

# Approximation Methods for Equilibrium Problems and Common Solution for a Finite Family of Inverse Strongly-Monotone Problems in Hilbert Spaces

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## Abstract

The purpose of the paper is to investigate approximation methods for finding an element that is not only a solution of an equilibrium problem but also a common solution for a finite family of inverse strongly-monotone problems in Hilbert spaces.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space with the scalar product and the norm denoted by the symbols  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\|\cdot\|$ , respectively, let  $C$  be a nonempty closed (in the norm) and convex subset of  $H$ , and let  $F_0$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbf{R}$ . The equilibrium problem for  $F_0$  is to find  $u^* \in C$  such that

$$F_0(u^*, v) \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C. \quad (1.1)$$

The set of solutions of (1.1) is denoted by  $EP(F_0)$ . Assume that the bifunction  $F_0$  satisfies the following set of standard properties.

**Condition 1.1** The bifunction  $F$  is such that:

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

Let  $T_i, i = 1, \dots, N$  be a finite family of  $k_i$ -strictly pseudo-contractions from  $C$  into  $C$  with the nonempty set of fixed points  $F(T_i)$  (i.e.,  $F(T_i) = \{x \in C : x = T_i x\}$ ). Assume that

$$\tilde{S} := \bigcap_{i=1}^N F(T_i) \cap EP(F_0) \neq \emptyset.$$

The problem of finding an element

$$u^* \in \tilde{S} \tag{1.2}$$

is studied intensively in [1]-[6], [9]-[11], and [13]-[25].

Recall that a mapping  $T$  in  $H$  is said to be a  $k$ -strictly pseudo-contraction in the terminology of Browder and Petryshyn [7] if there exists a constant  $0 \leq k < 1$  such that

$$\|Tx - Ty\|^2 \leq \|x - y\|^2 + k\|(I - T)x - (I - T)y\|^2$$

for all  $x, y \in D(T)$ , the domain of definition of  $T$ , where  $I$  is the identity operator in  $H$ . Clearly, when  $k = 0$ ,  $T$  is nonexpansive, i.e.,

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

It means that the class of  $k$ -strict pseudo-contractions strictly includes the class of nonexpansive mappings.

In the case  $T_i \equiv I$ , (1.2) is the equilibrium problem (1.1) and shown in [5], [21] to cover monotone inclusion problems, saddle point problems, variational inequality problems, minimization problems, Nash equilibria in noncooperative games, vector equilibrium problems, as well as certain fixed point problems (see also [12]). For finding approximative solutions of (1.1) there exist several approaches: the regularization approach in [9], [11], [13], [22], the gap-function approach in [13], [14], [16], and iterative procedure approach in [1]-[4], [6], [10], [17]-[20].

In the case  $F_0 \equiv 0$  and  $N = 1$ , (1.2) is a problem of finding a fixed point for a  $k$ -strictly pseudo-contraction in  $C$  and studied in [15] where it is proved

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$ . Let  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a  $k$ -strict pseudo-contraction for some  $0 \leq k < 1$  and assume that the fixed point set  $F(T)$  of  $T$  is nonempty. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be the sequence generated by the*

following (CQ) algorithm:

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in C \text{ chosen arbitrarily,} \\ y_n = \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) T x_n, \\ C_n = \{z \in C : \|y_n - z\|^2 \leq \|x_n - z\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_n)(k - \alpha_n)\|x_n - T x_n\|^2\}, \\ Q_n = \{z \in C : \langle x_n - z, x_0 - x_n \rangle \geq 0\}, \\ x_{n+1} = P_{C_n \cap Q_n} x_0. \end{cases}$$

Assume that the control sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is chosen so that  $\alpha_n < 1$  for all  $n$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $P_{F(T)}x_0$ , the projection of  $x_0$  onto  $F(T)$ .

In the case  $F_0 \equiv 0$  and  $N > 1$ , (1.2) is a problem of finding a common fixed point for a finite family of  $k_i$ -strictly pseudo-contraction  $T_i$  in  $C$  and studied in [25] where the following algorithm is constructed:

Let  $x_0 \in C$  and  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\}, \{\gamma_n\}$  be three sequences in  $[0, 1]$  satisfying  $\alpha_n + \beta_n + \gamma_n = 1$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , and  $\{u_n\}$  be a sequence in  $C$ . Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = \alpha_1 x_0 + \beta_1 T_1 x_1 + \gamma_1 u_1, \\ x_2 = \alpha_2 x_1 + \beta_2 T_2 x_2 + \gamma_2 u_2, \\ \dots \\ x_N = \alpha_N x_{N-1} + \beta_N T_N x_N + \gamma_N u_N, \\ x_{N+1} = \alpha_{N+1} x_N + \beta_{N+1} T_1 x_{N+1} + \gamma_{N+1} u_{N+1}, \\ \dots \end{cases} \tag{1.3}$$

is called the implicit iteration process with mean errors for a family of strictly pseudo-contractions  $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^N$ .

The scheme (1.3) can be expressed in the compact form as

$$x_n = \alpha_n x_{n-1} + \beta_n T_n x_n + \gamma_n u_n,$$

where  $T_n = T_{n \bmod N}$ . It is proved the following

**Theorem 1.2.** Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$ . Let  $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^N$  be  $N$  strictly pseudo-contractive selfmaps of  $C$  such that  $F = \bigcap_{i=1}^N F(T_i) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x_0 \in C$  and  $\{u_n\}$  be a bounded sequence in  $C$ , let  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\}, \{\gamma_n\}$  be three sequences in  $[0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $\{\alpha_n\} + \{\beta_n\} + \{\gamma_n\} = 1, \forall n \geq 1$ ,
- (ii) there exist constants  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  such that  $0 < \sigma_1 \leq \beta_n \leq \sigma_2 < 1, \forall n \geq 1$ ,
- (iii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n < \infty$ .

Then the implicit iterative sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by (1.3) converges weakly to a common fixed point of the maps  $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^N$ . Moreover, in addition if there exists  $i_0 \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  such that  $T_{i_0}$  is demicompact then  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly.

In the case  $F_0 \neq 0$  and  $N = 1$ , (1.2) is a problem of finding a fixed point for a  $k$ -strictly pseudo-contraction in  $C$  which is an equilibrium point for  $F$ , and studied in [24] where it is proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$ . Let  $F$  be a bifunction from  $C \times C$  to  $\mathbf{R}$  satisfying (A1)-(A4) and let  $S$  be a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into  $H$  such that  $F(S) \cap EP(F) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $f$  be a contraction of  $H$  into itself and let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  be sequences generated by  $x_1 \in H$  and*

$$\begin{cases} F(u_n, y) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \geq 0, & \forall y \in C, \\ x_{n+1} = \alpha_n f(x_n) + (1 - \alpha_n) S u_n \end{cases}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , where  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [0, 1]$  and  $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n &= 0, & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n &= \infty, & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_{n+1} - \alpha_n| &< \infty, \\ \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n &> 0, & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |r_{n+1} - r_n| &< \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{u_n\}$  converge strongly to  $z \in F(S) \cap EP(F)$ , where  $z = P_{F(S) \cap EP(F)} f(z)$ .

Set  $A_i = I - T_i$ . Obviously,  $A_i$  are  $\lambda_i$  inverse strongly-monotone, i.e.,

$$\langle A_i(x) - A_i(y), x - y \rangle \geq \lambda_i \|A_i(x) - A_i(y)\|^2 \quad \forall x, y \in D(A_i), \lambda_i = \frac{1 - k_i}{2}.$$

From now on, let  $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^N$  be a finite family of  $\lambda_i$  inverse strongly-monotone operators in  $H$  with  $C \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^N D(A_i)$  and  $\lambda_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, N$ .

Set  $S = \bigcap_{i=1}^N S_i$ , where  $S_i = \{x \in C : A_i(x) = 0\}$  is called the solution set of  $A_i$  in  $C$ .

Assume that  $EP(F_0) \cap S \neq \emptyset$ .

Our problem of investigation is to find an element

$$u^* \in EP(F_0) \cap S. \tag{1.4}$$

Because every nonexpansive mapping is  $1/2$  inverse strongly-monotone, the problem of finding an element  $u^* \in C$  that is not only a solution of an inverse strongly-monotone problem but also a fixed point of a nonexpansive mapping is a particular case of (1.4) when  $F_0 \equiv 0, N = 2$  and studied in [23] where it is proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$ . Let  $\lambda > 0$ . Let  $A$  be  $\lambda$  inverse strongly-monotone mapping of  $C$  into  $H$ , and let  $S$  be a nonexpansive mapping of  $C$  into itself such that  $F(S) \cap VI(C, A) \neq \emptyset$  where*

$VI(C, A)$  denotes the solution set of the following variational inequality: find  $x_* \in C$  such that

$$\langle A(x_*), x - x_* \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in C.$$

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence generated by

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &\in C, \\ x_{n+1} &= \alpha_n x_n + (1 - \alpha_n) SP_C(x_n - \lambda_n A(x_n)), \end{aligned}$$

for every  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ , where  $\{\lambda_n\} \subset [a, b]$  for some  $a, b \in (0, 2\lambda)$  and  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset (c, d)$  for some  $c, d \in (0, 1)$ . Then,  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to  $z \in F(S) \cap VI(C, A)$ , where

$$z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{F(S) \cap VI(C, A)} x_n.$$

In this paper, on the base of idea in [8] we present two methods of regularization which are the Tikhonov regularization and the regularization inertial proximal point algorithm for solving (1.4) where  $F_0 \neq 0$  and  $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^N$  are  $\lambda_i (\lambda_i > 0)$  inverse strongly-monotone with that condition (A3) is replaced by

(A3') For every  $u \in C$ ,  $F_0(u, \cdot) : C \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is weakly lower semicontinuous and convex.

The strong and weak convergences of any sequence are denoted by  $\rightarrow$  and  $\rightharpoonup$ , respectively.

## 2. Main results.

We formulate the following facts in [5], [21] which are necessary in the proof of our results.

**Proposition 2.1** (i) If  $F(\cdot, v)$  is hemicontinuous for each  $v \in C$  and  $F$  is monotone, i.e., satisfies (A2) in condition 1.1, then  $U^* = V^*$ , where

$$U^* \text{ is the solution set of } F(u^*, v) \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C,$$

$$V^* \text{ is the solution set of } F(u, v^*) \leq 0 \quad \forall u \in C,$$

and it is convex and closed.

(ii) If  $F(\cdot, v)$  is hemicontinuous for each  $v \in C$  and  $F$  is strongly monotone, i.e., there exists a positive constant  $\tau$  such that

$$F(u, v) + F(v, u) \leq -\tau \|u - v\|^2,$$

then  $U^*$  contains a unique element.

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}, \{c_n\}$  be the sequences of positive numbers satisfying the conditions:

$$(i) \quad a_{n+1} \leq (1 - b_n)a_n + c_n, \quad b_n < 1,$$

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

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

Let  $S_A$  be a solution set of an inverse strongly-monotone operator  $A$ .

**Lemma 2.2** *Let  $C_1$  be a closed convex subset of  $C$  with the property  $S_A \cap C_1 \neq \emptyset$ . Then, the solution set of the following variational inequality*

$$\langle A(\tilde{y}), x - \tilde{y} \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in C_1, \tilde{y} \in C_1, \tag{2.1}$$

*is coincided with  $S_A \cap C_1$ .*

*Proof.* Obviously, every element in  $S_A \cap C_1$  is a solution of (2.1). Let  $\tilde{y}$  be an arbitrary solution of (2.1). We have to prove that  $A(\tilde{y}) = 0$ . Let  $\tilde{x}$  be an element in  $S_A \cap C_1$ . Since  $\tilde{x}$  is a zero element of the monotone operator  $A$  and  $\tilde{y}$  is a solution of (2.1), then

$$0 = \langle A(\tilde{x}), \tilde{x} - \tilde{y} \rangle \geq \langle A(\tilde{y}), \tilde{x} - \tilde{y} \rangle \geq 0.$$

Hence,  $\langle A(\tilde{y}), \tilde{x} - \tilde{y} \rangle = 0 = \langle A(\tilde{y}), \tilde{y} - \tilde{x} \rangle$ . Consequently,  $\langle A(\tilde{y}) - A(\tilde{x}), \tilde{y} - \tilde{x} \rangle = 0$ . From the inverse strongly-monotone property of  $A$  it follows  $A(\tilde{y}) = A(\tilde{x}) = 0$ . It means that  $\tilde{y} \in S_A \cap C_1$ . Lemma is proved.

We construct the Tikhonov regularization solution  $u_\alpha$  by solving the single equilibrium problem

$$\begin{aligned} F_\alpha(u_\alpha, v) &\geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C, u_\alpha \in C, \\ F_\alpha(u, v) &:= \sum_{i=0}^N \alpha^{\mu_i} F_i(u, v) + \alpha \langle u, v - u \rangle, \alpha > 0, \\ F_i(u, v) &= \langle A_i(u), v - u \rangle, i = 1, \dots, N, \\ \mu_0 &= 0 < \mu_i < \mu_{i+1} < 1, i = 2, \dots, N - 1, \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

and  $\alpha$  is the regularization parameter.

We have the following results.

**Theorem 2.1.** (i) *For each  $\alpha > 0$ , problem (2.2) has a unique solution  $u_\alpha$ .*

(ii)  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow +0} u_\alpha = u^*, u^* \in EP(F_0) \cap S, \|u^*\| \leq \|y\| \quad \forall y \in EP(F_0) \cap S.$

(iii)

$$\|u_\alpha - u_\beta\| \leq (\|u^*\| + dN) \frac{|\alpha - \beta|}{\alpha}, \quad \alpha, \beta > 0,$$

where  $d$  is a positive constant.

*Proof.* It is not difficult to verify that  $F_i, i = 1, \dots, N$ , all are the bifunctions. Therefore,  $F_\alpha(u, v)$  also is a bifunction, i.e.  $F_\alpha(u, v)$  satisfies condition 1.1, and strongly monotone with constant  $\alpha > 0$ . Hence, (2.2) has a unique solution  $u_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha > 0$ .

Now we shall prove that

$$\|u_\alpha\| \leq \|y\| \quad \forall y \in EP(F_0) \cap S. \tag{2.3}$$

Since  $y \in EP(F_0) \cap S$ , then  $F_0(y, u_\alpha) \geq 0$  and  $A_i(y) = 0, i = 1, \dots, N$ . Consequently,  $F_i(y, u_\alpha) = 0, i = 1, \dots, N$ , and

$$\sum_{i=0}^N \alpha^{\mu_i} F_i(y, u_\alpha) \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in EP(F_0) \cap S.$$

This fact,  $u_\alpha$  is the solution of (2.2) and the properties of  $F_i$  give

$$\langle u_\alpha, y - u_\alpha \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in EP(F_0) \cap S,$$

that implies (2.3). It means that  $\{u_\alpha\}$  is bounded. Let  $u_{\alpha_k} \rightharpoonup u^* \in H$ , as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ . Since  $C$  is closed in the norm and convex, then  $C$  is weak closed. Hence,  $u^* \in C$ . We prove that  $u^* \in EP(F_0)$ . From (A2) and (2.2) it follows

$$F_0(v, u_{\alpha_k}) + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_k^{\mu_i} F_i(v, u_{\alpha_k}) \leq \alpha_k \langle v, v - u_{\alpha_k} \rangle \quad \forall v \in C.$$

Using the property (A3') we obtain  $F_0(v, u^*) \leq 0$  for any  $v \in C$ . By virtue of the proposition 2.1, we have  $u^* \in EP(F_0)$ . Now we show that  $u^* \in S_i, i = 1, \dots, N$ . From (2.2),  $F_0(y, u_{\alpha_k}) \geq 0$  for any  $y \in EP(F_0)$ , and the monotone property of  $F_0$ , i.e.  $F_0(u_{\alpha_k}, y) + F_0(y, u_{\alpha_k}) \leq 0$ , it implies that

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_k^{\mu_i} F_i(u_{\alpha_k}, y) + \alpha_k \langle u_{\alpha_k}, y - u_{\alpha_k} \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in EP(F_0).$$

Therefore,

$$F_1(y, u_{\alpha_k}) + \sum_{i=2}^N \alpha_k^{\mu_i - \mu_1} F_i(y, u_{\alpha_k}) \leq \alpha_k^{1 - \mu_1} \langle y, y - u_{\alpha_k} \rangle \quad \forall y \in EP(F_0).$$

By tending  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have got

$$F_1(y, u^*) \leq 0 \quad \forall y \in EP(F_0)$$

that has the form

$$\langle A_1(y), y - u^* \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in EP(F_0).$$

The last inequality is equivalent to

$$\langle A_1(u^*), y - u^* \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in EP(F_0).$$

Since  $EP(F_0) \cap F(T_1) \neq \emptyset$  and  $A_1$  is an inverse strongly-monotone, from lemma 2.2 it follows  $u^* \in S_1$ .

Set  $\tilde{S}_i = EP(F_0) \cap (\cap_{l=1}^i S_l)$ . Then,  $\tilde{S}_i$  is also closed convex, and  $\tilde{S}_i \neq \emptyset$ .

Now, suppose that we have proved that  $u^* \in \tilde{S}_i$ , and need to show that  $u^*$  belongs to  $S_{i+1}$ . Again, by virtue of (2.2) for  $y \in \tilde{S}_i$  we can write

$$F_{i+1}(y, u_{\alpha_k}) + \sum_{l=i+2}^N \alpha_k^{\mu_l - \mu_{i+1}} F_l(y, u_{\alpha_k}) \leq \alpha_k^{1 - \mu_{i+1}} \langle y, y - u_{\alpha_k} \rangle \quad \forall y \in \tilde{S}_i.$$

After passing  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$F_{i+1}(y, u^*) \leq 0 \quad \forall y \in \tilde{S}_i.$$

By virtue of  $\tilde{S}_i \cap S_{i+1} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $u^*$  also is an element of  $S_{i+1}$ , i.e.,  $F_{i+1}(y, u^*) \leq 0 \quad \forall y \in \tilde{S}_i$ . Inequality (2.3) and the weak convergence of  $\{u_{\alpha_k}\}$  to  $u^* \in EP(F_0) \cap S$ , which is a closed convex subset in  $H$ , give the strong convergence of  $\{u_{\alpha_k}\}$  to  $u^* : \|u^*\| \leq \|y\| \quad \forall y \in EP(F_0) \cap S$ .

From (2.2) and the properties of  $F_i(u, v)$ , for each  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  it follows

$$\sum_{i=0}^N (\alpha^{\mu_i} - \beta^{\mu_i}) F_i(u_\alpha, u_\beta) + \alpha \langle u_\alpha, u_\beta - u_\alpha \rangle + \beta \langle u_\beta, u_\alpha - u_\beta \rangle \geq 0$$

or

$$\|u_\alpha - u_\beta\| \leq \frac{|\alpha - \beta|}{\alpha} \|u_\beta\| + \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^N |\alpha^{\mu_i} - \beta^{\mu_i}| |F_i(u_\alpha, u_\beta)|,$$

because  $\mu_0 = 0$ . All  $F_i, i = 1, \dots, N$ , are bounded, because the operators  $A_i$  all are Lipschitzian with Lipschitz constants  $L_i = 1/\lambda_i$ . Using (2.3), the boundedness of  $F_i$  and the Lagrange's mean-value theorem for the function  $\alpha(t) = t^{-\mu}, 0 < \mu < 1, t \in [1, +\infty)$ , on  $[\alpha, \beta]$  if  $\alpha < \beta$  or  $[\beta, \alpha]$  if  $\beta < \alpha$  we have conclusion (iii). Theorem is proved now.

**Remark.** Obviously, if  $u_{\alpha_k} \rightarrow \tilde{u}$ , where  $u_{\alpha_k}$  is the solution of (2.2) with  $\alpha = \alpha_k \rightarrow 0$ , as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ , then  $EP(F_0) \cap S \neq \emptyset$ .

Further, we consider the regularization inertial proximal point algorithm where  $z_{n+1}$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{c}_n \left( \sum_{i=0}^N \alpha_n^{\mu_i} F_i(z_{n+1}, v) + \alpha_n \langle z_{n+1}, v - z_{n+1} \rangle \right) + \langle z_{n+1} - z_n, v - z_{n+1} \rangle \\ - \gamma_n \langle z_n - z_{n-1}, v - z_{n+1} \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C, z_0, z_1 \in C, \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

and  $\{\tilde{c}_n\}$  and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  are the sequences of positive numbers. Note that in the case  $N = 0$  algorithm (2.4) is considered in [18] without the regularized term  $\alpha_n \langle z_{n+1}, v - z_{n+1} \rangle$ , and the obtained result only is the weak convergence of the sequence  $\{z_n\}$  under some condition. By virtue of this term we shall obtain a stronger result.

It is not difficult to verify that the bifunction

$$\tilde{c}_n \left( \sum_{i=0}^N \alpha_n^{\mu_i} F_i(u, v) + \alpha_n \langle u, v - u \rangle \right) + \langle u - z_n, v - u \rangle - \gamma_n \langle y_n, v - u \rangle,$$

where  $y_n = z_n - z_{n-1}$ , is strongly monotone with constant  $\tilde{c}_n \alpha_n$ . Therefore, (2.4) possesses a unique solution  $z_{n+1}$  for each  $n$ .

**Theorem 2.2** Assume that the parameters  $\tilde{c}_n, \gamma_n$  and  $\alpha_n$  are chosen such that:

- (i)  $0 < c_0 < \tilde{c}_n < C_0, 0 \leq \gamma_n < \gamma_0,$
- (ii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = +\infty, b_n = \tilde{c}_n \alpha_n / (1 + \tilde{c}_n \alpha_n),$
- (iii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n b_n^{-1} \|z_n - z_{n-1}\| < +\infty,$
- (iv)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\alpha_n - \alpha_{n+1}|}{\alpha_n b_n} = 0.$

Then, the sequence  $\{z_n\}$  defined by (2.4) converges strongly to the element  $u^*$ , as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .

*Proof.* Denote by  $u_n$  and  $u_{n+1}$  the solutions of (2.2) with  $\alpha = \alpha_n$  and  $\beta = \alpha_{n+1}$ , respectively. Then, we have the following inequality

$$\|u_{n+1} - u_n\| \leq (\|u^*\| + dN) \frac{\alpha_n - \alpha_{n+1}}{\alpha_n},$$

$$d = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \left\{ \frac{4\|u^*\|^2}{\lambda_i} \right\}.$$

On the other hand, (2.4) and (2.2) can be rewritten in the equivalent forms

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_n \sum_{j=0}^N \alpha_n^{\mu_j} F_j(z_{n+1}, v) + \langle z_{n+1}, v - z_{n+1} \rangle &\geq \beta_n \langle z_n, v - z_{n+1} \rangle \\ &+ \beta_n \gamma_n \langle z_n - z_{n-1}, v - z_{n+1} \rangle \quad \forall v \in C, \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau_n \sum_{i=0}^N \alpha_n^{\mu_i} F_i(u_n, v) + \langle u_n, v - u_n \rangle \geq \beta_n \langle u_n, v - u_n \rangle, \quad \forall v \in C,$$

respectively, where  $\tau_n = \tilde{c}_n \beta_n, \beta_n = 1/(1 + \tilde{c}_n \alpha_n)$ . Replacing  $v = u_n$  and  $v = z_{n+1}$  in the last two inequalities, respectively, and then summarizing the results, we obtain the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \langle z_{n+1} - u_n, u_n - z_{n+1} \rangle &\geq \beta_n \langle z_n - u_n, u_n - z_{n+1} \rangle \\ &+ \beta_n \gamma_n \langle z_n - z_{n-1}, u_n - z_{n+1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\|z_{n+1} - u_n\| \leq \beta_n \|z_n - u_n\| + \beta_n \gamma_n \|z_n - z_{n-1}\|.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_{n+1} - u_{n+1}\| &\leq \|z_{n+1} - u_n\| + \|u_{n+1} - u_n\| \\ &\leq \beta_n \|z_n - u_n\| + \beta_n \gamma_n \|z_n - z_{n-1}\| \\ &\quad + (\|u^*\| + dN) \frac{\alpha_n - \alpha_{n+1}}{\alpha_n} \\ &\leq (1 - b_n) \|z_n - u_n\| + c_n, \\ c_n &= \beta_n \gamma_n \|z_n - z_{n-1}\| + (\|u^*\| + dN) \frac{\alpha_n - \alpha_{n+1}}{\alpha_n} \end{aligned}$$

Since the serie in (iii) is convergent, then  $\beta_n \gamma_n \|z_n - z_{n-1}\| b_n^{-1} \leq \gamma_n \|z_n - z_{n-1}\| b_n^{-1} \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This fact and (iv) follow  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n b_n^{-1} = 0$ . By using the above lemma with  $a_n = \|z_n - u_n\|$  we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|z_n - u_n\| = 0.$$

Since  $u_n \rightarrow u^*$ , then  $z_n \rightarrow u^*$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Theorem is proved.

**Remark** The sequences  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  which are defined by

$$\alpha_n = (1+n)^{-p}, 0 < p < 1/2,$$

$$\gamma_n = (1+n)^{-\tau} \frac{\|z_n - z_{n-1}\|}{1 + \|z_n - z_{n-1}\|^2},$$

with  $\tau > 1 + p$  satisfy all conditions in theorem 2.2.

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