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# General-type proximal point algorithm for solving inclusion and fixed point problems with composite operators



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### Abstract

The main purpose of this paper is to introduce a new general-type proximal point algorithm for finding a common element of the set of solutions of monotone inclusion problem, the set of minimizers of a convex function, and the set of solutions of fixed point problem with composite operators: the composition of quasi-nonexpansive and firmly nonexpansive mappings in real Hilbert spaces. We prove that the sequence  $x_n$  which is generated by the proposed iterative algorithm converges strongly to a common element of the three sets above without commuting assumption on the mappings. Finally, applications of our theorems to find a common solution of some nonlinear problems, namely, composite minimization problems, convex optimization problems, and fixed point problems, are given to validate our new findings.

**Keywords:** General-type proximal algorithm, Convex minimization problem, Monotone inclusion problem, Composite operators

## Introduction

Throughout this paper, we assume that *H* be a real Hilbert space with the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and norm  $\|.\|$  and *K* be a nonempty closed convex subset of *H*. Let  $A : H \to 2^H$ , the domain of *A*, *D*(*A*), the image of a subset *S* of *H*, *A*(*S*) the range of *A*, *R*(*A*) and the graph of *A*, *G*(*A*) are defined as follows:

 $D(A) := \{x \in H : Ax \neq \emptyset\}, A(S) := \bigcup \{Ax : x \in S\},\$ 

 $R(A) := A(H), \ G(A) := \{(x, u) : x \in D(A), \ u \in Ax\}.$ 

An operator  $A: K \to H$  is called *monotone* if

$$\langle Ax - Ay, x - y \rangle \ge 0, \ \forall x, y \in K.$$

An operator  $A : K \to H$  is said to be strongly monotone if there exists a positive constant  $k \in (0, 1)$  such that

 $\langle Ax - Ay, x - y \rangle \ge k ||x - y||^2, \quad \forall x, y \in K.$ 

It is said to be  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone if there exists a constant  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\langle Ax - Ay, x - y \rangle \ge \alpha ||Ax - Ay||^2, \forall x, y \in K.$$

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It is immediate that if A is  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone, then A is monotone and Lipschitz continuous.

Let  $A : H \to H$  be a single-valued nonlinear mapping and  $B : H \to 2^H$  be a set-valued mapping. The variational inclusion problem is as follows: find  $x \in H$  such that

$$0 \in B(x) + A(x). \tag{1}$$

We denote the set of solutions of this problem by  $(A + B)^{-1}(0)$ . If A = 0, then problem (1) becomes the inclusion problem introduced by Rockafellar [1]. Inclusions of the form specified by (1) arise in numerous problems of fundamental importance in mathematical optimization, either directly or through an appropriate reformulation. In what follows, we provide some motivating examples.

#### General monotone inclusions

Consider the inclusion problem

find 
$$x \in H_1$$
, such that  $0 \in (A + K^*BK)(x)$ , (2)

where  $A : H_1 \to 2^{H_1}$  and  $B : H_2 \to 2^{H_2}$  are maximally monotone operators and  $K : H_1 \to H_2$  is a linear, bounded operator with adjoint  $K^*$ . As was observed in [2], solving (2) can be equivalently cast as the following monotone inclusion posed in the product space:

find 
$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in H_1 \times H_2$$
 such that  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ 0 & B^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & K^* \\ -K & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  (3)

Notice that the first operator in (3) is maximally monotone whereas the second is bounded and linear (in particular, it is Lipschitz continuous with full domain). Consequently, (3) is also of the form specified by (1).

#### Saddle point problems

Many convex optimization problems can be formulated as the saddle point problem:

$$\min_{x \in H} \max_{x \in H} \left( g(x) + \Phi(x, y) - f(y) \right), \tag{4}$$

where  $f,g: H \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  are proper, lsc, convex functions and  $\Phi: H \times H \to \mathbb{R}$  is a smooth convex-concave function. Problems of this form naturally arise in machine learning, statistics, etc., where the dual (maximization) problem comes either from dualizing the constraints in the primal problem or from using the Fenchel-Legendre transform to leverage a nonsmooth composite part. Through its first-order optimality condition, the saddle point problem (22) can be expressed as the monotone inclusion

find 
$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in H \times H$$
 such that  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{pmatrix} \partial g(x) \\ \partial f(y) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_x \Phi(x, y) \\ \nabla_y \Phi(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$ , (5)

which is of the form specified by (1). In general, equations of inclusion monotone type (1) are nonlinear and there is no known method to find closed form solutions for them. Consequently, methods of approximating solutions of such equations are of interest.

The best-known splitting method for solving the inclusion (1) when *B* is single-valued is the forward-backward method, called so because each iteration combines one forward evaluation of *B* with one backward evaluation of *A*, introduced by Passty [3] and Lions

and Mercier [4]. More precisely, the method generates a sequence according to

$$x_{n+1} = (I - \lambda_n B)^{-1} (I - \lambda_n A) x_n, \ \lambda_n > 0, \tag{6}$$

under the condition that  $D(B) \subset D(A)$ . It was shown, see for example [5], that weak convergence of (6) requires quite restrictive assumptions on A and B, such that the inverse of A is strongly monotone or B is Lipschitz continuous and monotone and the operator A+B is strongly monotone on D(B). Hence, the modification is necessary in order to guarantee the strong convergence of forward-backward splitting method (see, for example, [5–12] and the references contained in them).

A map  $T: K \to K$  is said to be Lipschitz if there exists an  $L \ge 0$  such that

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \le L \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in K,$$
(7)

if L < 1, T is called *contraction* and if L = 1, T is called nonexpansive. We denote by Fix(T) the set of fixed points of the mapping T, that is  $Fix(T) := \{x \in D(T) : x = Tx\}$ . We assume that Fix(T) is nonempty. A map T is called quasi-nonexpansive if  $||Tx - p|| \le ||x - p||$  holds for all x in K and  $p \in Fix(T)$ . The mapping  $T : K \to K$  is said to be firmly nonexpansive, if

$$||Tx - Ty||^2 \le ||x - y||^2 - ||(x - y) - (Tx - Ty)||^2, \, \forall x, y \in K.$$

We remark here that a nonexpansive mapping with a nonempty fixed point set is quasinonexpansive; however, the inverse may be not true. See the following example [13].

**Example 1** [13] Let  $H = \mathbb{R}$  and define a mapping by  $T : H \to H$  by

$$Tx = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{2}\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), & x \neq 0\\ 0, & x = 0. \end{cases}$$
(8)

Then, T is quasi-nonexpansive but not nonexpansive.

Fixed point theory has been revealed as a very powerful and effective method for solving a large number of problems which emerge from real-world applications and can be translated into equivalent fixed point problems. In order to obtain approximate solution of the fixed point problems, various iterative methods have been proposed (see, e.g., [14– 19] and the reference therein).

In 2013, Yuan [20], motivated by the fact that forward-backward method is remarkably useful for finding fixed points of nonlinear mapping, proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1** Let *H* be a real Hilbert space and *C* be a nonempty closed convex subset of *H*. Let  $A : C \to H$  be a  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator and  $S : C \to C$  be a quasinonexpansive mapping. Let *B* be a maximal monotone operator on *H* into  $2^H$  such that the domain of *B* is included in *C* such that  $F := Fix(S) \cap (A + B)^{-1}(0)$  is nonempty and I - S is demiclosed. Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a real number sequence in [0, 1] and  $\{\lambda_n\}$  be a positive real number sequence. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in C generated in the following iterative process:

$$\begin{cases} x_{1} \in C, \\ C_{1} = C \\ y_{n} = \alpha_{n}x_{n} + (1 - \alpha_{n})SJ_{\lambda_{n}}(x_{n} - \lambda_{n}Ax_{n}), \\ C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_{n} : \|y_{n} - z\| \leq \|x_{n} - z\|\}, \\ x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}}x_{1}, n \geq 1, \end{cases}$$
(9)

where  $J_{\lambda_n} = (I + \lambda_n B)$ . Suppose that the sequences  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\lambda_n\}$  satisfy the following restrictions:

- (i)  $0 \leq \alpha_n \leq a < 1;$
- (ii)  $0 < b \leq \lambda_n \leq c < 2\alpha$ .

*Then, the sequence*  $\{x_n\}$  *converges strongly to*  $P_F x_1$ *.* 

However, we observe that in Theorem 1 recursion formula studied is not simpler.

Recently, iterative methods for nonexpansive mappings have been applied to solve convex minimization problems; see, e.g., [14, 16] and the references therein. A typical problem is to minimize a quadratic function over the set of the fixed points of a nonexpansive mapping on a real Hilbert space H:

$$\min_{x \in Fix(T)} \left( \frac{1}{2} \langle Ax, x \rangle - \langle b, x \rangle \right).$$
(10)

In [14], Xu proved that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by iterative method below with initial guess  $x_0 \in H$  chosen arbitrary:

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n b + (I - \alpha_n A) T x_n, \quad n \ge 0, \tag{11}$$

converges strongly to the unique solution of the minimization problem (10), where *T* is a nonexpansive mappings in *H* and *A* a strongly positive bounded linear operator. In 2006, Marino and Xu [16] extended Moudafi's results [15] and Xu's results [14] via the following general iteration  $x_0 \in H$  and

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n A) T x_n, \ n \ge 0, \tag{12}$$

where  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \subset (0,1)$ , *A* is a bounded linear operator on *H*, and *T* is a nonexpansive. Under suitable conditions, they proved the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by (12) converges strongly to the fixed point of *T*, which is a unique solution of the following variational inequality

$$\langle Ax^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - p \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall p \in Fix(T).$$

If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are self-mappings on K, a point  $x \in K$  is called a common fixed point of  $T_i(i = 1, 2)$  if  $x \in Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2)$ . To find a solution of the common fixed point problems, several iterative approximation methods were introduced and studied. This problem can be applied in solving solutions of various problems in science and applied science, see [21, 22] for instance. We note that  $Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2) \subset Fix(T_1 \circ T_2)$  and almost all the results on common fixed point of nonlinear mappings in Hilbert spaces, commuting assumptions are needed on  $T_i(i = 1, 2)$ .

One of the major problems in optimization is to find:

$$x^* \in H \text{ such that } g(x^*) = \min_{y \in H} g(y).$$
(13)

The set of all minimizers of g on H is denoted by  $\operatorname{argmin}_{y \in H} g(y)$ . A successful and powerful tool for solving this problem is the well-known proximal point algorithm (shortly, the PPA) which was initiated by Martinet [23] in 1970 and later studied by Rockafellar [1] in 1976. Let H be a real Hilbert space and  $g : H \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  be a proper lower semi-continuous and convex function. The PPA is defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} x_{1} \in H, \\ x_{n+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in H} \left[ g(y) + \frac{1}{2\lambda_{n}} \|x_{n} - y\|^{2} \right], \end{cases}$$
(14)

where  $\lambda_n > 0$  for all  $n \ge 1$ . In [1], Rockafellar proved that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  given by (14) converges weakly to a minimizer of *g*. He then posed the following question:

**Q1** Does the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly? This question was resolved in the negative by Güler [24]. He produced a proper lower semi-continuous and convex function g in  $l_2$  for which the PPA *converges weakly* but not *strongly*. This leads naturally to the following question:

**Q2** Can the PPA be modified to guarantee *strong convergence*? In response to Q2, several works have been done (see, e.g., Güler [24], Solodov and Svaiter [25], Kamimura and Takahashi [26], Lehdili and Moudafi [27], Reich [28] and the references therein).

Motivated by fixed point techniques of Yuan [20], the fact class of quasi-nonexpansive mappings properly includes that of nonexpansive map and an improvement of proximal point algorithm, we propose a new iterative scheme for finding a common element of the set of solutions of inclusion problem with set-valued maximal monotone mapping and inverse strongly monotone mapping, the set of minimizers of a convex function and the set of solutions of fixed point problem with composite operators in a real Hilbert space. We show that the iterative scheme proposed converges strongly to a common element of the three sets. Then, new strong convergence theorems are deduced. Our proposed algorithm does not involve commuting assumptions on  $T_i$  (i = 1, 2). Our technique of proof is of independent interest.

#### Preliminairies

The demiclosedness of a nonlinear operator T usually plays an important role in dealing with the convergence of fixed point iterative algorithms.

**Definition 1** Let H be a real Hilbert space and  $T : D(T) \subset H \rightarrow H$  be a mapping. I - T is said to be demiclosed at 0 if for any sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset D(T)$  such that  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to p and  $||x_n - Tx_n||$  converges to zero, then  $p \in Fix(T)$ .

**Lemma 1** (Demiclosedness Principle, [29]) Let H be a real Hilbert space and K be a nonempty closed and convex subset of H. Let  $T : K \to K$  be a nonexpansive mapping. Then, I - T is demiclosed at zero.

**Lemma 2** ([30]) Let H be a real Hilbert space. Then, for any  $x, y \in H$ , the following inequalities hold:

$$||x + y||^2 \le ||x||^2 + 2\langle y, x + y \rangle.$$

$$\|\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y\|^2 = \lambda \|x\|^2 + (1-\lambda)\|y\|^2 - (1-\lambda)\lambda\|x-y\|^2, \ \lambda \in (0,1).$$

Let a set-valued mapping  $B : H \to 2^H$  be a maximal monotone. We define a resolvent operator  $J_{\lambda}^B$  generated by *B* and  $\lambda$  as follows:

$$J_{\lambda}^{B} = (I + \lambda B)^{-1}(x) \ \forall x \in H,$$

where  $\lambda$  is a positive number. It is easy to see that the resolvent operator  $J_{\lambda}^{B}$  is singlevalued, nonexpansive, and 1-inverse strongly monotone and moreover, a solution of the problem 1 is a fixed point of the operator  $J_{\lambda}^{B}(I - \lambda A)$  for all  $\lambda > 0$ .

**Lemma 3** [4] Let  $B : H \to 2^H$  be a maximal monotone mapping and  $A : H \to H$  be a Lipschitz and continuous monotone mapping. Then, the mapping  $B + A : H \to 2^H$  is maximal monotone.

**Lemma 4** ([31]) Assume that  $\{a_n\}$  is a sequence of nonnegative real numbers such that  $a_{n+1} \leq (1 - \alpha_n)a_n + \alpha_n\sigma_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$ , where  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence in (0, 1) and  $\{\sigma_n\}$  is a sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that

(a)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ , (b)  $\limsup_{n \to \infty} \sigma_n \leq 0$  or  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\sigma_n \alpha_n| < \infty$ . Then,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ .

**Lemma 5** [32] Let K be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space H and A :  $K \to H$  be a k-strongly monotone and L-Lipschitzian operator with k > 0, L > 0. Assume that  $0 < \eta < \frac{2k}{L^2}$  and  $\tau = \eta \left(k - \frac{L^2 \eta}{2}\right)$ . Then, for each  $t \in \left(0, \min\{1, \frac{1}{\tau}\}\right)$ , we have

 $\|(I - t\eta A)x - (I - t\eta A)y\| \le (1 - t\tau) \|x - y\|, \ \forall x, y \in K.$ 

**Lemma 6** [33] Let  $\{t_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers that does not decrease at infinity in a sense that there exists a subsequence  $\{t_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{t_n\}$  such that  $t_{n_i} \leq t_{n_{i+1}}$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . For sufficiently large numbers  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , an integer sequence  $\{\tau(n)\}$  is defined as follows:

 $\tau(n) = \max\{k \le n : t_k \le t_{k+1}\}.$ 

*Then,*  $\tau(n) \rightarrow \infty$  *as*  $n \rightarrow \infty$  *and* 

 $\max\{t_{\tau(n)}, t_n\} \le t_{\tau(n)+1}.$ 

**Lemma** 7 Let *H* be a real Hilbert space and  $A : H \to H$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone mapping. Then,  $I - \theta A$  is a nonexpansive mapping for all  $x, y \in H$  and  $\theta \in [0, 2\alpha]$ .

*Proof* For all  $x, y \in H$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(I - \theta A)x - (I - \theta A)y\|^2 &= \|(x - y) - \theta (Ax - Ay)\|^2 \\ &= \|x - y\|^2 - 2\theta \langle Ax - Ay, x - y \rangle + \theta^2 \|Ax - Ay\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x - y\|^2 + \theta (\theta - 2\alpha) \|Ax - Ay\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain the desired result.

Let *H* be a real Hilbert space and  $F : H \to (-\infty, +\infty)$  be a proper, lower semicontinuous, and convex function. For every  $\lambda > 0$ , the Moreau-Yosida resolvent of *F*,  $J_{\lambda}^{F}$  is defined by:

$$J_{\lambda}^{F} x = \operatorname{argmin}_{u \in H} \left[ F(u) + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \|x - u\|^{2} \right],$$

for all  $x \in H$ . It was shown in [24] that the set of fixed points of the resolvent associated to *F* coincides with the set of minimizers of *F*. Also, the resolvent  $J_{\lambda}^{F}$  of *F* is nonexpansive for all  $\lambda > 0$ .

**Lemma 8** (Miyadera [34]) Let H be a real Hilbert space and  $F : K \to (-\infty, +\infty)$  be a proper, lower semi-continuous, and convex function. For every r > 0 and  $\mu > 0$ , the following holds:

$$J_r^F x = J_\mu^F \left(\frac{\mu}{r} x + \left(1 - \frac{\mu}{r}\right) J_r^F x\right).$$

**Lemma 9** (Sub-differential inequality, Ambrosio, [35]) Let H be a real Hilbert space and  $F : H \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  be a proper, lower semi-continuous, and convex function. Then, for every  $x, y \in H$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , the following sub-differential inequality holds:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \|J_{\lambda}^{F} x - y\|^{2} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \|x - y\|^{2} + \frac{1}{\lambda} \|x - J_{\lambda}^{F} x\|^{2} + F\left(J_{\lambda}^{F} x\right) \le F(y).$$
(15)

#### **Main results**

We start by the following result.

**Lemma 10** Let *H* be a real Hilbert space and let *K* be a nonempty closed convex subset of *H*. Let  $T_1 : K \to K$  be a quasi-nonexpansive mapping and  $T_2 : K \to K$  be a firmly nonexpansive mapping. Then,  $Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2) = Fix(T_1 \circ T_2)$  and  $T_1 \circ T_2$  is a quasinonexpansive mapping on *K*.

*Proof* We split the proof into two steps.

Step 1: First, we show that  $Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2) = Fix(T_1 \circ T_2)$ . We note that  $Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2) \subset Fix(T_1 \circ T_2)$ . Thus, we only need to show that  $Fix(T_1 \circ T_2) \subseteq Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2)$ . Let  $p \in Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2)$  and  $q \in Fix(T_1 \circ T_2)$ . By using properties of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , we have

$$\|q - p\|^{2} = \|T_{1} \circ T_{2}q - T_{1}p\|^{2}$$
  
$$\leq \|T_{2}q - p\|^{2}.$$
 (16)

Using the fact that  $T_2$  is firmly nonexpansive, we have

$$\|T_2q - p\|^2 \le \langle T_2q - p, q - p \rangle$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{2}(\|T_2q - p\|^2 + \|q - p\|^2 - \|T_2q - q\|^2),$ 

which yields

$$||T_2q - p||^2 \le ||q - p||^2 - ||T_2q - q||^2.$$
(17)

Using (16) implies that (28) becomes

$$||T_2q - p||^2 \le ||q - p||^2 - ||T_2q - q||^2$$
  
$$\le ||T_2q - p||^2 - ||T_2q - q||^2.$$

Clearly,  $||T_2q - q|| = 0$  which implies that

$$q = T_2 q$$

Keeping in mind that  $T_1 \circ T_2 q = q$ , we have

$$q = T_1 \circ T_2 q = T_1 q.$$

Thus,  $q \in Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2)$ . Hence,  $Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2) = Fix(T_1 \circ T_2)$ .

Step 2: We show  $T_1 \circ T_2$  is a quasi-nonexpansive mapping on K. Let  $x \in K$  and  $p \in Fix(T_1 \circ T_2)$ . Then,  $p \in Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2)$  by step 1. We observe that,

$$\|T_1 \circ T_2 x - p\| = \|T_1 \circ T_2 x - T_1 p\|$$
  

$$\leq \|T_2 x - p\|$$
  

$$\leq \|x - p\|.$$

This completes the proof.

We now prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2** Let H be a real Hilbert space and K be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. Let  $A : K \to H$  be a  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator and  $g : K \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  be a proper, lower semi-continuous, and convex function. Let  $T_1 : K \to K$  be a quasinonexpansive mapping and  $T_2 : K \to K$  be a firmly nonexpansive mapping. Let B be a maximal monotone operator on H into  $2^H$  such that the domain of B is included in K, let  $f : K \to K$  be an b-Lipschitzian mapping and  $M : K \to H$  be an  $\mu$ -strongly monotone and L-Lipschitzian operator such that  $\Gamma := Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2) \cap (A+B)^{-1}(0) \cap argmin_{u \in K} g(u)$  is nonempty. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in K, \\ u_n = argmin_{u \in K} \Big[ g(u) + \frac{1}{2\lambda_n} \|u - x_n\|^2 \Big], \\ v_n = \theta_n u_n + (1 - \theta_n) T_1 \circ T_2 u_n, \\ x_{n+1} = P_K \Big( \alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n \eta M) J^B_{\lambda_n}(v_n - \lambda_n A v_n) \Big), \end{cases}$$
(18)

where  $\{\lambda_n\}$ ,  $\{\theta_n\}$ , and  $\{\alpha_n\}$  are sequences in (0, 1) satisfying the following conditions:

(i)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ , and  $\lambda_n \in (\lambda, d) \subset (0, \min\{1, 2\alpha\})$ , (ii)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \inf(1-\theta_n)\theta_n > 0$ ,  $I - T_1 \circ T_2$  is demiclosed at the origin and  $0 < \eta < \frac{2\mu}{L^2}$ ,  $0 < \gamma b < \tau$ , where  $\tau = \eta \left(\mu - \frac{L^2\eta}{2}\right)$ . Then, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (18) converges strongly to  $x^* \in \Gamma$ , which solves the following variational inequality:

$$\langle \eta M x^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - p \rangle \le 0, \quad \forall p \in \Gamma.$$
 (19)

Proof From the choice of  $\eta$  and  $\gamma$ ,  $(\eta M - \gamma f)$  is strongly monotone, then the variational inequality (19) has a unique solution in  $\Gamma$ . In what follows, we denote  $x^*$  to be the unique solution of (19). Without loss of generality, we can assume  $\alpha_n \in (0, \min\{1, \frac{1}{\tau}\})$ . Now, we prove that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded. Let  $p \in \Gamma$ . Then,  $g(p) \leq g(u)$  for all  $u \in K$ . This implies that

$$g(p) + \frac{1}{2\lambda_n} ||p - p||^2 \le g(u) + \frac{1}{2\lambda_n} ||u - p||^2$$

and hence  $J_{\lambda_n}^g p = p$  for all  $n \ge 1$ , where  $J_{\lambda_n}^g$  is the Moreau-Yosida resolvent of g in K. Hence,

$$||u_n - p|| \le ||x_n - p||, \ \forall n \ge 0.$$

By using (18) and Lemma 10, we have

$$\|v_n - p\|^2 = \left\| \theta_n (u_n - p) + (1 - \theta_n) (T_1 \circ T_2 u_n - p) \right\|^2$$
  
=  $\theta_n \|u_n - p\|^2 + (1 - \theta_n) \|T_1 \circ T_2 u_n - p\|^2 - (1 - \theta_n) \theta_n \|T_1 \circ T_2 u_n - u_n\|^2$   
 $\leq \theta_n \|u_n - p\|^2 + (1 - \theta_n) \|u_n - p\|^2 - (1 - \theta_n) \theta_n \|T_1 \circ T_2 u_n - u_n\|^2.$ 

Hence,

$$\|v_n - p\|^2 \le \|u_n - p\|^2 - (1 - \theta_n)\theta_n\|T_1 \circ T_2 u_n - u_n\|^2.$$
<sup>(20)</sup>

Since  $\theta_n \in ]0, 1[$ , we obtain,

$$\|v_n - p\| \le \|u_n - p\|. \tag{21}$$

For each  $n \ge 0$ , we put  $z_n := J^B_{\lambda_n}(I - \lambda_n A)v_n$ . Then, from Lemma 7, we have

$$||z_n - p|| = ||J_{\lambda_n}^B (I - \lambda_n A) v_n - p|| \le ||v_n - p||, \ \forall n \ge 0$$

Therefore,

$$||z_n - p|| \le ||v_n - p|| \le ||u_n - p|| \le ||x_n - p||.$$
(22)

Hence, by using Lemma 5 and inequalities (22) and (18), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - p\| &= \|P_K\left(\alpha_n\gamma f(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n\eta M)z_n\right) - p\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n\gamma \|f(x_n) - f(p)\| + (1 - \tau\alpha_n)\|z_n - p\| + \alpha_n\|\gamma f(p) - \eta Mp\| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n(\tau - b\gamma))\|x_n - p\| + \alpha_n\|\gamma f(p) - \eta Mp\| \\ &\leq \max\{\|x_n - p\|, \frac{\|\gamma f(p) - \eta Mp\|}{\tau - b\gamma}\}. \end{aligned}$$

By induction, we can conclude that

$$||x_n - p|| \le \max\{||x_0 - p||, \frac{||\gamma f(p) - \eta M p||}{\tau - b\gamma}\}, n \ge 1.$$

Hence,  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded. By using Lemma 5 and inequality (20), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 &\leq \|\alpha_n(\gamma f(x_n) - \eta M p) + (I - \eta \alpha_n M)(z_n - p)\|^2 \\ &\leq \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta M p\|^2 + (1 - \tau \alpha_n)^2 \|z_n - p\|^2 \\ &+ 2\alpha_n(1 - \tau \alpha_n) \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta M p\| \|z_n - p\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta M p\|^2 + (1 - \tau \alpha_n)^2 \|v_n - p\|^2 + 2\alpha_n(1 - \tau \alpha_n) \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta M p\| \|z_n - p\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta M p\|^2 + (1 - \tau \alpha_n)^2 \|x_n - p\|^2 - (1 - \tau \alpha_n)^2 (1 - \theta_n) \theta_n \|T_1 \circ T_2 u_n - u_n\|^2 \\ &+ 2\alpha_n(1 - \tau \alpha_n) \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta M p\| \|x_n - p\|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(1 - \tau \alpha_n)^2 (1 - \theta_n) \theta_n \|T_1 \circ T_2 u_n - u_n\|^2 \le \|x_n - p\|^2 - \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 + \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta M p\|^2 + 2\alpha_n (1 - \tau \alpha_n) \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta M p\| \|x_n - p\|.$$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded, then there exists a constant C > 0, such that

$$(1 - \tau \alpha_n)^2 (1 - \theta_n) \theta_n \| T_1 \circ T_2 u_n - u_n \|^2 \le \| x_n - p \|^2 - \| x_{n+1} - p \|^2 + \alpha_n C.$$
(23)

Next, we prove that  $x_n \to x^*$ . To see this, let us consider two possible cases.

**Case 1**. Assume that the sequence  $\{||x_n - x^*||\}$  is monotonically decreasing. Then,  $\{||x_n - x^*||\}$  must be convergent. Clearly, we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left[ \|x_n - x^*\|^2 - \|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 \right] = 0.$$
(24)

It then implies from (23) that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} (1 - \theta_n) \theta_n \| T_1 \circ T_2 u_n - u_n \|^2 = 0.$$
<sup>(25)</sup>

Since  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \inf(1-\theta_n)\theta_n > 0$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|T_1 \circ T_2 u_n - u_n\| = 0.$$
<sup>(26)</sup>

Observing that,

$$\|v_n - u_n\| = \|\theta_n u_n + (1 - \theta_n) T_1 \circ T_2 u_n - u_n\|$$
  
=  $\|\theta_n u_n + (1 - \theta_n) T_1 \circ T_2 u_n - \theta_n u_n - (1 - \theta_n) u_n\|$   
=  $(1 - \theta_n) \|T_1 \circ T_2 u_n - u_n\|$   
 $\leq \|T_1 \circ T_2 u_n - u_n\|.$ 

Therefore, from (26), we get that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|\nu_n - u_n\| = 0. \tag{27}$$

By using Lemma 9 and since  $g(x^*) \le g(u_n)$ , we get

$$\|x_n - u_n\|^2 \le \|x_n - p\|^2 - \|u_n - x^*\|^2.$$
(28)

From (18) and Lemma 5, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 &= \|P_K\Big(\alpha_n\gamma f(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n\eta M)z_n\Big) - x^*\|^2 \\ &\leq \|\alpha_n(\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*) + (I - \eta\alpha_n M)(z_n - x^*)\|^2 \\ &\leq \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mp\|^2 + (1 - \tau\alpha_n)^2 \|z_n - x^*\|^2 + 2\alpha_n(1 - \tau\alpha_n)\|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*\|\|z_n - x^*\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*\|^2 + (1 - \tau\alpha_n)^2 \Big[\|x_n - x^*\|^2 - \|x_n - u_n\|^2\Big] \\ &+ 2\alpha_n(1 - \tau\alpha_n)\|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mp\|\|z_n - x^*\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*\|^2 + (1 - \tau\alpha_n)^2 \|x_n - x^*\|^2 + (1 - \tau\alpha_n)^2 \|x_n - u_n\|^2 \\ &+ 2\alpha_n(1 - \tau\alpha_n)\|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*\|\|z_n - x^*\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded, then there exists a constant  $C_1 > 0$ , such that

$$(1 - \tau \alpha_n)^2 \|x_n - u_n\|^2 \le \|x_n - x^*\|^2 - \|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 + \alpha_n C_1.$$
<sup>(29)</sup>

It then implies from (24) and  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_n - u_n\| = 0.$$
(30)

On the other hand, using Lemma 7, we have

$$\begin{split} \|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 &= \|P_K\Big(\alpha_n\gamma f(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n\eta M)z_n\Big) - x^*\|^2 \\ &\leq \|\alpha_n(\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mp) + (I - \eta\alpha_n M)(z_n - x^*)\|^2 \\ &\leq \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*\|^2 + (1 - \tau\alpha_n)^2 \|z_n - x^*\|^2 + 2\alpha_n(1 - \tau\alpha_n) \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*\| \|z_n - x^*\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*\|^2 + (1 - \tau\alpha_n)^2 \Big[ \|v_n - x^*\|^2 + \lambda(d - 2\alpha) \|Av_n - Ax^*\|^2 \Big] \\ &+ 2\alpha_n(1 - \tau\alpha_n) \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*\| \|z_n - x^*\|. \end{split}$$

Therefore, we have

$$(1-\alpha_n)\lambda(2\alpha-d)\|A\nu_n-Ax^*\|^2 \leq \|x_n-x^*\|^2 - \|x_{n+1}-x^*\|^2 + \alpha_n C_2,$$

where  $C_2$  is a positive constant. Since  $\alpha_n \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ , inequality (24) and  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded, we obtain

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|A\nu_n - Ax^*\| = 0.$$
(31)

Since  $J^B_{\lambda_n}$  is 1-inverse strongly monotone and (18), we have

$$\begin{split} \|z_n - x^*\|^2 &= \|J_{\lambda_n}^B (I - \lambda_n A) \nu_n - J_{\lambda_n}^B (I - \lambda_n A) x^*\|^2 \\ &\leq \langle z_n - x^*, (I - \lambda_n A) \nu_n - (I - \lambda_n A) x^* \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \Big[ \|(I - \lambda_n A) \nu_n - (I - \lambda_n A) x^*\|^2 + \|z_n - x^*\|^2 \\ &- \|(I - \lambda_n A) \nu_n - (I - \lambda_n A) x^* - (z_n - x^*)\|^2 \Big] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \Big[ \|\nu_n - x^*\|^2 + \|z_n - x^*\|^2 - \|\nu_n - z_n\|^2 + 2\lambda_n \langle z_n - x^*, A\nu_n - Ax^* \rangle - \lambda_n^2 \|A\nu_n - Ax^*\|^2 \Big]. \end{split}$$

So, we obtain

$$||z_n - x^*||^2 \le ||v_n - x^*||^2 - ||v_n - z_n||^2 + 2\lambda_n \langle z_n - x^*, Av_n - Ax^* \rangle - \lambda_n^2 ||Av_n - Ax^*||^2,$$

and thus

$$\begin{split} \|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 &\leq \|\alpha_n(\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*) + (I - \eta \alpha_n Mx^*)(z_n - x^*)\|^2 \\ &\leq \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*\|^2 + (1 - \tau \alpha_n)^2 \|z_n - x^*\|^2 + 2\alpha_n(1 - \tau \alpha_n) \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*\| \|z_n - x^*\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*\|^2 + \|\nu_n - x^*\|^2 - (1 - \tau \alpha_n)^2 \|\nu_n - z_n\|^2 - (1 - \tau \alpha_n)^2 \lambda_n^2 \|A\nu_n - Ax^*\|^2 \\ &+ 2\lambda_n(1 - \tau \alpha_n)^2 \langle z_n - x^*, A\nu_n - Ax^* \rangle + 2\alpha_n(1 - \tau \alpha_n) \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*\| \|z_n - x^*\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n^2 \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*\|^2 + \|x_n - x^*\|^2 \\ &- (1 - \tau \alpha_n)^2 \|\nu_n - z_n\|^2 - (1 - \tau \alpha_n)^2 \lambda_n^2 \|A\nu_n - Ax^*\|^2 \\ &+ 2\lambda_n(1 - \tau \alpha_n)^2 \langle z_n - x^*, A\nu_n - Ax^* \rangle + 2\alpha_n(1 - \tau \alpha_n) \|\gamma f(x_n) - \eta Mx^*\| \|z_n - x^*\|. \end{split}$$

Since  $\alpha_n \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ , inequalities (24) and (31), we obtain

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|v_n - z_n\|^2 = 0.$$
(32)

Next, we prove that  $\limsup_{n\to+\infty} \langle \eta M x^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - x_n \rangle \leq 0$ . Since *H* is reflexive and  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded, there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $x_{n_k}$  converges weakly to  $x^{**}$  in *K* and

$$\limsup_{n \to +\infty} \langle \eta M x^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - x_n \rangle = \lim_{k \to +\infty} \langle \eta M x^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - x_{n_k} \rangle.$$

From (26) and  $I - T_1 \circ T_2$  is demiclosed, we obtain  $x^{**} \in Fix(T_1 \circ T_2)$ . Using Lemma 10, we have  $x^{**} \in Fix(T_2) \cap Fix(T_1)$ . Using (18) and Lemma 8, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n - J_{\lambda}^g x_n\| &\leq \|u_n - J_{\lambda}^g x_n\| + \|u_n - x_n\| \\ &\leq \|J_{\lambda_n}^g x_n - J_{\lambda}^g x_n\| + \|u_n - x_n\| \\ &\leq \|u_n - x_n\| + \|J_{\lambda}^g \Big(\frac{\lambda_n - \lambda}{\lambda_n} J_{\lambda_n}^g x_n + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_n} x_n\Big) - J_{\lambda}^g x_n\| \\ &\leq \|u_n - x_n\| + \|\frac{\lambda_n - \lambda}{\lambda_n} J_{\lambda_n}^g x_n + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_n} x_n - x_n\| \\ &\leq \|u_n - x_n\| + \Big(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_n}\Big)\|u_n - x_n\| \\ &\leq \Big(2 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_n}\Big)\|u_n - x_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_n - J_{\lambda}^g x_n\| = 0.$$
(33)

Since  $J_{\lambda}^{g}$  is single-valued and nonexpansive, using (33) and Lemma 1, then  $x^{**} \in Fix(J_{\lambda}^{g}) = \operatorname{argmin}_{u \in K} g(u)$ . Let us show  $x^{**} \in (A+B)^{-1}(0)$ . Since A be an  $\alpha_{2}$ -inverse strongly monotone, A is Lipschitz continuous monotone mapping. It follows from Lemma 3 that B + A is maximal monotone. Let  $(v, u) \in G(B + A)$ , i.e.,  $u - Av \in B(v)$ . Since  $z_{n_{k}} = J_{\lambda_{n_{k}}}^{B}(v_{n_{k}} - \lambda_{n_{k}}Av_{n_{k}})$ , we have  $v_{n_{k}} - \lambda_{n_{k}}Av_{n_{k}} \in (I + \lambda_{n_{k}}B)z_{n_{k}}$ , i.e.,  $\frac{1}{\lambda_{n_{k}}}(v_{n_{k}} - \lambda_{n_{k}}Av_{n_{k}}) \in B(z_{n_{k}})$ . By maximal monotonicity of B + A, we have

$$\langle v-z_{n_k}, u-Av-\frac{1}{\lambda_{n_k}}(v_{n_k}-z_{n_k}-\lambda_{n_k}Av_{n_k})\rangle \geq 0$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v - z_{n_k}, u \rangle &\geq \langle v - z_{n_k}, Av - \frac{1}{\lambda_{n_k}} (v_{n_k} - z_{n_k} - \lambda_{n_k} Av_{n_k}) \rangle \\ &= \langle v - z_{n_k}, Av - Az_{n_k} + Az_{n_k} + \frac{1}{\lambda_{n_k}} (v_{n_k} - z_{n_k} - \lambda_{n_k} Av_{n_k}) \rangle \\ &\geq \langle v - v_{n_k}, Az_{n_k} - Av_{n_k} \rangle + \langle v - z_{n_k}, \frac{1}{\lambda_{n_k}} (v_{n_k} - z_{n_k}) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from  $||v_n - z_n|| \to 0$ ,  $||Av_n - Az_n|| \to 0$  and  $z_{n_k} \rightharpoonup x^{**}$ , we get

$$\lim_{k\to+\infty} \langle v-z_{n_k},u\rangle = \langle v-x^{**},u\rangle \ge 0$$

and hence  $x^{**} \in (A + B)^{-1}(0)$ . Therefore,  $x^{**} \in Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2) \cap (A + B)^{-1}(0) \cap \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in K} g(y)$ . On the other hand, the fact that  $x^*$  solves (19), we then have

$$\limsup_{n \to +\infty} \langle \eta M x^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - x_n \rangle = \lim_{k \to +\infty} \langle \eta M x^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - x_{n_k} \rangle$$
$$= \langle \eta M x^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - x^{**} \rangle \le 0.$$

Finally, we show that  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ . From (18) and properties of metric projection, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 &= \|P_K(\alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + (I - \eta \alpha_n M) z_n) - x^*\|^2 \\ &\leq \langle \alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + (I - \eta \alpha_n M) z_n - x^*, x_{n+1} - x^* \rangle \\ &= \langle \alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + (I - \eta \alpha_n M) z_n - x^* - \alpha_n \gamma f(x^*) + \alpha_n \gamma f(x^*) \\ &- \alpha_n \eta M x^* + \alpha_n \eta M x^*, x_{n+1} - x^* \rangle \\ &\leq \left( \alpha_n \gamma \|f(x_n) - f(x^*)\| + \|(I - \alpha_n \eta M)(z_n - x^*)\| \right) \|x_{n+1} - x^*\| \\ &+ \alpha_n \langle \eta M x^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - x_{n+1} \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n (\tau - b\gamma)) \|x_n - x^*\| \|x_{n+1} - x^*\| + \alpha_n \langle \eta M x^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - x_{n+1} \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n (\tau - b\gamma)) \|x_n - x^*\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \langle \eta M x^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - x_{n+1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Lemma 4, we conclude that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $x^* \in Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2) \cap (A+B)^{-1}(0) \cap \operatorname{argmin}_{v \in K} g(y)$ .

**Case 2.** Assume that the sequence  $\{||x_n - x^*||\}$  is not monotonically decreasing. Set  $B_n = ||x_n - x^*||$  and  $\pi : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  be a mapping for all  $n \ge n_0$  (for some  $n_0$  large enough) by  $\pi(n) = \max\{k \in \mathbb{N} : k \le n, B_k \le B_{k+1}\}$ . Obviously, {

pi(n) is a non-decreasing sequence such that  $\pi(n) \to \infty$  as  $n \to \infty$  and  $B_{\pi(n)} \le B_{\pi(n)+1}$  for  $n \ge n_0$ . From (23), we have

$$(1 - \tau \alpha_{\pi(n)})^2 (1 - \theta_{\pi(n)}) \theta_{\pi(n)} \| u_{pi(n)} - T_1 \circ T_2 u_{\pi(n)} \|^2 \le \alpha_{\pi(n)} C.$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{u \to \infty} \|u_{\pi(n)} - T_1 \circ T_2 u_{\pi(n)}\| = 0.$$

By a similar argument as in case 1, we can show that  $x_{\pi(n)}$  is bounded in H,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \|u_{\pi(n)} - x_{\pi(n)}\| = 0$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \|u_{\pi(n)} - v_{\pi(n)}\| = 0$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \|v_{\pi(n)} - z_{\pi(n)}\| = 0$ , and  $\limsup_{\pi(n)\to+\infty} \langle \eta M x^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - x_{\pi(n)} \rangle \leq 0$ . We have for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,

$$0 \le \|x_{\pi(n)+1} - x^*\|^2 - \|x_{\pi(n)} - x^*\|^2 \le \alpha_{\pi(n)} [-(\tau - b\gamma)\|x_{\pi(n)} - x^*\|^2 + 2\langle \eta M x^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - x_{\pi(n)+1} \rangle],$$

which implies that

$$||x_{\pi(n)} - x^*||^2 \le \frac{2}{\tau - b\gamma} \langle \eta M x^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - x_{\pi(n)+1} \rangle.$$

Then, we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_{\pi(n)} - x^*\|^2 = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}B_{\pi(n)}=\lim_{n\to\infty}B_{\pi(n)+1}=0.$$

Thus, by Lemma 6, we conclude that

$$0 \le B_n \le \max\{B_{\pi(n)}, B_{\pi(n)+1}\} = B_{\pi(n)+1}.$$

Hence,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} B_n = 0$ , that is  $\{x_n\}$  converges strongly to  $x^*$ . This completes the proof.

We now apply Theorem 2 when  $T_1$  is nonexpansive mapping. In this case, demiclosedness assumption  $(I - T_1 \circ T_2$  is demiclosed at origin) is not necessary. **Theorem 3** Let  $A : K \to H$  be a  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator and  $g : K \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  be a proper, lower semi-continuous, and convex function. Let  $T_1 : K \to K$  be a nonexpansive mapping and  $T_2 : K \to K$  be a firmly nonexpansive mapping. Let B be a maximal monotone operator on H into  $2^H$  such that the domain of B is included in K, let  $f : K \to K$  be an b-Lipschitzian mapping and  $M : K \to H$  be an  $\mu$ -strongly monotone and L-Lipschitzian operator such that  $\Gamma := Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2) \cap (A+B)^{-1}(0) \cap argmin_{u \in K} g(u)$  is nonempty. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in K, \\ u_n = argmin_{u \in K} \Big[ g(u) + \frac{1}{2\lambda_n} \|u - x_n\|^2 \Big], \\ v_n = \theta_n u_n + (1 - \theta_n) T_1 \circ T_2 u_n, \\ x_{n+1} = P_K \Big( \alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n \eta M) J^B_{\lambda_n}(v_n - \lambda_n A v_n) \Big), \end{cases}$$
(34)

where  $\{\lambda_n\}$ ,  $\{\theta_n\}$ , and  $\{\alpha_n\}$  are sequences in (0, 1) satisfying the following conditions: (i)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ , and  $\lambda_n \in (\lambda, d) \subset (0, \min\{1, 2\alpha\})$ , (ii)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \inf(1-\theta_n)\theta_n > 0$  and  $0 < \eta < \frac{2\mu}{L^2}$ ,  $0 < \gamma b < \tau$ , where  $\tau = \eta \left(\mu - \frac{L^2\eta}{2}\right)$ . Then, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (34) converges strongly to  $x^* \in \Gamma$ , which solves the variational inequality:

$$\langle \eta M x^* - \gamma f(x^*), x^* - p \rangle \le 0, \quad \forall p \in \Gamma.$$
 (35)

*Proof* We have  $T_1 \circ T_2$  is nonexpansive mapping; then, the proof follows Lemma 1 and Theorem 2.

Now, we consider the following quadratic optimization problem:

$$\min_{x\in\Gamma}\left(\frac{\eta}{2}\langle Mx,x\rangle-h(x)\right),\tag{36}$$

where  $B: K \to H$  is a *strongly positive bounded* linear operator,  $\Gamma := Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2) \cap (A+B)^{-1}(0) \cap \operatorname{argmin}_{u \in K} g(u)$ , and h is a potential function for  $\gamma f$  (i.e.,  $h'(x) = \gamma f(x)$  on K).

Hence, one has the following result.

**Theorem 4** Let  $A : K \to H$  be a  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator and  $g : K \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  be a proper, lower semi-continuous, and convex function. Let  $T_1 : K \to K$  be a quasi-nonexpansive mapping and  $T_2 : K \to K$  be a firmly nonexpansive mapping. Let B be a maximal monotone operator on H into  $2^H$  such that the domain of B is included in K, let  $f : K \to K$  be an b-Lipschitzian mapping and  $M : K \to H$  be strongly bounded linear operator with coefficient  $\mu > 0$  such that  $\Gamma := Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2) \cap (A + B)^{-1}(0) \cap$ 

 $\operatorname{argmin}_{u \in K} g(u)$  is nonempty. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in K, \\ u_n = argmin_{u \in K} \Big[ g(u) + \frac{1}{2\lambda_n} \|u - x_n\|^2 \Big], \\ v_n = \theta_n u_n + (1 - \theta_n) T_1 \circ T_2 u_n, \\ x_{n+1} = P_K \left( \alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n \eta M) J^B_{\lambda_n}(v_n - \lambda_n A v_n) \right), \end{cases}$$
(37)

where  $\{\lambda_n\}$ ,  $\{\theta_n\}$ , and  $\{\alpha_n\}$  are sequences in (0,1) satisfying the following conditions: (i)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ , and  $\lambda_n \in (\lambda, d) \subset (0, \min\{1, 2\alpha\})$ , (ii)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \inf(1-\theta_n)\theta_n > 0$ ,  $I - T_1 \circ T_2$  is demiclosed at the origin and  $0 < \eta < \frac{2\mu}{\|M\|^2}$ ,  $0 < \gamma b < \tau$ , where  $\tau = \eta \left(\mu - \frac{\|M\|^2 \eta}{2}\right)$ . Then, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (37) converges strongly to a unique solution of problem (36).

*Proof* We note that strongly positive bounded linear operator M is a ||M||-Lipschitzian and  $\mu$ -strongly monotone operator; the proof follows Theorem 2.

#### Application to some nonlinear problems

In this section, we apply our main results for finding a common solution of composite convex minimization problem, convex optimization problem, and fixed point problem involving composed operators.

**Problem 1** Let *H* be a real Hilbert space. We consider the minimization of composite objective function of the type

$$\min_{x \in H} \left( \Psi(x) + \Phi(x) \right), \tag{38}$$

where  $\Psi : H \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  is a proper, convex, and lower semi-continuous functional and  $\Phi : H \to \mathbb{R}$  is convex functional.

Many optimization problems from image processing [7], statistical regression, machine learning (see, e.g., [36] and the references contained therein), etc. can be adapted into the form of (38).

Observe that problem 1 is equivalent to find  $x^* \in H$  such that

$$0 \in \partial \Psi(x^*) + \nabla \Phi(x^*). \tag{39}$$

It is well known  $\partial \Psi$  is maximal monotone (see, e.g., Minty [37]).

**Lemma 11** (Baillon and Haddad [38]) Let H be a real Hilbert space,  $\Phi$  a continuously Fréchet differentiable, convex functional on H and  $\nabla \Phi$  the gradient of  $\Phi$ . If  $\nabla \Phi$  is  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ -Lipschitz continuous, then  $\nabla \Phi$  is  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone.

Hence, from Theorem 2, we have the following result.

**Theorem 5** Let *H* be a real Hilbert space and  $g : H \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  be a proper, lower semi-continuous, and convex function. Let  $\Phi : H \to \mathbb{R}$  be a continuously Fréchet differentiable, convex functional on *H* and  $\nabla \Phi$  a  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ -Lipschitz continuous. Let  $\Psi : H \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be a proper, convex, and lower semi-continuous functional and  $f : H \to H$  be an b-Lipschitzian mapping. Let  $T_1 : H \to H$  be a quasi-nonexpansive mapping and let  $T_2 : H \to H$  be a firmly nonexpansive mapping and  $M : H \to H$  be an  $\mu$ -strongly monotone and L-Lipschitzian operator such that  $\Gamma := Fix(T_1) \cap Fix(T_2) \cap (\partial \Psi + \nabla \Phi)^{-1}(0) \cap$  $argmin_{u \in H} g(u)$  is nonempty. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} x_0 \in H, \\ u_n = argmin_{u \in H} \Big[ g(u) + \frac{1}{2\lambda_n} \|u - x_n\|^2 \Big], \\ v_n = \theta_n u_n + (1 - \theta_n) T_1 \circ T_2 u_n, \\ x_{n+1} = \alpha_n \gamma f(x_n) + (I - \alpha_n \eta M) J_{\lambda_n}^{\partial \Psi} (v_n - \lambda_n \nabla \Phi v_n), \end{cases}$$

$$(40)$$

where  $\{\lambda_n\}$ ,  $\{\theta_n\}$ , and  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be sequences in (0, 1) satisfying the following conditions: (*i*)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ , and  $\lambda_n \in (\lambda, d) \subset (0, \min\{1, 2\alpha\})$ ,

(ii)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \inf(1-\theta_n)\theta_n > 0$ ,  $I-T_1 \circ T_2$  is demiclosed at the origin and  $0 < \eta < \frac{2\mu}{L^2}$ ,  $0 < \gamma b < \tau$ , where  $\tau = \eta \left(\mu - \frac{L^2\eta}{2}\right)$ . Then, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (40) converges to a point  $x^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_{u\in H} g(u)$  which is a minimizer of  $\Psi(x) + \Phi(x)$  in H as well as it is also a common fixed point of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  in H.

*Proof* We set  $B = \partial \Psi$  and  $\nabla \Phi = A$ , K = H into Theorem 2. Then, the proof follows Theorem 2.

**Remark 1** *Many already studied problems in the literature can be considered as special cases of this paper; see, for example, [1, 3, 4, 14, 16, 17, 23, 26, 28, 39] and the references therein.* 

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