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Regularized Methods for the Split Feasibility Problem

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Many applied problems such as image reconstructions and signal processing can be formulated as the split feasibility problem (SFP). Some algorithms have been introduced in the literature for solving the (SFP). In this paper, we will continue to consider the convergence analysis of the regularized methods for the (SFP). Two regularized methods are presented in the present paper. Under some different control conditions, we prove that the suggested algorithms strongly converge to the minimum norm solution of the (SFP).

1. Introduction

The well-known convex feasibility problem is to find a point x^* satisfying the following:

$$x^* \in \bigcap_{i=1}^m C_i, \quad (1.1)$$

where $m \geq 1$ is an integer, and each C_i is a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H . Note that the convex feasibility problem has received a lot of attention due to its extensive applications in many applied disciplines as diverse as approximation theory, image recovery and signal processing, control theory, biomedical engineering, communications, and geophysics (see [1–3] and the references therein).

A special case of the convex feasibility problem is the split feasibility problem (SFP) which is to find a point x^* such that

$$x^* \in C, \quad Ax^* \in Q, \quad (1.2)$$

where C and Q are two closed convex subsets of two Hilbert spaces H_1 and H_2 , respectively, and $A : H_1 \rightarrow H_2$ is a bounded linear operator. We use Γ to denote the solution set of the (SFP), that is,

$$\Gamma = \{x \in C : Ax \in Q\}. \quad (1.3)$$

Assume that the (SFP) is consistent. A special case of the (SFP) is the convexly constrained linear inverse problem ([4]) in the finite dimensional Hilbert spaces

$$x^* \in C, \quad Ax^* = b \quad (1.4)$$

which has extensively been investigated by using the Landweber iterative method ([5]):

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{With } x_0 \text{ arbitrary and } n = 0, 1, \dots, \text{ let} \\ &x_{n+1} = x_n + \gamma A^T(b - Ax_n). \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

The (SFP) in finite-dimensional Hilbert spaces was first introduced by Censor and Elfving [6] for modeling inverse problems which arise from phase retrievals and in medical image reconstruction. The original algorithm introduced in [6] involves the computation of the inverse A^{-1} :

$$x_{k+1} = A^{-1}P_Q(P_{A(C)}(Ax_k)), \quad k \geq 0, \quad (1.6)$$

where $C, Q \subset R^n$ are closed convex sets, A a full rank $n \times n$ matrix, and $A(C) = \{y \in R^n \mid y = Ax, x \in C\}$ and thus does not become popular. A more popular algorithm that solves the (SFP) seems to be the CQ algorithm of Byrne ([7, 8]). The CQ algorithm only involves the computations of the projections P_C and P_Q onto the sets C and Q , respectively, and is therefore implementable in the case where P_C and P_Q have closed-form expressions (e.g., C and Q are the closed balls or half-spaces). There are a large number of references on the CQ method for the (SFP) in the literature, see, for instance, [9–19]. It remains, however; a challenge how to implement the CQ algorithm in the case where the projections P_C and/or P_Q fail to have closed-form expressions though theoretically we can prove (weak) convergence of the algorithm.

Note that $x \in \Gamma$ means that there is an $x \in C$ such that $Ax - x^* = 0$ for some $x^* \in Q$. This motivates us to consider the distance function $d(Ax, x^*) = \|Ax - x^*\|$ and the minimization problem

$$\min_{x \in C, x^* \in Q} \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - x^*\|^2. \quad (1.7)$$

Minimizing with respect to $x^* \in Q$ first makes us consider the minimization:

$$\min_{x \in C} f(x) := \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - P_Q Ax\|^2. \quad (1.8)$$

However, (1.8) is, in general, ill posed. So regularization is needed. We consider Tikhonov's regularization

$$\min_{x \in C} f_\alpha := \frac{1}{2} \|(I - P_Q)Ax\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha \|x\|^2, \quad (1.9)$$

where $\alpha > 0$ is the regularization parameter. We can compute the gradient ∇f_α of f_α as

$$\nabla f_\alpha = \nabla f(x) + \alpha I = A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha I. \quad (1.10)$$

Define a Picard iterates

$$x_{n+1}^\alpha = P_C(I - \gamma(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha I))x_n^\alpha \quad (1.11)$$

Xu [20] shown that if the (SFP) (1.2) is consistent, then as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $x_n^\alpha \rightarrow x_\alpha$, and consequently the strong $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} x_\alpha$ exists and is the minimum-norm solution of the (SFP). Note that (1.11) is a double-step iteration. Xu [20] further suggested a single step-regularized method:

$$x_{n+1} = P_C(I - \gamma_n \nabla f_{\alpha_n})x_n = P_C((1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n)x_n - \gamma_n A^*(I - P_Q)Ax_n). \quad (1.12)$$

Xu proved that the sequence $\{x_n\}$ converges in norm to the minimum-norm solution of the (SFP) provided that the parameters $\{\alpha_n\}$ and $\{\gamma_n\}$ satisfy the following conditions:

- (i) $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$ and $0 < \gamma_n \leq \alpha_n / (\|A\|^2 + \alpha_n)$,
- (ii) $\sum_n \alpha_n \gamma_n = \infty$,
- (iii) $(|\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n| + \gamma_n |\alpha_{n+1} - \alpha_n|) / (\alpha_{n+1} \gamma_{n+1})^2 \rightarrow 0$.

Recently, the minimum-norm solution and the minimization problems have been considered extensively in the literature. For related works, please see [21–29]. The main purpose of this paper is to further investigate the regularized method (1.12). Under some different control conditions, we prove that this algorithm strongly converges to the minimum norm solution of the (SFP). We also consider an implicit method for finding the minimum norm solution of the (SFP).

2. Preliminaries

Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space H . A mapping $T : C \rightarrow C$ is called *nonexpansive* if

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in C. \quad (2.1)$$

We will use $\text{Fix}(T)$ to denote the set of fixed points of T , that is, $\text{Fix}(T) = \{x \in C : x = Tx\}$. A mapping $T : C \rightarrow C$ is said to be ν -inverse strongly monotone (ν -ism) if there exists a constant $\nu > 0$ such that

$$\langle x - y, Tx - Ty \rangle \geq \nu \|Tx - Ty\|^2, \quad \forall x, y \in C. \quad (2.2)$$

Recall that the (nearest point or metric) projection from H onto C , denoted P_C , assigns, to each $x \in H$, the unique point $P_C(x) \in C$ with the property

$$\|x - P_C(x)\| = \inf\{\|x - y\| : y \in C\}. \quad (2.3)$$

It is well known that the metric projection P_C of H onto C has the following basic properties:

- (a) $\|P_C(x) - P_C(y)\| \leq \|x - y\|$ for all $x, y \in H$,
- (b) $\langle x - y, P_C(x) - P_C(y) \rangle \geq \|P_C(x) - P_C(y)\|^2$ for every $x, y \in H$,
- (c) $\langle x - P_C(x), y - P_C(x) \rangle \leq 0$ for all $x \in H, y \in C$.

Next we adopt the following notation:

- (i) $x_n \rightarrow x$ means that x_n converges strongly to x ,
- (ii) $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ means that x_n converges weakly to x ,
- (iii) $\omega_w(x_n) := \{x : \exists x_{n_i} \rightharpoonup x\}$ is the weak ω -limit set of the sequence $\{x_n\}$.

Lemma 2.1 (see [20]). *Given that $x^* \in H_1$. x^* solves the (SFP) if and only if x^* solves the fixed point equation*

$$x^* = P_C(x^* - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)Ax^*). \quad (2.4)$$

Lemma 2.2 (see [8, 20]). *We have the following assertions.*

- (a) T is nonexpansive if and only if the complement $I - T$ is $1/2$ -ism.
- (b) If S is ν -ism, then for $\gamma > 0$, γS is ν/γ -ism.
- (c) S is averaged if and only if the complement $I - S$ is ν -ism for some $\nu > 1/2$.
- (d) If S and T are both averaged, then the product (composite) ST is averaged.

Lemma 2.3 (see [30] Demiclosedness Principle). *Let C be a closed and convex subset of a Hilbert space H and let $T : C \rightarrow C$ be a nonexpansive mapping with $\text{Fix}(T) \neq \emptyset$. If $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in C weakly converging to x and if $\{(I - T)x_n\}$ converges strongly to y , then*

$$(I - T)x = y. \quad (2.5)$$

In particular, if $y = 0$, then $x \in \text{Fix}(T)$.

Lemma 2.4 (see [31]). *Let $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ be bounded sequences in a Banach space X and let $\{\beta_n\}$ be a sequence in $[0, 1]$ with*

$$0 < \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n < 1. \quad (2.6)$$

Suppose that

$$x_{n+1} = (1 - \beta_n)y_n + \beta_n x_n \quad (2.7)$$

for all $n \geq 0$ and

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\|y_{n+1} - y_n\| - \|x_{n+1} - x_n\|) \leq 0. \quad (2.8)$$

Then, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y_n - x_n\| = 0$.

Lemma 2.5 (see [32]). Assume that $\{a_n\}$ is a sequence of nonnegative real numbers such that

$$a_{n+1} \leq (1 - \gamma_n)a_n + \delta_n, \quad (2.9)$$

where $\{\gamma_n\}$ is a sequence in $(0, 1)$ and $\{\delta_n\}$ is a sequence such that

- (1) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n = \infty$,
- (2) $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n / \gamma_n \leq 0$ or $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\delta_n| < \infty$.

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

3. Main Results

In this section, we will state and prove our main results.

Theorem 3.1. Assume that the (SFP) (1.2) is consistent. Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence generated by the following algorithm:

$$x_{n+1} = P_C((1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n)x_n - \gamma_n A^*(I - P_Q)Ax_n), \quad n \geq 0, \quad (3.1)$$

where the sequences $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (0, 1)$ and $\{\gamma_n\} \subset (0, 2) / (\|A\|^2 + 2\alpha_n)$ satisfy the following conditions:

- (C1) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$,
- (C2) $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n > 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n) = 0$.

Then the sequence $\{x_n\}$ generated by (3.1) strongly converges to the minimum norm solution \hat{x} of the (SFP) (1.2).

Proof. It is known that $A^*(I - P_Q)A$ is $1/\|A\|^2$ -ism. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|P_C((1 - \alpha\gamma)x - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)Ax) - P_C((1 - \alpha\gamma)y - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)Ay)\|^2 \\ & \leq \|(1 - \alpha\gamma)(x - y) - \gamma(A^*(I - P_Q)Ax - A^*(I - P_Q)Ay)\|^2 \\ & = (1 - \alpha\gamma)^2 \|x - y\|^2 - 2(1 - \alpha\gamma)\gamma \langle x - y, A^*(I - P_Q)Ax - A^*(I - P_Q)Ay \rangle \\ & \quad + \gamma^2 \|A^*(I - P_Q)Ax - A^*(I - P_Q)Ay\|^2 \\ & \leq (1 - \alpha\gamma)^2 \|x - y\|^2 - 2(1 - \alpha\gamma)\gamma \frac{1}{\|A\|^2} \|A^*(I - P_Q)Ax - A^*(I - P_Q)Ay\|^2 \\ & \quad + \gamma^2 \|A^*(I - P_Q)Ax - A^*(I - P_Q)Ay\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

If $\gamma \in [0, (2)/\|A\|^2 + 2\alpha]$, then $2(1 - \alpha\gamma)\gamma(1/\|A\|^2) \geq \gamma^2$. It follows that

$$\|P_C((1-\alpha\gamma)x - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)Ax) - P_C((1-\alpha\gamma)y - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)Ay)\|^2 \leq (1 - \alpha\gamma)^2 \|x - y\|^2. \quad (3.3)$$

Thus, $P_C(I - \gamma(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha I))$ is a contractive mapping with coefficient $\rho \leq 1 - \alpha\gamma$.

Pick up any $x^* \in \Gamma$. From Lemma 2.1, $x^* \in C$ solves the (SFP) if and only if $x^* = P_C(I - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)A)x^*$ for any fixed positive number γ . So, we have $x^* = P_C(I - \gamma_n A^*(I - P_Q)A)x^*$ for all $n \geq 0$. From (3.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x^*\| &= \|P_C(I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_n I))x_n - P_C(I - \gamma_n A^*(I - P_Q)A)x^*\| \\ &\leq \|P_C(I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_n I))x_n - P_C(I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_n I))x^*\| \\ &\quad + \|P_C(I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_n I))x^* - P_C(I - \gamma_n A^*(I - P_Q)A)x^*\| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n) \|x_n - x^*\| + \alpha_n \gamma_n \|x^*\| \\ &\leq \max\{\|x_n - x^*\|, \|x^*\|\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

By induction, we deduce

$$\|x_n - x^*\| \leq \max\{\|x_0 - x^*\|, \|x^*\|\}. \quad (3.5)$$

This indicates that the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is bounded.

Since $A^*(I - P_Q)A$ is $\|A\|^2$ -Lipschitz, $A^*(I - P_Q)A$ is $1/\|A\|^2$ -ism, which then implies that $\gamma A^*(I - P_Q)A$ is $1/\gamma\|A\|^2$ -ism. So by Lemma 2.1, $I - \gamma_n A^*(I - P_Q)A$ is $\gamma_n\|A\|^2/2$ averaged. That is, $I - \gamma_n A^*(I - P_Q)A = (1 - (\gamma_n\|A\|^2/2))I + (\gamma_n\|A\|^2/2)T$ for some nonexpansive mapping T . Since P_C is $1/2$ averaged, $P_C = (I + S)/2$ for some nonexpansive mapping S . Then, we can rewrite x_{n+1} as

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= \frac{1}{2}(I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_n I))x_n + \frac{1}{2}S(I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_n I))x_n \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(x_n - \gamma_n A^*(I - P_Q)Ax_n) - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_n \alpha_n x_n + \frac{1}{2}S(I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_n I))x_n \\ &= \frac{2 - \gamma_n\|A\|^2}{4}x_n + \frac{\gamma_n\|A\|^2}{4}Tx_n - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_n \alpha_n x_n + \frac{1}{2}S(I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_n I))x_n \\ &= \frac{2 - \gamma_n\|A\|^2}{4}x_n + \frac{2 + \gamma_n\|A\|^2}{4}y_n, \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

where

$$y_n = \frac{4}{2 + \gamma_n\|A\|^2} \left(\frac{\gamma_n\|A\|^2}{4}Tx_n - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_n \alpha_n x_n + \frac{1}{2}S(I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_n I))x_n \right). \quad (3.7)$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|y_{n+1} - y_n\| \\
 &= \left\| \frac{4}{2 + \gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2} \left(\frac{\gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2}{4}Tx_{n+1} - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{n+1}\alpha_{n+1}x_{n+1} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{2}S(I - \gamma_{n+1}(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_{n+1}I))x_{n+1} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{4}{2 + \gamma_n\|A\|^2} \left(\frac{\gamma_n\|A\|^2}{4}Tx_n - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_n\alpha_nx_n + \frac{1}{2}S(I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_nI))x_n \right) \right\| \\
 &\leq \frac{4}{2 + \gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2} \left\| \left(\frac{\gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2}{4}Tx_{n+1} - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{n+1}\alpha_{n+1}x_{n+1} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{2}S(I - \gamma_{n+1}(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_{n+1}I))x_{n+1} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \left(\frac{\gamma_n\|A\|^2}{4}Tx_n - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_n\alpha_nx_n + \frac{1}{2}S(I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_nI))x_n \right) \right\| \\
 &\quad + \left| \frac{4}{2 + \gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2} - \frac{4}{2 + \gamma_n\|A\|^2} \right| \left\| \frac{\gamma_n\|A\|^2}{4}Tx_n - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_n\alpha_nx_n \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2}S(I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_nI))x_n \right\| \\
 &\leq \frac{4}{2 + \gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2} \left(\left\| \frac{\gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2}{4}Tx_{n+1} - \frac{\gamma_n\|A\|^2}{4}Tx_n \right\| + \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{n+1}\alpha_{n+1}\|x_{n+1}\| + \frac{1}{2}\gamma_n\alpha_n\|x_n\| \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{2}{2 + \gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2} \left\| (I - \gamma_{n+1}(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_{n+1}I))x_{n+1} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - (I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_nI))x_n \right\| \\
 &\quad + \left| \frac{4}{2 + \gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2} - \frac{4}{2 + \gamma_n\|A\|^2} \right| \left\| \frac{\gamma_n\|A\|^2}{4}Tx_n - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_n\alpha_nx_n \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2}S(I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_nI))x_n \right\|
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

Now we choose a constant M such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sup_n \left\{ \|x_n\|, \|A\|^2\|Tx_n\|, \|A^*(I - P_Q)Ax_n\|, \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left\| \frac{\gamma_n\|A\|^2}{4}Tx_n - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_n\alpha_nx_n + \frac{1}{2}S(I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_nI))x_n \right\| \right\} \leq M.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

We have the following estimates:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \frac{\gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2}{4}Tx_{n+1} - \frac{\gamma_n\|A\|^2}{4}Tx_n \right\| \\
&= \left\| \frac{\gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2}{4}(Tx_{n+1} - Tx_n) + \left(\frac{\gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2}{4} - \frac{\gamma_n\|A\|^2}{4} \right)Tx_n \right\| \\
&\leq \frac{\gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2}{4}\|Tx_{n+1} - Tx_n\| + |\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n| \frac{\|A\|^2\|Tx_n\|}{4} \\
&\leq \frac{\gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2}{4}\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + |\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n|M, \\
&\|(I - \gamma_{n+1}(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_{n+1}I))x_{n+1} - (I - \gamma_n(A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_n I))x_n\| \\
&\leq \|(I - \gamma_{n+1}A^*(I - P_Q)A)x_{n+1} - (I - \gamma_{n+1}A^*(I - P_Q)A)x_n\| \\
&\quad + |\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n| \|A^*(I - P_Q)A(x_n)\| + \gamma_{n+1}\alpha_{n+1}\|x_{n+1}\| + \gamma_n\alpha_n\|x_n\| \\
&\leq \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + (|\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n| + \gamma_{n+1}\alpha_{n+1} + \gamma_n\alpha_n)M.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Thus, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|y_{n+1} - y_n\| \\
&\leq \frac{4}{2 + \gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2} \left(\frac{\gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2}{4}\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + |\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n|M + (\gamma_{n+1}\alpha_{n+1} + \gamma_n\alpha_n)M \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{2}{2 + \gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2} (\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + (|\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n| + \gamma_{n+1}\alpha_{n+1} + \gamma_n\alpha_n)M) \\
&\quad + \left| \frac{4}{2 + \gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2} - \frac{4}{2 + \gamma_n\|A\|^2} \right| M \\
&\leq \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + \frac{6}{2 + \gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2} (|\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n| + \gamma_{n+1}\alpha_{n+1} + \gamma_n\alpha_n)M \\
&\quad + \frac{4\|A\|^2}{(2 + \gamma_{n+1}\|A\|^2)(2 + \gamma_n\|A\|^2)} |\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n|M.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Note that $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$ and $\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n \rightarrow 0$. Hence, by Lemma 2.3, we get the following:

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\|y_{n+1} - y_n\| - \|x_{n+1} - x_n\|) \leq 0. \tag{3.12}$$

It follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y_n - x_n\| = 0. \tag{3.13}$$

Consequently,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 + \gamma_n \|A\|^2}{4} \|y_n - x_n\| = 0. \quad (3.14)$$

Now we show that the weak limit set $\omega_w(x_n) \subset \Gamma$. Choose any $\tilde{x} \in \omega_w(x_n)$. Since $\{x_n\}$ is bounded, there must exist a subsequence $\{x_{n_j}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that $x_{n_j} \rightharpoonup \tilde{x}$. At the same time, the real number sequence $\{\gamma_{n_j}\}$ is bounded. Thus, there exists a subsequence $\{\gamma_{n_{j_i}}\}$ of $\{\gamma_{n_j}\}$ which converges to γ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that $\gamma_{n_j} \rightarrow \gamma$. Note that $0 < \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n < 2/\|A\|^2$. So, $\gamma \in (0, 2/\|A\|^2)$. That is, $\gamma_{n_j} \rightarrow \gamma \in (0, 2/\|A\|^2)$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$. Next, we only need to show that $\tilde{x} \in \Gamma$. First, from (3.14) we have that $\|x_{n_{j+1}} - x_{n_j}\| \rightarrow 0$. Then, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| x_{n_j} - P_C(I - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)A)x_{n_j} \right\| \\ & \leq \left\| x_{n_j} - x_{n_{j+1}} \right\| + \left\| x_{n_{j+1}} - P_C(I - \gamma_{n_j} A^*(I - P_Q)A)x_{n_j} \right\| \\ & \quad + \left\| P_C(I - \gamma_{n_j} A^*(I - P_Q)A)x_{n_j} - P_C(I - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)A)x_{n_j} \right\| \\ & = \left\| P_C(I - \gamma_{n_j} (A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_{n_j} I))x_{n_j} - P_C(I - \gamma_{n_j} A^*(I - P_Q)A)x_{n_j} \right\| \quad (3.15) \\ & \quad + \left\| P_C(I - \gamma_{n_j} A^*(I - P_Q)A)x_{n_j} - P_C(I - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)A)x_{n_j} \right\| + \left\| x_{n_j} - x_{n_{j+1}} \right\| \\ & \leq \alpha_{n_j} \gamma_{n_j} \left\| x_{n_j} \right\| + \left| \gamma_{n_j} - \gamma \right| \left\| A^*(I - P_Q)A(x_{n_j}) \right\| + \left\| x_{n_j} - x_{n_{j+1}} \right\| \\ & \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\gamma \in (0, 2/\|A\|^2)$, $P_C(I - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)A)$ is nonexpansive. It then follows from Lemma 2.4 (demiclosedness principle) that $\tilde{x} \in \text{Fix}(P_C(I - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)A))$. Hence, $\tilde{x} \in \Gamma$ because $\Omega = \text{Fix}(P_C(I - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)A))$. So, $\omega_w(x_n) \subset \Gamma$.

Finally, we prove that $x_n \rightarrow \hat{x}$, where \hat{x} is the minimum norm solution of (1.2). First, we show that $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle \hat{x}, x_n - \hat{x} \rangle \geq 0$. Observe that there exists a subsequence $\{x_{n_j}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ satisfying that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle \hat{x}, x_n - \hat{x} \rangle = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \langle \hat{x}, x_{n_j} - \hat{x} \rangle. \quad (3.16)$$

Since $\{x_{n_j}\}$ is bounded, there exists a subsequence $\{x_{n_{j_i}}\}$ of $\{x_{n_j}\}$ such that $x_{n_{j_i}} \rightharpoonup \tilde{x}$. Without loss of generality, we assume that $x_{n_j} \rightharpoonup \tilde{x}$. Then, we obtain the following:

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle \hat{x}, x_n - \hat{x} \rangle = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \langle \hat{x}, x_{n_j} - \hat{x} \rangle = \langle \hat{x}, \tilde{x} - \hat{x} \rangle \geq 0. \quad (3.17)$$

Since $\gamma_n < 2/(\|A\|^2 + 2\alpha_n)$, $\gamma_n/(1 - \alpha_n\gamma_n) < 2/\|A\|^2$. So, $I - (\gamma_n/(1 - \alpha_n\gamma_n))A^*(I - P_Q)A$ is non-expansive. By using the property (b) of P_C , we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|x_{n+1} - \hat{x}\|^2 \\
&= \left\| P_C \left(I - \gamma_n (A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_n I) \right) x_n - P_C (\hat{x} - \gamma_n A^*(I - P_Q)A \hat{x}) \right\|^2 \\
&\leq \left\langle \left(I - \gamma_n (A^*(I - P_Q)A + \alpha_n I) \right) x_n - (\hat{x} - \gamma_n A^*(I - P_Q)A \hat{x}), x_{n+1} - \hat{x} \right\rangle \\
&= (1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n) \left\langle \left(I - \frac{\gamma_n}{1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n} A^*(I - P_Q)A \right) x_n - \left(I - \frac{\gamma_n}{1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n} A^*(I - P_Q)A \right) \hat{x}, x_{n+1} - \hat{x} \right\rangle \\
&\quad - \alpha_n \gamma_n \langle \hat{x}, x_{n+1} - \hat{x} \rangle \\
&\leq (1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n) \left\| \left(I - \frac{\gamma_n}{1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n} A^*(I - P_Q)A \right) x_n - \left(I - \frac{\gamma_n}{1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n} A^*(I - P_Q)A \right) \hat{x} \right\| \|x_{n+1} - \hat{x}\| \\
&\quad - \alpha_n \gamma_n \langle \hat{x}, x_{n+1} - \hat{x} \rangle \\
&\leq (1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n) \|x_n - \hat{x}\| \|x_{n+1} - \hat{x}\| - \alpha_n \gamma_n \langle \hat{x}, x_{n+1} - \hat{x} \rangle \\
&\leq \frac{1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n}{2} \|x_n - \hat{x}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|x_{n+1} - \hat{x}\|^2 - \alpha_n \gamma_n \langle \hat{x}, x_{n+1} - \hat{x} \rangle.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.18}$$

It follows that

$$\|x_{n+1} - \hat{x}\|^2 \leq (1 - \alpha_n \gamma_n) \|x_n - \hat{x}\|^2 + \alpha_n \gamma_n \langle -\hat{x}, x_{n+1} - \hat{x} \rangle. \tag{3.19}$$

From Lemma 2.5, (3.17), and (3.19), we deduce that $x_n \rightarrow \hat{x}$. This completes the proof. \square

Remark 3.2. We obtain the strong convergence of the regularized method (3.1) under control conditions (C1) and (C2). In Xu's [20] result, $\gamma_n \rightarrow 0$. However, in our result, $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n > 0$.

Finally, we introduce an implicit method for the (SFP).

Take a constant γ such that $0 < \gamma < 2/\|A\|^2$. For $t \in (0, 1)$, we define a mapping

$$W_t := P_C [I - \gamma (A^*(I - P_Q)A + tI)], \quad t \in \left(0, \frac{2 - \gamma \|A\|^2}{2\gamma} \right). \tag{3.20}$$

For $t \in (0, 1)$, we know that $A^*(I - P_Q)A + tI$ is $(t + \|A\|^2)$ -Lipschitz and t -strongly monotone. Thus, $W_t = P_C (I - \gamma (A^*(I - P_Q)A + tI))$ is a contractive. So, W_t has a unique fixed point in C , denoted by x_t , that is,

$$x_t = P_C [x_t - \gamma (A^*(I - P_Q)A x_t + t x_t)], \quad t \in \left(0, \frac{2 - \gamma \|A\|^2}{2\gamma} \right). \tag{3.21}$$

Next, we show the convergence of the net $\{x_t\}$ defined by (3.21).

Theorem 3.3. *Assume that the (SFP) (1.2) is consistent. As $t \rightarrow 0+$, the net $\{x_t\}$ defined by (3.21) converges to the minimum norm solution of the (SFP).*

Proof. Let \tilde{x} be any a point in Γ . We can rewrite (3.21) as

$$x_t = P_C[(1 - t\gamma)x_t - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)Ax_t], \quad t \in \left(0, \frac{2 - \gamma\|A\|^2}{2\gamma}\right). \quad (3.22)$$

Since $t \in (0, (2 - \gamma\|A\|^2)/2\gamma)$, $I - (\gamma/(1 - t\gamma))A^*(I - P_Q)A$ is nonexpansive. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_t - \tilde{x}\| &= \|P_C[(1 - t\gamma)x_t - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)Ax_t] - P_C[\tilde{x} - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)A\tilde{x}]\| \\ &\leq \left\| (1 - t\gamma) \left(x_t - \frac{\gamma}{1 - t\gamma} A^*(I - P_Q)Ax_t \right) - (1 - t\gamma) \left(\tilde{x} - \frac{\gamma}{1 - t\gamma} A^*(I - P_Q)A\tilde{x} \right) - t\gamma\tilde{x} \right\| \\ &\leq (1 - t\gamma) \left\| \left(x_t - \frac{\gamma}{1 - t\gamma} A^*(I - P_Q)Ax_t \right) - \left(\tilde{x} - \frac{\gamma}{1 - t\gamma} A^*(I - P_Q)A\tilde{x} \right) \right\| + t\gamma\|\tilde{x}\| \\ &\leq (1 - t\gamma)\|x_t - \tilde{x}\| + t\gamma\|\tilde{x}\|. \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

Hence,

$$\|x_t - \tilde{x}\| \leq \|\tilde{x}\|. \quad (3.24)$$

Then, $\{x_t\}$ is bounded.

From (3.21), we have the following:

$$\|x_t - P_C[(I - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)A)x_t]\| \leq t\|\gamma x_t\| \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.25)$$

Next we show that $\{x_t\}$ is relatively norm compact as $t \rightarrow 0+$. Assume that $\{t_n\} \subset (0, (2 - \gamma\|A\|^2)/2\gamma)$ is such that $t_n \rightarrow 0+$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Put $x_n := x_{t_n}$. From (3.25), we have the following:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - P_C[(I - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)A)x_n]\| = 0. \quad (3.26)$$

By using the property of the projection, we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_t - \tilde{x}\|^2 &= \|P_C[(1 - t\gamma)x_t - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)Ax_t] - P_C[\tilde{x} - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)A\tilde{x}]\|^2 \\ &\leq \langle [(1 - t\gamma)x_t - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)Ax_t] - [\tilde{x} - \gamma A^*(I - P_Q)A\tilde{x}], x_t - \tilde{x} \rangle \\ &= (1 - t\gamma) \left\langle \left[x_t - \frac{\gamma}{1 - t\gamma} A^*(I - P_Q)Ax_t \right] - \left[\tilde{x} - \frac{\gamma}{1 - t\gamma} A^*(I - P_Q)A\tilde{x} \right], x_t - \tilde{x} \right\rangle \\ &\quad - t\gamma \langle \tilde{x}, x_t - \tilde{x} \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - t\gamma)\|x_t - \tilde{x}\|^2 - t\gamma \langle \tilde{x}, x_t - \tilde{x} \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$

Hence,

$$\|x_t - \tilde{x}\|^2 \leq \langle -\tilde{x}, x_t - \tilde{x} \rangle. \quad (3.28)$$

In particular,

$$\|x_n - \tilde{x}\|^2 \leq \langle -\tilde{x}, x_n - \tilde{x} \rangle, \quad \tilde{x} \in \Gamma. \quad (3.29)$$

Since $\{x_n\}$ is bounded, there exists a subsequence $\{x_{n_i}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ which converges weakly to a point x^* . Without loss of generality, we may assume that $\{x_n\}$ converges weakly to x^* . Noticing (3.26) we can use Lemma 2.3 to get $x^* \in \Gamma$. Therefore, we can substitute x^* for \tilde{x} in (3.29) to get the following:

$$\|x_n - x^*\|^2 \leq \langle -x^*, x_n - x^* \rangle. \quad (3.30)$$

Consequently, $x_n \rightharpoonup x^*$ actually implies that $x_n \rightarrow x^*$. This has proved the relative norm-compactness of the net $\{x_t\}$ as $t \rightarrow 0+$. Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.29), we have

$$\|x^* - \tilde{x}\|^2 \leq \langle -\tilde{x}, x^* - \tilde{x} \rangle, \quad \tilde{x} \in \Gamma. \quad (3.31)$$

This implies that

$$\langle -\tilde{x}, \tilde{x} - x^* \rangle \leq 0, \quad \tilde{x} \in \Gamma, \quad (3.32)$$

which is equivalent to the following

$$\langle -x^*, \tilde{x} - x^* \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall \tilde{x} \in \Gamma. \quad (3.33)$$

Hence, $x^* = P_\Gamma(0)$. Therefore, each cluster point of $\{x_t\}$ (as $t \rightarrow 0+$) equals x^* . So, $x_t \rightarrow x^*$. This completes the proof. \square

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