

# Regularization Auxiliary Problem Algorithm for Common Fixed Points of a Countably Infinite Family of Non-self Strictly Pseudocontractive Mappings

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## Abstract

This paper deals with an iteration method combining the regularization process and the auxiliary problem principle for computing a common fixed point for a countably infinite family of non-self  $\lambda_i$ -strictly pseudocontractive mappings  $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  from a closed convex subset  $C$  into Hilbert space  $H$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space with the scalar product and norm denoted by the symbols  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\|\cdot\|$ , respectively, and let  $C$  be a closed convex subset in  $H$ . A mapping  $T$  of  $C$  into  $H$  is called  $\lambda$ -strictly pseudocontractive in the terminology of Browder and Petryshyn [4], if there exists a number  $\lambda \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$\|T(x) - T(y)\|^2 \leq \|x - y\|^2 + \lambda \|(I - T)(x) - (I - T)(y)\|^2,$$

where  $I$  is the identity operator in  $H$ . Clearly, when  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $T$  is nonexpansive, i.e.,

$$\|T(x) - T(y)\| \leq \|x - y\|$$

for all  $x, y \in D(T)$ , the domain of definition of  $T$ . It means that the class of  $\lambda$ -strictly pseudocontractive mappings strictly includes the class of nonexpansive mappings. Denote by  $F(T)$  the set of fixed points of the mapping  $T$  in  $C$ , i.e.,  $F(T) = \{x \in C : x = T(x)\}$ .

Let  $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  be a countably infinite family of  $\lambda_i$ -strictly pseudocontractive non-self mappings of  $C$  into  $H$  such that  $\mathcal{F} := \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F(T_i) \neq \emptyset$ . The problem studied in this paper is to find an element

$$u^* \in \mathcal{F}. \quad (1.1)$$

In the case that  $T_i = I$  for  $i > N = 1$ , (1.1) is a problem of finding a fixed point for a  $\lambda$ -strictly pseudocontractive mapping in  $C$  and studied in [4], [22] and [17]. If  $T_i = I$  for  $i > N > 1$ , then (1.1) is a problem of finding a common fixed point for a finite family of  $N$   $\lambda_i$ -strictly pseudocontractive mappings  $T_i$  in  $C$  and studied in [27]. At this time, Buong and Son [5] used another approach, the regularization method, to solve (1.1) for the case that each  $T_i$ , maybe, is not a self mapping. Further, Buong [6] considered a regularization method to find the element  $u^*$  that is also a solution of the following variational inequality problem: find  $u^* \in C$  such that

$$\langle A_0(u^*), v - u^* \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $A_0$  is a Lipschitz continuous and monotone mapping from  $C$  into  $H$ . We denote by  $V(C, A_0)$  the set of solutions for (1.2). Note that (1.2) can be regularized by the perturbative variational inequality problem: find  $u_\alpha \in C$  such that

$$\langle A_0(u_\alpha) + \alpha u_\alpha, v - u_\alpha \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C \quad (1.3)$$

(see [1]). Apart from the regularization algorithm (1.3), there are different algorithms to solve (1.2) a whole of which has been unified in the framework of the so-called auxiliary problem principle (see [8], [9]). This principle is constructed on the base of using an auxiliary function  $\varphi : H \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$ , which is chosen to be differentiable and strongly convex, and a sequence of positive numbers  $\{\varepsilon_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ . For some  $x \in C$ , we introduce the auxiliary problem

$$\min_{z \in C} \varphi(z) + \langle \varepsilon_k A_0(x) - \varphi'(x), z \rangle. \quad (1.4)$$

Let  $z(x)$  denote the solution of this problem. It is characterized by the variational inequality

$$\langle \varphi'(z(x)) + \varepsilon_k A_0(x) - \varphi'(x), v - z(x) \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C.$$

If  $z(x)$  happens to be equal to  $x$ , then it is checked easily that  $z(x)$  is also a solution of (1.2).

BASIC ALGORITHM

- (i) At  $k = 0$  start with  $z_0$  and  $\varepsilon_0$ .
- (ii) At step  $k = n$ , knowing  $z_n$ , compute  $z_{n+1} = z(z_n)$  by solving the auxiliary problem (1.4) with  $x$  set to  $z_n$

$$\min_{z \in C} \varphi(z) + \langle \varepsilon_n A_0(z_n) - \varphi'(z_n), z \rangle. \tag{1.5}$$

- (iii) Stop if  $\|z_{n+1} - z_n\|$  is below some threshold. Otherwise, go back to the previous step.

Under other technical assumtuions and appropriate choice of the stepsize  $\varepsilon_n$  in (1.5), the basic algorithm converges when  $A_0$  is strongly monotone [9] or has the Dunn property [26]. The basic algorithm converges also when the mapping  $A_0$  is a gradient and monotone. In this case problem (1.5) is equivalent to minimization of convex functional (see [12]). However, it fails to convergence when the mapping  $A_0$  is simply monotone, but not a gradient (see [13].)

The auxiliary problem principle is also used in [14], [15], [18], [20], [21], [23]-[25] to solve some other problems.

If  $\lambda_i = 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$ , then  $\{T_i\}_{i \geq 1}$  is a sequence of nonexpansive mappings from  $C$  into  $H$ . If, in addition, all  $T_i$  are the self mappings, i.e.,  $T_i : C \rightarrow C$ , Maingé [16] considered the following iteration method

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n f(x_n) + \sum_{i \geq 1} w_{i,n} T_i x_n \quad n \geq 0,$$

where  $f : C \rightarrow C$  is a given contraction with constant  $\rho \in [0, 1)$ ,  $x_0 \in C$  is a started point,  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (0, 1)$ ,  $w_{i,n} \geq 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$  and  $\sum_{i \geq 1} w_{i,n} = 1 - \alpha_n$  with some additional conditions.

Another result on a common fixed point for a countably infinite family of self nonexpansive mappings on  $C$  of a Hilbert space  $H$  is given in [7].

It is easy to see that if  $T_i$  is a  $\lambda_i$ -strictly pseudocontractive mapping, then  $I - T_i$  is a  $\tilde{\lambda}_i$ -inverse strongly monotone mapping with  $\tilde{\lambda}_i = (1 - \lambda_i)/2$ , i.e.,

$$\langle (I - T_i)(x) - (I - T_i)(y), x - y \rangle \geq \tilde{\lambda}_i \|(I - T_i)(x) - (I - T_i)(y)\|^2 \quad \forall x, y \in C.$$

In this paper, on the base of Browder-Tikhonov regularization method in [1] and [2], and our results [5], [6] we present a new approximation method for solving (1.1).

We, firstly, construct a regularization solution  $u_\alpha$  for (1.1) by solving the following variational inequality problem: find  $u_\alpha \in C$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma_i A_i(u_\alpha) + \alpha u_\alpha, v - u_\alpha \rangle &\geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C, \\ A_i &= I - T_i, \quad i \geq 1, \end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

where  $\alpha > 0$  is a small regularization parameter tending to zero, and  $\{\gamma_i\}$  is a sequence of real numbers satisfying

$$\gamma_i > 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma_i}{\lambda_i} = \gamma < \infty. \quad (1.7)$$

Secondly, we consider a combination between the method (1.6) and BASIC ALGORITHM to obtain a method, named regularization auxiliary problem algorithm. This combination was firstly realized by Baasansuren and Khan [2] for problem (1.2). Here, we consider the auxiliary problem in combination with the regularization method (1.6) for a countably infinite family of non-self  $\lambda_i$ -strictly pseudocontractive mappings  $T_i$  from  $C$  into  $H$  in the form:

We begin with an initial guess  $z_0 \in C$  and initial parameters  $\varepsilon_0$  and  $\alpha_0$ , and solve the following problem

$$\min_{z \in C} \varphi(z) + \langle \varepsilon_0(\mathcal{B}(z_0) + \alpha_0 z_0) - \varphi'(z_0), z \rangle, \quad \mathcal{B} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma_i A_i.$$

Let the functional  $\varphi$  be so chosen that the above minimization problem is uniquely solvable. We denote the (unique) solution by  $z_1$  and continue further by replacing  $\varepsilon_0, \alpha_0$  and  $z_0$  by  $\varepsilon_1, \alpha_1$  and  $z_1$ , respectively.

#### ALGORITHM A.

- (i) At  $k = 0$  start with  $z_0, \varepsilon_0$  and  $\alpha_0$ .
- (ii) At step  $k = n$  solve the following problem: find  $z \in C$  such that

$$\min_{z \in C} \varphi(z) + \langle \varepsilon_n(\mathcal{B}(z_n) + \alpha_n z_n) - \varphi'(z_n), z \rangle. \quad (1.8)$$

Let  $z_{n+1}$  be the solution.

- (iii) Stop if  $\|z_{n+1} - z_n\|$  is below some threshold. Otherwise, go back to the previous step.

For the sequence  $\{\varepsilon_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  and  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , we make the following assumption.

ASSUMPTION A.  $0 < \varepsilon_n \leq 1; 0 < \alpha_{n+1} \leq \alpha_n \leq 1 : \alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon_n \alpha_n = \infty; \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon_n^2 < \infty, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_n - \alpha_{n-1})^2}{\alpha_n^3 \varepsilon_n} < \infty.$$

The convergence of the algorithms (1.6) and (1.8) is proved in the next section.

**2. MAIN RESULTS**

We formulate the following facts needed in the proof of our results.

Let  $G(u, v)$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$ . The equilibrium problem for  $G$  is to find  $u^* \in C$  such that

$$G(u^*, v) \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C. \tag{2.1}$$

Assume that the bifunction  $G$  satisfies the following standard properties.

**Condition 2.1:**

- (A1)  $G(u, u) = 0 \quad \forall u \in C$ ;
- (A2)  $G(u, v) + G(v, u) \leq 0 \quad \forall (u, v) \in C \times C$ ;
- (A3) For every  $u \in C$ ,  $G(u, \cdot) : C \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$  is lower semicontinuous and convex;
- (A4)  $\overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow +0} G((1-t)u + tz, v) \leq G(u, v) \quad \forall (u, z, v) \in C \times C \times C$ ;

**Lemma 2.1** [11]. *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$  and  $G$  be a bifunction of  $C \times C$  into  $(-\infty, +\infty)$  satisfying Condition 2.1. Let  $r > 0$  and  $x \in H$ . Then, there exists  $z \in C$  such that*

$$G(z, v) + \frac{1}{r} \langle z - x, v - z \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C.$$

**Lemma 2.2** [11]. *Assume that  $G : C \times C \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$  satisfies Condition 2.1. For  $r > 0$  and  $x \in H$ , define a mapping  $T_r : H \rightarrow C$  as follows:*

$$T_r(x) = \{z \in C : G(z, v) + \frac{1}{r} \langle z - x, v - z \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C\}.$$

*Then, the following statements hold:*

- (i)  $T_r$  is single-valued;
- (ii)  $T_r$  is firmly nonexpansive, i.e., for any  $x, y \in H$ ,

$$\|T_r(x) - T_r(y)\|^2 \leq \langle T_r(x) - T_r(y), x - y \rangle;$$

- (iii)  $F(T_r) = EP(G)$ , the set of solutions for (2.1);
- (iv)  $EP(G)$  is closed and convex.

It is easy to see that  $T_r$  is a nonexpansive mapping.

**Lemma 2.3** [19]. *Assume that  $T$  is a  $\lambda$ -strictly pseudocontractive mapping of a closed convex subset  $C$  of a Hilbert space  $H$ . Then  $I - T$  is demiclosed at zero; that is whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $C$  weakly converging to some  $x \in C$  and the sequence  $\{(I - T)(x_n)\}$  strongly converges to zero, it follows  $(I - T)(x) = 0$ .*

Now, we are in the position to prove the following result.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of real Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of non-self  $\lambda_i$ -strictly pseudocontractive mappings from  $C$  into  $H$  such that  $\mathcal{F} := \cap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i) \neq \emptyset$ . Assume that  $\{\gamma_i\}$  satisfies condition (1.7). Then, we have:*

(i) *For each  $\alpha > 0$ , problem (1.6) has a unique solution  $u_\alpha$ .*

(ii)

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} u_\alpha = u^*, u^* \in \mathcal{F}, \|u^*\| \leq \|y\| \quad y \in \mathcal{F}.$$

(iii)

$$\|u_\alpha - u_\beta\| \leq \frac{|\alpha - \beta|}{\alpha} \|u^*\|.$$

*Proof.*(i) Let  $y$  be a common fixed point of  $\{T_i\}_{i \geq 1}$ . Since

$$\gamma_i \|A_i(x)\| \leq \gamma_i \|A_i(x) - A_i(y)\| + \gamma_i \|A_i(y)\| \leq \gamma_i \frac{2}{1 - \lambda_i} \|x - y\|$$

and  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty \frac{\gamma_i}{\lambda_i} = \gamma < +\infty$ , the mapping  $\mathcal{B}$  is well defined and  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty \gamma_i A_i(x)$  converges absolutely for each  $x \in C$ . It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{B}$  is Lipschitz continuous with the Lipschitz constant  $L_{\mathcal{B}} = \gamma$ , and monotone.

Set

$$G_i(u, v) = \langle \gamma_i A_i(u), v - u \rangle, \quad i \geq 1.$$

Then, problem (1.6) is equivalent to that: find  $u_\alpha \in C$  such that

$$G_\alpha(u_\alpha, v) \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C, \tag{2.2}$$

where

$$G_\alpha(u, v) = \tilde{G}(u, v) + \alpha \langle u, v - u \rangle$$

$$\tilde{G}(u, v) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty G_i(u, v) = \langle \mathcal{B}(u), v \rangle.$$

It is not difficult to verify that each  $G_i(u, v), i \geq 1$ , is a bifunction satisfying Condition 2.1. Therefore,  $\tilde{G}(u, v)$  also is a bifunction satisfying Condition 2.1. By using Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 with  $(1/r) = \alpha > 0$  and  $x = 0$ , we can confirm that problem (2.2) (consequently (1.6)) has a unique solution  $u_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha > 0$ .

(ii) Firstly, we shall prove that

$$\|u_\alpha\| \leq \|y\| \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{F}. \tag{2.3}$$

Since  $y \in \mathcal{F}, A_i(y) = 0, i \geq 1$ . Thus,

$$\langle \mathcal{B}(u_\alpha), y - u_\alpha \rangle + \alpha \langle u_\alpha, y - u_\alpha \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{F}. \tag{2.4}$$

As

$$\langle \gamma_i A_i(u_\alpha), y - u_\alpha \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{F}, i \geq 1,$$

from (2.4) it follows (2.3). Therefore,  $\{u_\alpha\}$  is bounded. Then, there exists a subsequence  $\{u_{\alpha_k}\}$  of the sequence  $\{u_\alpha\}$  that converges weakly to some element  $u^* \in C$ . Now, we, firstly, prove  $u^* \in \mathcal{F}$ . From (2.4), the  $(1 - \lambda_l)/2$ -inverse strongly monotone property of  $A_l$  and  $A_i(y) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$ , it implies that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \gamma_l \frac{1 - \lambda_l}{2} \|A_l(u_{\alpha_k})\|^2 &\leq \langle \gamma_l A_l(u_{\alpha_k}), u_{\alpha_k} - y \rangle \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle \gamma_i A_i(u_{\alpha_k}), u_{\alpha_k} - y \rangle \\ &\leq \alpha_k \langle u_{\alpha_k}, y - u_{\alpha_k} \rangle \\ &\leq \alpha_k \langle y, y - u_{\alpha_k} \rangle \\ &\leq 2\alpha_k \|y\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|A_l(u_{\alpha_k})\| = 0.$$

By virtue of Lemma 2.3, we have  $u^* \in F(T_l)$ . Since each set  $F(T_i)$  is closed convex [16],  $\mathcal{F}$  is a closed convex, too. It has only one element with the minimal norm, Thus, all the sequence  $\{u_\alpha\}$  converges weakly to  $u^*$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ . Using this fact, (2.3) with  $y$  replaced by  $u^*$  and the property of the Hilbert space  $H$ , we can confirm that all the sequence  $\{u_\alpha\}$  converges strongly to  $u^*$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ .

(iii) By virtue of (2.4) and the monotone property of  $\mathcal{B}$  we obtain

$$\alpha \langle u_\alpha, u_\beta - u_\alpha \rangle + \beta \langle u_\beta, u_\alpha - u_\beta \rangle \geq 0$$

or

$$\|u_\alpha - u_\beta\| \leq \frac{|\alpha - \beta|}{\alpha} \|u_\beta\| \leq \frac{|\alpha - \beta|}{\alpha} \|u^*\|,$$

for each  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . Theorem is proved.

**Remark.** Obviously, if  $u_{\alpha_k} \rightarrow \tilde{u}$ , where  $u_{\alpha_k}$  is the solution of (1.6) with  $\alpha = \alpha_k \rightarrow 0$ , as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ , then  $\mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$ .

We have the following result.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $H$  and let  $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of non-self  $\lambda_i$ -strictly pseudocontractive mappings from  $C$  into  $H$  such that  $\mathcal{F} := \bigcap_{i=1}^\infty F(T_i) \neq \emptyset$ . Assume that  $\{\gamma_i\}$  satisfies condition (1.7) and the functional  $\varphi$  is proper, convex, and Gateaux differentiable on  $H$ , and its Gateaux differentiable  $\varphi'$  is strongly monotone and Lipschitz continuous. Then, for every  $n \geq 0$ , there exists a unique solution  $z_{n+1}$  to (1.8). Moreover, if Assumption A holds, then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = u^* \in \mathcal{F}.$$

*Proof.* We know that the minimization problem (1.8) is equivalent to the following variational inequality: find  $z_{n+1} \in C$  such that

$$\langle \varphi'(z_{n+1}) + \varepsilon_n(\mathcal{B}(z_n) + \alpha_n z_n) - \varphi'(z_n), v - z_{n+1} \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C. \quad (2.5)$$

The existence and uniqueness of  $z_{n+1}$  are guaranteed by the strongly monotone property of  $\varphi'$ . In view of the obvious triangle inequality

$$\|z_{n+1} - u^*\| \leq \|z_{n+1} - u_{\alpha_n}\| + \|u_{\alpha_n} - u^*\|,$$

where  $u_{\alpha_n}$  is the solution of (1.6) with  $\alpha = \alpha_n$ , and  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$ , it is sufficient to show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|z_{n+1} - u_{\alpha_n}\| = 0.$$

For this purpose, we introduce the functional

$$\Phi(u, z) = \varphi(u) - \varphi(z) - \langle \varphi'(z), u - z \rangle$$

where  $u$  and  $z$  play the roles for the  $u_{\alpha_n}$  and  $z_n$ , respectively.

Since  $\varphi'$  is strongly monotone and Lipschitz continuous,

$$\varphi(u) - \varphi(z) \geq \langle \varphi'(z), u - z \rangle + \frac{m}{2} \|u - z\|^2 \quad (2.6)$$

and

$$\varphi(u) - \varphi(z) \leq \langle \varphi'(z), u - z \rangle + \frac{M}{2} \|u - z\|^2 \quad (2.7)$$

where  $m$  and  $M$  are the modulus of strong monotonicity and Lipschitz continuity for  $\varphi'$ , respectively.

In light of (2.6) and (2.7), the functional  $\Phi$  satisfies

$$\frac{m}{2} \|u - z\|^2 \leq \Phi(u, z) \leq \frac{M}{2} \|u - z\|^2. \quad (2.8)$$

We make the following notation:

$$\Delta_n = \|z_n - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|.$$

We first show that the sequence  $\{\Delta_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  is bounded. For this purpose, let us analyze the difference

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}, z_n) - \Phi(u_{\alpha_n}, z_{n+1}) &= \{\varphi(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) - \varphi(z_n) - \langle \varphi'(z_n), u_{\alpha_{n-1}} - z_n \rangle\} \\ &\quad - \{\varphi(u_{\alpha_n}) - \varphi(z_{n+1}) - \langle \varphi'(z_{n+1}), u_{\alpha_n} - z_{n+1} \rangle\} \\ &= \varphi(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) - \varphi(u_{\alpha_n}) + \langle \varphi'(z_{n+1}), u_{\alpha_n} - z_{n+1} \rangle \\ &\quad + \varphi(z_{n+1}) - \varphi(z_n) - \langle \varphi'(z_n), u_{\alpha_{n-1}} - z_n \rangle \\ &= \varphi(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) - \varphi(u_{\alpha_n}) + \langle \varphi'(z_{n+1}), u_{\alpha_n} - z_{n+1} \rangle \\ &\quad + \varphi(z_{n+1}) - \varphi(z_n) - \langle \varphi'(z_n), z_{n+1} - z_n \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle \varphi'(z_n), u_{\alpha_{n-1}} - z_{n+1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$



Now making use of (2.6) and (2.7) to the above equality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}, z_n) - \Phi(u_{\alpha_n}, z_{n+1}) &\geq \frac{m}{2} \|z_n - z_{n+1}\|^2 - \frac{M}{2} \|u_{\alpha_{n-1}} - u_{\alpha_n}\|^2 \\ &\quad + \langle \varphi'(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) - \varphi'(z_n), u_{\alpha_{n-1}} - u_{\alpha_n} \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle \varphi'(z_{n+1}) - \varphi'(z_n), u_{\alpha_n} - z_{n+1} \rangle. \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

On the other hand, setting  $v = z_{n+1}$  and  $\alpha = \alpha_n$  in (1.6), we obtain

$$\langle \mathcal{B}(u_{\alpha_n}) + \alpha_n u_{\alpha_n}, z_{n+1} - u_{\alpha_n} \rangle \geq 0,$$

and setting  $v = u_{\alpha_n}$  in (2.5), we obtain

$$\langle \varphi'(z_{n+1}) + \varepsilon_n(\mathcal{B}(z_n) + \alpha_n z_n) - \varphi'(z_n), u_{\alpha_n} - z_{n+1} \rangle \geq 0.$$

We sum up the above two inequalities to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \varphi'(z_{n+1}) - \varphi'(z_n), u_{\alpha_n} - z_{n+1} \rangle &\geq \varepsilon_n \langle \mathcal{B}(u_{\alpha_n}) + \alpha_n u_{\alpha_n}, u_{\alpha_n} - z_{n+1} \rangle \\ &\quad - \varepsilon_n \langle \mathcal{B}(z_n) + \alpha_n z_n, u_{\alpha_n} - z_{n+1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $L = \gamma + \alpha_0$ . Then, for all  $x_1, x_2 \in C$ , we have the following estimate

$$\|(\mathcal{B}(x_1) + \alpha_n x_1) - (\mathcal{B}(x_2) + \alpha_n x_2)\| \leq L \|x_1 - x_2\|.$$

Now, combining (2.6) and (2.7), we obtain

$$\Phi(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}, z_n) - \Phi(u_{\alpha_n}, z_{n+1}) \geq E_1 + E_2 + E_3 + E_4, \tag{2.10}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= \varepsilon_n \langle (\mathcal{B}(z_n) + \alpha_n z_n) - (\mathcal{B}(u_{\alpha_n}) + \alpha_n u_{\alpha_n}), z_{n+1} - z_n \rangle + \frac{m}{2} \|z_n - z_{n+1}\|^2 \\ &= \varepsilon_n \langle (\mathcal{B}(z_n) + \alpha_n z_n) - (\mathcal{B}(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) + \alpha_n u_{\alpha_{n-1}}), z_{n+1} - z_n \rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{m}{2} \|z_n - z_{n+1}\|^2 \\ &\quad + \varepsilon_n \langle (\mathcal{B}(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) + \alpha_n u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) - (\mathcal{B}(u_{\alpha_n}) + \alpha_n u_{\alpha_n}), z_{n+1} - z_n \rangle \\ &\geq \frac{m}{2} \|z_n - z_{n+1}\|^2 - \frac{\varepsilon_n^2 L^2}{m} \|z_n - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2 - \frac{m}{4} \|z_n - z_{n+1}\|^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{\varepsilon_n^2 L^2}{m} \|u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2 - \frac{m}{4} \|z_n - z_{n+1}\|^2 \\ &\geq -\frac{\varepsilon_n^2 L^2}{m} \|z_n - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2 - \frac{L^2}{m} \|u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2; \\ E_2 &= \varepsilon_n \langle (\mathcal{B}(z_n) + \alpha_n z_n) - (\mathcal{B}(u_{\alpha_n}) + \alpha_n u_{\alpha_n}), z_n - u_{\alpha_{n-1}} \rangle \\ &= \varepsilon_n \langle (\mathcal{B}(z_n) + \alpha_n z_n) - (\mathcal{B}(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) + \alpha_n u_{\alpha_{n-1}}), z_n - u_{\alpha_{n-1}} \rangle \\ &\quad + \varepsilon_n \langle (\mathcal{B}(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) + \alpha_n u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) - (\mathcal{B}(u_{\alpha_n}) + \alpha_n u_{\alpha_n}), z_n - u_{\alpha_{n-1}} \rangle \\ &\geq r \varepsilon_n \alpha_n \|z_n - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2 - \frac{\varepsilon_n L^2}{M} \|z_n - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{M}{4} \|u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2; 0 < r \leq 1; \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E_3 &= \varepsilon_n \langle (\mathcal{B}(z_n) + \alpha_n z_n) - (\mathcal{B}(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) + \alpha_n u_{\alpha_{n-1}}), u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}} \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{M}{2} \|u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2 \\
&= \varepsilon_n \langle (\mathcal{B}(z_n) + \alpha_n z_n) - (\mathcal{B}(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) + \alpha_n u_{\alpha_{n-1}}), z_n - u_{\alpha_{n-1}} \rangle \\
&\quad + \varepsilon_n \langle (\mathcal{B}(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) + \alpha_n u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) - (\mathcal{B}(u_{\alpha_n}) + \alpha_n u_{\alpha_n}), u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}} \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{M}{2} \|u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2 \\
&\geq r\varepsilon_n \alpha_n \|u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2 - \frac{3M}{4} \|u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2 - \frac{L^2 \varepsilon_n^2}{M} \|z_n - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2; \\
E_4 &= \langle \varphi'(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}) - \varphi'(z_n), u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}} \rangle \\
&\geq -M \|u_{\alpha_{n-1}} - z_n\| \|u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\| \\
&\geq -c\varepsilon_n \alpha_n \|u_{\alpha_{n-1}} - z_n\|^2 - \frac{M^2 \|u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2}{4c\varepsilon_n \alpha_n}; \\
\theta &= r - c > 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Plugging the estimates for  $E_1, E_2, E_3$ , and  $E_4$  in (2.10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}, z_n) - \Phi(u_{\alpha_n}, z_{n+1}) &\geq \theta \varepsilon_n \alpha_n \|u_{\alpha_{n-1}} - z_n\|^2 \\
&\quad - \frac{(M + 2m)L^2 \varepsilon_n^2}{mM} \|u_{\alpha_{n-1}} - z_n\|^2 - \frac{Mm + L^2}{m} \|u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2 \\
&\quad + r\varepsilon_n \alpha_n \|u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2 \\
&\geq \theta \varepsilon_n \alpha_n \|u_{\alpha_{n-1}} - z_n\|^2 - \frac{(M + 2m)L^2 \varepsilon_n^2}{mM} \|u_{\alpha_{n-1}} - z_n\|^2 \\
&\quad - \frac{(mM + L^2)^2}{4rm^2} \frac{\|u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2}{\varepsilon_n \alpha_n}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi(u_{\alpha_n}, z_{n+1}) &\leq \Phi(u_{\alpha_{n-1}}, z_n) + \left[ -\theta \varepsilon_n \alpha_n \|u_{\alpha_{n-1}} - z_n\|^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + c_1 \varepsilon_n^2 \|u_{\alpha_{n-1}} - z_n\|^2 + c_2 \frac{\|u_{\alpha_n} - u_{\alpha_{n-1}}\|^2}{\varepsilon_n \alpha_n} \right],
\end{aligned}$$

where  $c_1 = (M + 2m)L^2/mM$  and  $c_2 = (mM + L^2)^2/4rm^2$ .

Considering analogue of the above inequality from  $n = 0$  to  $N$ , summing them side-by-side and using (2.9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{m}{2}\right) \Delta_{n+1}^2 &\leq \left(\frac{M}{2}\right) \Delta_1^2 \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=1}^N \left[ -\theta \varepsilon_n \alpha_n \Delta_n^2 + c_1 \varepsilon_n^2 \Delta_n^2 + c_2 \left(\frac{\alpha_n - \alpha_{n+1}}{\alpha_n}\right)^2 \|u^*\|^2 (\varepsilon_n \alpha_n)^{-1} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

The above inequality, in view of Assumption A and Lemma 2.5 of [10] confirms the boundedness of the sequence  $\{\Delta_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ . Moreover, the last inequality in view of the boundedness of the sequence  $\{\Delta_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  gives the following estimate

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta \varepsilon_n \alpha_n \Delta_n^2 < \infty.$$

This, in view of the divergence of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon_n \alpha_n$  and the above observations, confirms that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_n = 0.$$

This completes the proof.

EXAMPLE. Let  $1/2 < k_1 < 1, k_2 > 0, k_1 + k_2 < 1$ . Then, for the sequences of the form

$$\varepsilon_n = (1 + n)^{-k_1}, \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_n = (1 + n)^{-k_2},$$

Assumption A is fulfilled.

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