (1-2\alpha)d(x,y)^2 \\ &+ 2d(x,Tx)d(Tx,Ty) \\ &\leq d(x,Tx)^2 + \alpha [d(Tx,x) + d(x,y)]^2 + \alpha d(x,Ty)^2 \\ &+ (1-2\alpha)d(x,y)^2 + 2d(x,Tx)d(Tx,Ty) \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq d(x, Tx)^{2} + \alpha d(Tx, x)^{2} + \alpha d(x, y)^{2} + 2\alpha d(Tx, x)d(x, y)$$
  
+  $\alpha d(x, Ty)^{2} + (1 - 2\alpha)d(x, y)^{2} + 2d(x, Tx)d(Tx, Ty)$   
=  $(1 + \alpha)d(x, Tx)^{2} + 2\alpha d(Tx, x)d(x, y) + \alpha d(x, Ty)^{2}$   
+  $(1 - \alpha)d(x, y)^{2} + 2d(x, Tx)d(Tx, Ty)$ 

This implies that

$$d(x, Ty)^{2} \leq \frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha} d(x, Tx)^{2} + \frac{2}{1-\alpha} \{\alpha d(x, y) + d(Tx, Ty)\} d(x, Tx) + d(x, y)^{2}$$

(ii) Observe

$$\begin{split} d(x,Ty)^2 &\leq [d(x,Tx) + d(Tx,Ty)]^2 \\ &= d(x,Tx)^2 + d(Tx,Ty)^2 + 2d(x,Tx)d(Tx,Ty) \\ &\leq d(x,Tx)^2 + \alpha d(Tx,y)^2 \\ &+ \alpha d(x,Ty)^2 + (1-2\alpha)d(x,y)^2 \\ &+ 2d(x,Tx)d(Tx,Ty) \\ &= d(x,Tx)^2 + \alpha d(Tx,y)^2 + \alpha d(x,Ty)^2 \\ &+ (1-\alpha)d(x,y)^2 \\ &- \alpha d(x,y)^2 + 2d(x,Tx)d(Tx,Ty) \\ &\leq d(x,Tx)^2 + \alpha d(Tx,y)^2 + \alpha d(x,Ty)^2 \\ &+ (1-\alpha)d(x,y)^2 \\ &- \alpha [d(x,Tx)^2 + d(Tx,y)^2 + 2d(x,Tx)d(Tx,y)] \\ &+ 2d(x,Tx)d(Tx,Ty) \\ &= (1-\alpha)d(x,Tx)^2 + \alpha d(x,Ty)^2 \\ &+ (1-\alpha)d(x,y)^2 - 2\alpha d(x,Tx)d(Tx,y) \\ &+ 2d(x,Tx)d(Tx,Ty) \\ &= (1-\alpha)d(x,Tx)^2 + \alpha d(x,Ty)^2 \\ &+ (1-\alpha)d(x,y)^2 \\ &+ 2[(-\alpha)d(Tx,y) + d(Tx,Ty)]d(x,Tx) \end{split}$$

This implies that

$$d(x, Ty)^{2} \leq d(x, Tx)^{2} + \frac{2}{1 - \alpha} [(-\alpha)d(Tx, y) + d(Tx, Ty)]d(x, Tx) + d(x, y)^{2}.$$

**Lemma 2.3** Let C be a nonempty closed and convex subset of a complete CAT(0) space X and  $T : C \to C$  be an  $\alpha$ -nonexpansive mapping for

some  $\alpha < 1$ . If  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in C such that  $d(Tx_n, x_n) \to 0$  and  $\Delta -\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = z$  for some z in X then  $z \in C$  and Tz = z.

**Proof.** It follows from Lemma 1.10 that  $z \in C$ . Let  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ . By Lemma 2.2(i), we deduce that

$$d(x_n, Tz)^2 \le \frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha} d(x_n, Tx_n)^2 + \frac{2}{1-\alpha} \{\alpha d(x_n, z) + d(Tx_n, Tz)\} d(x_n, Tx_n) + d(x_n, z)^2$$

for all *n* in *N*. Thus we have  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sup d(x_n, Tz) \leq \lim_{n\to\infty} \sup d(x_n, z)$ . Let  $\alpha < 0$ . Then by Lemma 2.2(ii), we have

$$d(x_n, Tz)^2 \leq d(x_n, Tx_n)^2 + \frac{2}{1-\alpha} \{(-\alpha)d(Tx_n, z) + d(Tx_n, Tz)\}d(x_n, Tx_n) + d(x_n, z)^2$$

for all n in N. This implies again that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup d(x_n, Tz) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup d(x_n, z).$$

By the uniqueness of asymptotic centers, Tz = z.

**Lemma 2.4** Let C be a nonempty closed and convex subset of a CAT(0)space X and  $T: C \to C$  be an  $\alpha$ -nonexpansive mapping for some  $\alpha < 1$ . Let a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  with  $x_1$  in C be defined by (1.5) such that  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\}, \{\gamma_n\}$  are arbitrary sequences of positive numbers in [0, 1]. Let  $p \in F(T)$ . Then the following assertions hold:

(i) 
$$\max\{d(x_{n+1}, p), d(y_n, p)\} \le d(x_n, p)$$
 for  $n = 1, 2, ...$   
(ii)  $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, p)$  exists.  
(iii)  $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, F(T))$  exists.

# **Proof.** Consider

$$d(y_n, p) = d(\beta_n T z_n \oplus (1 - \beta_n) z_n, p)$$
  

$$\leq \beta_n d(T z_n, p) + (1 - \beta_n) d(z_n, p)$$
  

$$\leq \beta_n d(z_n, p) + (1 - \beta_n) d(z_n, p)$$
  

$$= d(z_n, p)$$

$$= d(\gamma_n T x_n \oplus (1 - \gamma_n) x_n, p)$$
  

$$\leq \gamma_n d(T x_n, p) + (1 - \gamma_n) d(x_n, p)$$
  

$$\leq \gamma_n d(x_n, p) + (1 - \gamma_n) d(x_n, p)$$
  

$$= d(x_n, p).$$

Consequently,

$$d(x_{n+1}, p) = d(\alpha_n T y_n \oplus (1 - \alpha_n) y_n, p)$$
  

$$\leq \alpha_n d(T y_n, p) + (1 - \alpha_n) d(y_n, p)$$
  

$$\leq \alpha_n d(y_n, p) + (1 - \alpha_n) d(y_n, p)$$
  

$$= d(y_n, p)$$
  

$$\leq d(x_n, p).$$

This implies that  $\{d(x_n, p)\}$  is a bounded and non-increasing sequence. Thus  $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, p)$  exists. In the same manner, we see that  $\{d(x_n, F(T))\}$  is also a bounded non-increasing real sequence and thus converges.

**Lemma 2.5** Let C be a nonempty closed and convex subset of a CAT(0)space X and  $T: C \to C$  be an  $\alpha$ -nonexpansive mapping for some  $\alpha < 1$ . Let a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  with  $x_1$  in C be defined by (1.5) such that  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\}, \{\gamma_n\}$  are arbitrary sequences of positive numbers in [0, 1]. Let  $p \in F(T)$ . Then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(Tx_n, x_n) = 0$ .

**Proof.** From the above Lemma 2.4(iii),  $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, F(T))$  exists. Let  $p \in F(T)$  and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, p) = c.$$
(2.1)

Now we prove that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(y_n, p) = c$ .

Since  $d(x_{n+1}, p) \leq d(y_n, p)$ . This implies

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_{n+1}, p) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} d(y_n, p) \quad \text{or} \quad c \le \lim_{n \to \infty} d(y_n, p).$$
(2.2)

But  $d(y_n, p) \leq d(x_n, p)$ . This implies

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup d(y_n, p) \le c.$$
(2.3)

From (2.2) and (2.3), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(y_n, p) = c.$$
(2.4)

Similarly we can get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} d(z_n, p) = c.$$
(2.5)

Now

$$d(z_n, p)^2 = d(\gamma_n T x_n \oplus (1 - \gamma_n) x_n, p)^2$$
  

$$\leq \gamma_n d(T x_n, p)^2 + (1 - \gamma_n) d(x_n, p)^2 - \gamma_n (1 - \gamma_n) d(T x_n, x_n)^2$$
  

$$\leq d(x_n, p)^2 - \gamma_n (1 - \gamma_n) d(T x_n, x_n)^2.$$

Thus

$$\gamma_n (1 - \gamma_n) d(Tx_n, x_n)^2 \le d(x_n, p)^2 - d(z_n, p)^2,$$

so that

$$d(Tx_n, x_n)^2 \le \frac{1}{\gamma_n(1 - \gamma_n)} [d(x_n, p)^2 - d(z_n, p)^2].$$

By (2.1) and (2.5),  $\limsup d(Tx_n, x_n) \leq 0$  and hence  $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(Tx_n, x_n) = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.6** Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a complete CAT(0) space X and  $T: C \to C$  be an  $\alpha$ -nonexpansive mapping with

 $F(T) \neq \phi$ . Let  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\}$  and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  be sequences in [0, 1]. From arbitrary  $x_1 \in C$ , define the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by the recursion (1.5). Then  $\{x_n\}$   $\Delta$ -converges to a fixed point of T.

**Proof.** It follows from Lemma 2.5 that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} d(Tx_n, x_n) = 0$ . We now let  $\omega_w(x_n) = \bigcup A(\{u_n\})$  where the union is taken over all subsequences  $\{u_n\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$ . We claim that  $\omega_w(x_n) \subseteq F(T)$ . Let  $u \in \omega_w(x_n)$ , then there exists a subsequence  $\{u_n\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $A(\{u_n\}) = \{u\}$ . By Lemmas 1.9, 1.10, there exists a subsequence  $\{v_n\}$  of  $\{u_n\}$  such that  $\Delta-\lim_n v_n = v \in C$ . Since  $\lim_n d(v_n, Tv_n) = 0$ , then  $v \in F(T)$  by Lemma 2.3. We claim that u = v. Suppose not, by the uniqueness of asymptotic centers,

$$\lim_{n} \sup d(v_{n}, v) < \lim_{n} \sup d(v_{n}, u)$$

$$\leq \lim_{n} \sup d(u_{n}, u)$$

$$= \lim_{n} \sup d(u_{n}, v)$$

$$= \lim_{n} \sup d(x_{n}, v)$$

$$= \lim_{n} \sup d(v_{n}, v),$$

which is a contradiction and hence  $u = v \in F(T)$ . To show that  $\{x_n\}$  $\Delta$ -converges to a fixed point of T, it suffices to show that  $\omega_w(x_n)$  consists of exactly one point. Let  $\{u_n\}$  be a subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$ . By Lemmas 1.9, 1.10, there exists a subsequence  $\{v_n\}$  of  $\{u_n\}$  such that  $\Delta$ -lim  $v_n = v \in C$ . Let  $A(\{u_n\}\}) = \{u\}$  and  $A(\{x_n\}) = \{x\}$ . We have seen that u = v and  $v \in F(T)$ . We can complete the proof by showing that x = v. If not, since  $\{d(x_n, v)\}$  is convergent, then by the uniqueness of asymptotic centers,

$$\limsup_{n} \sup d(v_{n}, v) < \limsup_{n} \sup d(v_{n}, v)$$

$$\leq \limsup_{n} \sup d(x_{n}, x)$$

$$< \limsup_{n} u(x_{n}, v)$$

$$\leq \limsup_{n} u(v_{n}, x)$$

which is a contradiction and hence the conclusion follows.

**Remark 2.7** As we know that Thianwan's iteration is the special case for SP-iteration for  $\gamma_n = 0$ . So, the above  $\Delta$ -convergence result is also hold for Thianwan's iterative process.

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