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# A Self-adaptive Super Set-relaxed Projection Method for Multiple-sets Split Feasibility Problem with Multiple Output Sets

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# ABSTRACT

This paper introduces an inertial accelerated super set-relaxed CQ method to solve a multiple-sets split feasibility problem with multiple output sets. The convex subsets involved are assumed to be level subsets of given strongly convex functions. Instead of using the involved sets, we approximate the original convex subsets with a sequence of closed balls. The proposed method is easy to implement as the projection onto the closed ball has a closed form. Additionally, we develop a new self-adaptive step-size that does not require any prior information of the norm. Under suitable assumptions, we establish and prove a strong convergence result for the algorithm. Numerical experiments are provided to demonstrate the performance of the proposed algorithm, which generalizes and improves upon existing literature.

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# 1. Introduction

In 1994, Censor and Elfving [9] initially introduced the split feasibility problem within finitedimensional Hilbert spaces for modeling various inverse problems, including phase retrievals and in medical image reconstruction [9, 4], IMRT [10, 11], gene regulatory network inference [37].

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Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be two real Hilbert spaces. Let  $T : H_1 \to H_2$  be a bounded linear operator and  $T^* : H_2 \to H_1$  be its adjoint. The split feasibility problem (SFP) is to find a point  $x^* \in H_1$  such that

$$x^* \in C \text{ and } Tx^* \in Q$$
 (1.1)

where C and Q are nonempty, closed, and convex subsets of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively. Denote the set of solutions of the SFP (1.1) by  $\Gamma = C \cap T^{-1}(Q) \neq \emptyset$ .

Over the past century, numerous iterative methods have been developed and analyzed for solving the SFP (1.1), with a focus on practical applications. Notably, Byrne [4, 5] introduced the widely recognized and highly regarded CQ-algorithm, which remains the first and most prominent method of its kind. The algorithm is as follows: given an initial point  $x_0 \in H_1$ , iterate

$$x_{k+1} = P_C(x_k - \tau_k T^* (I - P_Q) T x_k), \qquad (1.2)$$

where  $P_C$  and  $P_Q$  are the metric projections onto C and Q, respectively, and the stepsize  $\tau_k \in \left(0, \frac{2}{\|T\|^2}\right)$ , where  $\|T\|^2$  is the spectral radius of the matrix  $T^*T$ .

The CQ-algorithm, proposed by Byrne [4, 5], necessitates the computation of metric projection onto the sets C and Q. However, in certain cases, exact computation of the metric projection may be infeasible or prohibitively expensive. Additionally, determining the stepsize relies on the computation or at least estimation of the operator norm, which is a non-trivial task. In practical applications, the sets C and Q typically correspond to the level sets of convex functions, defined as follows:

$$C := \{ x \in H_1 : c(x) \le 0 \} \text{ and } Q := \{ y \in H_2 : q(y) \le 0 \},$$
(1.3)

where,  $c: H_1 \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $q: H_2 \to \mathbb{R}$  are convex and subdifferentiable functions on  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively. Furthermore, the subdifferentials  $\partial c(x)$  and  $\partial q(y)$  of c and q, respectively, are bounded operators, meaning they are bounded on bounded sets.

In 2004, Yang [39] introduced a generalized version of the CQ-algorithm, known as the relaxed CQ-algorithm. This algorithm requires the computation of the metric projection onto relaxed sets, specifically the half-spaces  $C_k$  and  $Q_k$ , where

$$C_k := \{ x \in H_1 : c(x_k) \le \langle \xi_k, x_k - x \rangle \}, \tag{1.4}$$

where  $\xi_k \in \partial c(x_k)$  and

$$Q_k := \{ y \in H_2 : q(T_{x_k}) \le \langle \eta_k, T_{x_k} - y \rangle \},$$

$$(1.5)$$

where  $\eta_k \in \partial q(Tx_k)$ . It is readily apparent that  $C \subseteq C_k$  and  $Q \subseteq Q_k$  for all  $k \ge 1$ . Additionally, it is established that the projections onto the half-spaces  $C_k$  and  $Q_k$  possess closed forms. Subsequently, define a convex and differentiable function denoted as  $f_k(.)$ , along with its corresponding gradient function  $\nabla f_k(.)$  as

$$f_k(x_k) := \frac{1}{2} \| (I - P_{Q_k}) T x_k \|^2, \quad \nabla f_k(x_k) := T^* (I - P_{Q_k}) T x_k, \tag{1.6}$$

where  $Q_k$  is given as in (1.5). More precisely, Yang [39] introduced a relaxed *CQ*-algorithm for solving the SFP (1.1) in a finite-dimensional Hilbert space. The algorithm starts with a given point  $x_0 \in C$  and iteratively updates the solution using the following equation:

$$x_{k+1} = P_{C_k}(x_k - \tau_k \nabla f_k(x_k)),$$
(1.7)

where  $\tau_k \in \left(0, \frac{2}{\|T\|^2}\right)$ . Since  $P_{C_k}$  and  $P_{Q_k}$  can easily be calculated, this method appears to be very practical. However, the computation of the norm of T proves to be intricate and resource-intensive. In order to address this challenge, López et al. [21] proposed a relaxed CQ-algorithm in 2012 for solving the SFP (1.1). This algorithm incorporates a novel adaptive method for determining the stepsize sequence  $\tau_k$ , which is defined as follows:

$$\tau_k := \frac{\rho_k f_k(x_k)}{\|\nabla f_k(x_k)\|^2},\tag{1.8}$$

where  $\rho_k \in (0, 4)$  such that  $\liminf_{k \to \infty} \rho_k(4 - \rho_k) > 0$ , for all  $k \ge 1$ . It has been demonstrated that the sequence  $\{x_k\}$ , generated by (1.7) with  $\tau_k$  defined by (1.8), exhibits weak convergence towards a solution of the SFP (1.1). In other words, their algorithm demonstrates weak convergence within the context of infinite-dimensional Hilbert spaces.

It is an established fact that a multitude of inverse problems manifest in infinite-dimensional spaces. In such scenarios, strong convergence is deemed more favorable than weak convergence for effectively resolving these problems. Notably, several authors have put forth algorithms that yield a sequence  $\{x_k\}$ , which strongly converges to a point within the solution set of the SFP (1.1). Relevant examples can be found in [21, 19, 40, 16, 17, 13]. In particular, López et al. [21] proposed an iterative scheme for solving the SFP (1.1) in the context of infinite-dimensional Hilbert spaces. The scheme is as follows: given a fixed point  $u \in H_1$  and an initial guess  $x_0 \in H_1$ , the iteration is defined by (1.9):

$$x_{k+1} = \upsilon_k u + (1 - \upsilon_k) P_{C_k} \left( x_k - \tau_k \nabla f_k(x_k) \right), \forall k \ge 1,$$

$$(1.9)$$

and in a subsequent work, Cholamjiak et al. [13] updated (1.9) as follows: given an initial guess  $x_0 \in H_1$ , the iteration is defined by (1.10):

$$x_{k+1} = P_{C_k}\Big((1 - \upsilon_k)(x_k - \tau_k \nabla f_k(x_k))\Big), \forall k \ge 1,$$

$$(1.10)$$

where,  $\{v_k\} \subset (0,1)$  such that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} v_k = 0$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} v_k = +\infty$ , and  $C_k$ ,  $\nabla f_k(x_k)$ , and  $\tau_k$  are given by (1.4), (1.6), and (1.8), respectively. Under certain standard conditions, it has been demonstrated that the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  produced by (1.9) exhibits strong convergence towards the point  $x^* = P_{\Gamma}(u)$ . Similarly, the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  generated by (1.10) also converges strongly, but towards the point  $x^* = P_{\Gamma}(0)$  of the SFP (1.1). What is particularly noteworthy is that the iterative schemes (1.9)-(1.10) do not require any prior knowledge of the operator norm. Additionally, they are capable of computing the projections onto the half-spaces  $C_k$  and  $Q_k$ , making them easily implementable.

It is noteworthy that a ball-relaxed *CQ*-algorithm for solving the SFP (1.1) has been introduced by Yu et al. [41]. This algorithm is applicable under the condition that  $c: H_1 \rightarrow$  $(-\infty, +\infty]$  and  $q: H_2 \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty]$  are  $\rho$ -strongly and  $\sigma$ -strongly convex subdifferentiable functions on  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively. The conditions for c(x) and q(y) are as follows:

$$c(x) \ge c(x_k) + \langle \xi_k, x - x_k \rangle + \frac{\varrho}{2} ||x - x_k||^2$$
, where  $\xi_k \in \partial c(x_k)$ ,

$$q(y) \geq q(Tx_k) + \langle \eta_k, y - Tx_k \rangle + rac{\sigma}{2} \|y - Tx_k\|^2$$
, where  $\eta_k \in \partial q(Tx_k)$ 

Replacing the half-spaces  $C_k$  ((1.4)) and  $Q_k$  ((1.5)), respectively, by the balls  $\tilde{C}_k$  and  $\tilde{Q}_k$ , where

$$\widetilde{C}_k = \left\{ x \in H_1 : c(x_k) + \langle \xi_k, x - x_k \rangle + \frac{\varrho}{2} \| x - x_k \|^2 \le 0 \right\},$$
(1.11)

$$\widetilde{Q}_{k} = \left\{ y \in H_{2} : q(Tx_{k}) + \langle \eta_{k}, y - Tx_{k} \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|y - Tx_{k}\|^{2} \leq 0 \right\},$$
(1.12)

Yu et al. [41] proposed the ball-relaxed method follows. For any initial guess  $x_0 \in H_1$ ;

$$x_{k+1} = P_{\tilde{C}_k} \left( x_k - \frac{\rho_k \| (I - P_{\tilde{Q}_k}) T x_k \|^2}{2 \| T^* (I - P_{\tilde{Q}_k}) T x_k \|^2} T^* (I - P_{\tilde{Q}_k}) T x_k \right),$$
(1.13)

where  $\rho_k \in (0, 4)$  with  $\liminf_{k \to \infty} \rho_k(4 - \rho_k) > 0$ . Under certain standard assumptions, it has been demonstrated that the sequence  $\{x_k\}$ , generated by (1.13), converges weakly to a solution of the SFP (1.1).

In order to enhance the convergence rate, Nesterov [28] introduced a modified heavy ball method based on Polyak's [29] approach. The method is defined as follows:

$$y_{k} = x_{k} + \beta_{k}(x_{k} - x_{k-1}), x_{k+1} = y_{k} - \tau_{k} \nabla g(y_{k}), \forall k \ge 1,$$
(1.14)

where,  $\{\tau_k\}$  is a positive sequence, g is a smooth convex function, and  $\beta_k \in [0, 1)$  is an inertial factor. The term  $\beta_k(x_k - x_{k-1})$  represents the inertia. Numerical experiments conducted in various fields of study have demonstrated that this method, along with other related techniques such as those presented in [1, 14, 15, 22, 24, 25], significantly improves the performance of non-inertial algorithms where  $\beta_k = 0$ . In light of this, several inertial-type methods have been proposed for solving SFPs, including those discussed in [34, 17, 33, 35].

Numerous variations/generalizations of the SFP have been extensively researched by numerous authors. Examples include the multiple-sets split feasibility problem [10], the split feasibility problem with multiple output sets [31], the split common fixed point problem [12, 26, 8, 20], the multiple-operator split common fixed point problem [3], and the split common null point problem [6, 36].

In the year 2020, Reich et al. [31] introduced and studied the following split feasibility problem with multiple output sets in infinite-dimensional Hilbert spaces. Let H,  $H_j$ , j = 1, 2, ..., r, be real Hilbert spaces and let  $A_j : H \to H_j$ , j = 1, 2, ..., r, be bounded linear operators. The split feasibility problem with multiple output sets (SFPMOS, for short) is to find an element  $x^*$  such that

$$x^* \in \Pi := C \cap \left( \cap_{j=1}^r A_j^{-1}(Q_j) \right) \neq \emptyset$$
(1.15)

where C and  $Q_j$ , j = 1, 2, ..., r, are nonempty, closed and convex subsets of H and  $H_j$ , j = 1, 2, ..., r, respectively.

Reich et al. [31] have proposed a projection gradient algorithm and a viscosity approximation iterative method for effectively solving the SFPMOS (1.15) in infinite-dimensional Hilbert spaces. These methods necessitate the computation of metric projections onto the sets C and  $Q_j$ , as well as the operator norm, which can be challenging to perform. The two iterative methods are as follows: for any given points  $x_0, w_0 \in H$ ,  $\{x_k\}$  and  $\{w_k\}$  are sequences generated by

$$x_{k+1} := P_C \Big( x_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^r A_j^* (I - P_{Q_j}) A_j x_k \Big),$$
(1.16)

$$w_{k+1} := v_k f(w_k) + (1 - v_k) P_C \Big( w_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^r A_j^* (I - P_{Q_j}) A_j w_k \Big),$$
(1.17)

where  $f : C \to C$  is a strict contraction mapping of H into itself with the contraction constant  $\theta \in [0, 1), \{\tau_k\} \subset (0, \infty)$  and  $\{v_k\} \subset (0, 1)$ . It was proved that if the sequence  $\{\tau_k\}$  satisfies the condition:

$$0 < a \le \tau_k \le b < \frac{2}{r \max_{j=1,2,\dots,r} \{ \|A_j\|^2 \}}$$

for all  $k \ge 1$ , then the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  generated by (1.16) converges weakly to a solution point  $x^* \in \Pi$  of the SFPMOS (1.15). Furthermore, if the sequence  $\{v_k\}$  satisfies the conditions:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} v_k = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^\infty v_k = \infty,$$

then the sequence  $\{w_k\}$  generated by (1.17) converges strongly to a solution point  $x^* \in \Pi$  of the SFPMOS (1.15), which is a unique solution of the variational inequality

$$\langle (I-f)x^*, x-x^* \rangle \geq 0 \ \forall x \in \Pi.$$

Besides, using the viscosity approximation iterative method, Reich et al. in [32] proposed an optimization approach method which uses a self-adaptive step-size, for solving the SFPMOS (1.15). It In the context of SFPMOS (1.15), it is evident that the analysis solely focuses on scenarios where the first Hilbert space H comprises a single nonempty, closed, and convex subset C.

Motivating by the above works, in this work, we consider the following multiple-sets split feasibility problem with multiple output sets in general Hilbert spaces. In light of the aforementioned literature, our present study focuses on the following problem: multiple-sets split feasibility problem with multiple output sets.

Let H,  $H_j$ , j = 1, 2, ..., r, be real Hilbert spaces and let  $T_j : H \to H_j$ , j = 1, 2, ..., r, be bounded linear operators. The multiple-sets split feasibility problem with multiple output sets (MSSFPMOS, for short) is to find an element  $x^*$  such that

$$x^* \in \Omega := \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^{s} C_i \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{j=1}^{r} T_j^{-1} \left( Q_j \right) \right) \neq \emptyset$$
(1.18)

where  $C_i$ , i = 1, 2, ..., s, and  $Q_j$ , j = 1, 2, ..., r, are nonempty, closed and convex subsets of H and  $H_j$ , j = 1, 2, ..., r, respectively,  $s, r \ge 1$  are given integers. That is,  $x^* \in C_i$  for each i = 1, 2, ..., s, and  $T_j x^* \in Q_j$  for each j = 1, 2, ..., r. It is readily seen that, for the case where s = 1, the MSSFPMOS (1.18) reduced to the SFPMOS (1.15). If s = 1 = r, then MSSFPMOS (1.18) also reduced to the SFP (1.1).

A question at hand is that whether it is possible to extend the iterative method presented in (1.10) to solve the MSSFPMOS (1.18) within the framework of infinite dimensional Hilbert spaces, incorporating acceleration and the concept of the ball-relaxation. We are motivated

to explore this question due to the numerous results found in existing literature. Therefore, in this paper, we propose an inertial accelerated self-adaptive super set (ball)-relaxed CQ method for solving the MSSFPMOS (1.18), where the closed convex sets are defined as level sets of strongly convex functions. This algorithm ensures strong convergence within the framework of infinite-dimensional Hilbert spaces.

The structure of this paper is as follows. In Section 2, we recall some definitions and basic results which are needed in the sequel. In Section 3, we present the algorithm we propose along with its convergence analysis. In Section 4, we present some newly driven results to solve another problem. We provide a set of numerical experiments to illustrate the efficacy of our proposed method in Section 5.

# 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some definitions and basic results which are needed in the sequel.

Throughout this paper, let H,  $H_1$  or  $H_2$  be a real Hilbert space with the inner product  $\langle ., . \rangle$ , and induced norm  $\|.\|$ . Let I denote the identity operator on H,  $H_1$  or  $H_2$ . Let the symbols " $\rightarrow$  " and " $\rightarrow$  ", denote the weak and strong convergence, respectively. For any sequence  $\{x_k\} \subseteq H$ ,  $\omega_w(x_k) = \{x \in H : \exists \{x_{k_m}\} \subseteq \{x_k\}$  such that  $x_{k_m} \rightharpoonup x\}$  denotes the weak  $\omega$ -limit set of  $\{x_k\}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [2] Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of H. An operator  $T : C \to H$  is called

(1) Lipschitz continuous with constant  $\sigma > 0$  on C if

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \sigma \|x - y\|, \ \forall x, y \in C;$$

(2) nonexpansive on C if

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \|x - y\|, \ \forall x, y \in C;$$

(3) firmly nonexpansive on C if

$$||Tx - Ty||^2 \le ||x - y||^2 - ||(I - T)x - (I - T)y||^2, \ \forall x, y \in C,$$

which is equivalent to

$$||Tx - Ty||^2 \leq \langle Tx - Ty, x - y \rangle, \forall x, y \in C;$$

(4)  $\sigma$ -inverse strongly monotone ( $\sigma$  – *ism*) on C if there is  $\sigma$  > 0 such that

$$\langle Tx - Ty, x - y \rangle \geq \sigma \|Tx - Ty\|^2, \forall x, y \in C.$$

**Definition 2.2.** [2] Let  $C \subseteq H$  be a nonempty closed convex set. For every element  $x \in H$ , there exists a unique nearest point in C, denoted by  $P_C(x)$  such that

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

The operator  $P_C: H \to C$  is called a metric projection of H onto C.

**Lemma 2.3.** [2] Let  $C \subseteq H$  be a nonempty closed convex set. Then, the following assertions hold for any  $x, y \in H$  and  $z \in C$ :

(1) 
$$\langle x - P_C(x), z - P_C(x) \rangle \le 0;$$
  
(2)  $||P_C(x) - P_C(x)|| \le ||x - y||;$ 

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(3) 
$$||P_C(x) - P_C(y)||^2 \le \langle P_C(x) - P_C(y), x - y \rangle;$$

- (4)  $||P_C(x) z||^2 \le ||x z||^2 ||x P_C(x)||^2$ .
- (5) The mappings  $P_C$  and  $I P_C$  are both firmly nonexpansive and nonexpansive.

**Lemma 2.4.** For all  $x, y \in H$  and for all  $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

(1) 
$$||x + y||^2 \le ||x||^2 + 2\langle y, x + y \rangle;$$
  
(2)  $||x + y||^2 = ||x||^2 + ||y||^2 + 2\langle x, y \rangle;$   
(3)  $\langle x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{2} ||x||^2 + \frac{1}{2} ||y||^2 - \frac{1}{2} ||x - y||^2;$   
(4)  $||\sigma x + (1 - \sigma)y||^2 = \sigma ||x||^2 + (1 - \sigma) ||y||^2 - \sigma (1 - \sigma) ||x - y||^2.$ 

**Definition 2.5.** [2] A  $f: H \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  be a given function. Then,

(1) The function f is proper if

$$\{x \in H : f(x) < +\infty\} \neq \emptyset.$$

(2) A proper function f is convex if for each  $\sigma \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$f(\sigma x + (1 - \sigma)y) \leq \sigma f(x) + (1 - \sigma)f(y), \forall x, y \in H.$$

(3) *f* is  $\sigma$ -strongly convex, where  $\sigma > 0$ , if

$$f(\delta x + (1-\delta)y) + \frac{\sigma}{2}\delta(1-\delta)\|x-y\|^2 \le \delta f(x) + (1-\delta)f(y), \forall \delta \in (0,1) \text{ and } \forall x, y \in H.$$

Moreover, f is  $\sigma$ -strongly convex if  $f(x) - (\sigma/2) ||x||^2$  is convex.

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $f : H \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  be a proper function.

(1) A vector  $\xi \in H$  is a subgradient of f at a point x if

$$f(y) \ge f(x) + \langle \xi, y - x \rangle, \ \forall y \in H.$$

(2) The set of all subgradients of f at  $x \in H$ , denoted by  $\partial f(x)$ , is called the subdifferential of f, and is defined by

$$\partial f(x) = \{\xi \in H : f(y) \ge f(x) + \langle \xi, y - x \rangle, \text{ for each } y \in H\}.$$

(3) If ∂f(x) ≠ Ø, f is said to be subdifferentiable at x. If the function f is continuously differentiable then ∂f(x) = {∇f(x)}.

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $f : H \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  be a proper function. Then,

(1) f is lower semi-continuous (lsc) at x if  $x_k \rightarrow x$  implies

$$f(x) \leq \liminf_{k \to \infty} f(x_k).$$

(2) f is weakly lower semi-continuous (w-lsc) at x if  $x_k \rightarrow x$  implies

$$f(x) \leq \liminf_{k \to \infty} f(x_k).$$

(3) f is weakly/lower semi-continuous on H if it is weakly/lower semi-continuous at every point x ∈ H.

**Lemma 2.8.** [2] Let  $f : H \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  be a proper convex function. Then f is lower semi-continuous if and only if it is weakly lower semi-continuous.

**Lemma 2.9.** [2] Let  $f : H \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  be a  $\rho$ -strongly convex function. Then for all  $x, y \in H$ ,

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle \xi, |y-x \rangle + rac{arrho}{2} \|y-x\|^2, |\xi \in \partial f(x).$$

**Lemma 2.10.** [38] Let C and Q be closed convex subsets of real Hilbert spaces  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively, and  $f : H_1 \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  is given by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} ||(I-P_Q)Tx||^2$ , where  $T : H_1 \to H_2$  be a bounded linear operator. Then for  $\sigma > 0$  and  $x^* \in H_1$ , the following statements are equivalent.

- (1) The point  $x^*$  solves the SFP (1.1).
- (2) The point  $x^*$  is the fixed point of the mapping  $P_C(I \sigma \nabla f)$ , i.e.,

$$x^* = P_C(x^* - \sigma \nabla f(x^*)).$$

(3) The point  $x^*$  solves the variational inequality problem with respect to the gradient  $\nabla f$  of f; i.e., find a point  $z \in C$  such that

$$\langle 
abla f(z), x-z \rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in C$$

**Lemma 2.11.** [5] Let the function f be given as in Lemma 2.10. Then,

- (1) the function f is convex and weakly lower semi-continuous on  $H_1$ ;
- (2)  $\nabla f(x) = T^*(I P_Q)Tx$ , for  $x \in H_1$ ;
- (3)  $\nabla f$  is  $||T||^2$ -Lipschitz, i.e.,

$$\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\| \le \|T\|^2 \|x - y\|, \ \forall x, y \in H_1.$$

**Lemma 2.12.** [23, 27] Let  $\{s_k\}$  and  $\{\gamma_k\}$  be sequences of nonnegative real numbers, such that

$$s_{k+1} \leq (1-\sigma_k)s_k + \varepsilon_k + \gamma_k, \ k \geq 1,$$

where  $\{\sigma_k\} \subset (0,1)$  and  $\{\varepsilon_k\}$  is a real sequence. Assume that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \gamma_k < \infty$ . Then the following results hold:

- (1) If  $\varepsilon_k \leq \sigma_k M$  for some  $M \geq 0$ , then  $\{s_k\}$  is a bounded sequence;
- (2) If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sigma_k = \infty$  and  $\limsup_{k \to \infty} \frac{\varepsilon_k}{\sigma_k} \leq 0$ , then  $s_k \to 0$  as  $k \to \infty$ .

**Lemma 2.13.** [18] Let  $\{s_k\}$  be a non-negative real sequence, such that

$$s_{k+1} \leq (1 - \sigma_k)s_k + \sigma_k\mu_k, \ k \geq 1,$$
  
$$s_{k+1} \leq s_k - \phi_k + \varphi_k, \ k \geq 1,$$

where  $\{\sigma_k\} \subset (0,1)$ ,  $\{\phi_k\}$  is a non-negative, real sequence, and  $\{\mu_k\}$  and  $\{\varphi_k\}$  are real sequences such that

- (1)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sigma_k = \infty;$ (2)  $\lim_{k \to \infty} \varphi_k = 0;$
- (3)  $\lim_{m\to\infty} \phi_{k_m} = 0$  implies  $\limsup_{m\to\infty} \mu_{k_m} \le 0$  for any subsequence  $\{k_m\}$  of  $\{k\}$ .

Then,  $\lim_{k\to\infty} s_k = 0$ .

# 3. The Proposed Algorithm with Convergence Analysis

In this section, we hereby present our proposed algorithm in the following manner. For simplicity, hereafter, denote  $J_1 := \{1, 2, ..., s\}$  and  $J_2 := \{1, 2, ..., r\}$ .

We examine the MSSFPMOS (1.18), where the sets  $C_i$   $(i \in J_1)$  and  $Q_j$   $(j \in J_2)$  are defined as follows:

$$C_i = \{x \in H : c_i(x) \le 0\}$$
 and  $Q_j = \{y \in H_j : q_j(y) \le 0\},$  (3.1)

where,  $c_i : H \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  for all  $i \in J_1$  and  $q_j : H_j \to (-\infty, +\infty]$  for all  $j \in J_2$  are  $\varrho_i$ -strongly and  $\sigma_j$ -strongly convex functions, respectively. It is important to note that  $\varrho_i \ge 0$  and  $\sigma_j \ge 0$ , allowing for the inclusion of cases where  $c_i$  or  $q_j$  are only convex.

**Assumption 3.1.** for the MSSFPMOS (1.18), we require the following standard assumptions.

- (1) Both  $c_i (i \in J_1)$  and  $q_i (j \in J_2)$  are subdifferentiable on H and  $H_i$ , respectively.
- (2) For any  $x \in H$  and for each  $i \in J_1$ , a subgradient  $\xi_i \in \partial c_i(x)$  can be calculated.
- (3) For any  $y \in H_i$  and for each  $j \in J_2$ , a subgradient  $\eta_i \in \partial q_i(y)$  can be calculated.
- (4) Both  $\partial c_i (i \in J_1)$  and  $\partial q_i (j \in J_2)$  are bounded operators (bounded on bounded sets).

According to Assumption 3.1, it is evident that the functions  $c_i(i \in J_1)$  and  $q_j(j \in J_2)$  are lower semi-continuous. Also, since  $c_i(i \in J_1)$  and  $q_j(j \in J_2)$  are convex, it can be inferred from Lemma 2.8 that  $c_i(i \in J_1)$  and  $q_i(j \in J_2)$  are weakly lower semi-continuous.

In our algorithm, given the  $k^{th}$  iterative point  $x_k$ , we construct "s" super-sets  $\widetilde{C}_{ik}$   $(i \in J_1)$ and "r" super-sets  $\widetilde{Q}_{jk}$   $(j \in J_2)$ . These super-sets include the original sets  $C_i$   $(i \in J_1)$  and  $Q_j$  $(j \in J_2)$  respectively. The set  $\widetilde{C}_{ik}$   $(i \in J_1)$  is constructed as

$$\widetilde{C}_{ik} = \left\{ x \in H : c_i(x_k) + \langle \xi_{ik}, x - x_k \rangle + \frac{\varrho_i}{2} \|x - x_k\|^2 \le 0 \right\},$$
(3.2)

where  $\xi_{ik} \in \partial c_i(x_k)$ . If  $\varrho_i = 0$ , then  $\widetilde{C}_{ik}$  above is reduced to the following half-space

$$C_{ik} = \left\{ x \in H : c_i(x_k) + \langle \xi_{ik}, x - x_k \rangle \le 0 \right\}.$$
(3.3)

If  $\rho_i > 0$ , then for  $i \in J_1$ ,  $C_{ik}$  can be defined by (see in [41])

$$\widetilde{C}_{ik} = \left\{ x \in H : \left\| x - \left( x_k - \frac{1}{\varrho_i} \xi_{ik} \right) \right\|^2 \le \frac{1}{\varrho_i^2} \|\xi_{ik}\|^2 - \frac{2}{\varrho_i} c_i(x_k) \right\}$$

and it follows from the fact that  $\widetilde{C}_{ik} \supseteq C_i \neq \emptyset$   $(i \in J_1)$  the set  $\widetilde{C}_{ik}$  is nonempty. Furthermore, let  $x^* \in C_i$   $(i \in J_1)$ . Since each  $c_i$   $(i \in J_1)$  is  $\varrho_i$ -strongly convex function, it then follows from Lemma 2.9 that

$$c_i(x_k) + \langle \xi_{ik}, x^* - x_k \rangle + rac{\varrho_i}{2} \|x^* - x_k\|^2 \le c_i(x^*) \le 0,$$

which implies that for each  $i \in J_1$ 

$$\frac{2}{\varrho_i}c_i(x_k) \leq \frac{2}{\varrho_i} \|\xi_{ik}\| \|x_k - x^*\| - \|x_k - x^*\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{\varrho_i^2} \|\xi_{ik}\|^2$$

which also yields  $\frac{1}{\varrho_i^2} \|\xi_{ik}\|^2 - \frac{2}{\varrho_i} c_i(x_k) \ge 0$ . Therefore, each  $\widetilde{C}_{ik}$   $(i \in J_1)$  is a nonempty ball of radius  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{\varrho_i^2} \|\xi_{ik}\|^2 - \frac{2}{\varrho_i} c_i(x_k)}$  centred at  $x_k - \frac{1}{\varrho_i} \xi_{ik}$ . The set  $\widetilde{Q}_{jk}$   $(j \in J_2)$  is defined as

$$\widetilde{Q}_{jk} = \left\{ y \in H_j : q_j(T_j x_k) + \langle \eta_{jk}, y - T_j x_k \rangle + \frac{\sigma_j}{2} \|y - T_j x_k\|^2 \le 0 \right\},$$
(3.4)

where  $\eta_{jk} \in \partial q_j(T_j x_k)$ . If  $\sigma_j = 0$ , then  $\widetilde{Q}_{jk}$  above is reduced to the following half-space

$$Q_{jk} = \left\{ y \in H_j : q_j(T_j x_k) + \langle \eta_{jk}, y - T_j x_k \rangle \le 0 \right\}.$$
(3.5)

If  $\sigma_j > 0$ , then  $\widetilde{Q}_{jk}$  above is nothing but a nonempty closed ball. Indeed,  $\widetilde{Q}_{jk}$  is nonempty because  $\widetilde{Q}_{jk} \supseteq Q_j \neq \emptyset$   $(j \in J_2)$ . Similarly, for all  $k \ge 0$  and for each  $j \in J_2$ , observe that

$$\widetilde{Q}_{jk} = \left\{ y \in H_j : \left\| y - \left( T_j x_k - \frac{1}{\sigma_j} \eta_{jk} \right) \right\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{\sigma_j^2} \|\eta_{jk}\|^2 - \frac{2}{\sigma_j} q_j(T_j x_k) \right\}.$$

That is, each  $\widetilde{Q}_{jk}$   $(j \in J_2)$  is also a nonempty closed ball of radius  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{\sigma_j^2} \|\eta_{jk}\|^2 - \frac{2}{\sigma_j} q_j(T_j x_k)}$  centred at  $T_j x_k - \frac{1}{\sigma_j} \eta_{jk}$ . Therefore, both  $\widetilde{C}_{ik}$  and  $\widetilde{Q}_{jk}$  are nothing but nonempty closed balls and it is easy to verify that (see [41])  $\widetilde{C}_{ik} \supseteq C_i$   $(i \in J_1)$  and  $\widetilde{Q}_{jk} \supseteq Q_j$   $(j \in J_2)$  hold for every  $k \ge 0$ .

In order to enhance the efficiency and ease of implementation of the algorithm, we utilize metric projections onto the balls  $\tilde{C}_{ik}$  and  $\tilde{Q}_{jk}$  as defined in (3.2) and (3.4), respectively, instead of the given sets  $C_i$  and  $Q_j$ . Additionally, to circumvent the need for estimating the operator norm (which can be a challenging task), we introduce a self-adaptive approach for updating the step-size in solving the MSSFPMOS (1.18) within the framework of infinite dimensional real Hilbert spaces.

Here, we present our proposed self-adaptive relaxed CQ algorithm for solving the MSSF-PMOS (1.18). In building our algorithm, we also require the following assumption.

**Assumption 3.2.** Let  $\{v_k\}$ ,  $\{\rho_k\}$ , and  $\{\varepsilon_k\}$  be three sequences satisfy the conditions:

(a1) 
$$\{v_k\} \subset (0, 1)$$
 such that  $\lim_{k \to \infty} v_k = 0$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v_k = \infty$ .

(a2) 
$$\{
ho_k\} \subset (0,2)$$
 such that  $\liminf_{k \to \infty} 
ho_k (2-
ho_k) > 0$ 

(a3)  $\{\varepsilon_k\} \subset [0, \varepsilon)$ , where  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\varepsilon_k = \mathbf{o}(\upsilon_k)$ .

# Algorithm 1:

**Step 0.** Choose three sequences  $\{v_k\}$ ,  $\{\rho_k\}$ , and  $\{\varepsilon_k\}$  satisfying the conditions in Assumption 3.2 and select  $\beta \in [0, 1)$ . Fix  $u \in H$  and let  $x_0, x_1 \in H$  be arbitrary initial guesses and set k := 1. Take the weights  $\alpha_i^k$   $(i \in J_1) > 0$  and the constant parameters  $\delta_i$   $(j \in J_2) > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{s} \alpha_i^k = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \inf_{i \in I_k} \alpha_i^k > \alpha > 0, \text{ where } I_k = \{i \in J_1 : \alpha_i^k > 0\}, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j = 1.$$

**Step 1.** Given the iterates  $x_{k-1}, x_k \in H$ , then compute  $y_k$  via the manner

$$y_k = x_k + \beta_k (x_k - x_{k-1})$$
(3.6)

where  $\beta_k$  is chosen in  $[0, \overline{\beta_k})$  and

$$\overline{\beta}_{k} := \begin{cases} \min\left\{\beta, \frac{\varepsilon_{k}}{\max\left\{\|x_{k}-x_{k-1}\|^{2}, \|x_{k}-x_{k-1}\|\right\}}\right\}, & \text{if } x_{k} \neq x_{k-1}, \\ \beta, & \text{if } x_{k} = x_{k-1}. \end{cases}$$
(3.7)

**Step 2.** Compute the next iterate  $x_{k+1}$  via the manner

$$x_{k+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{s} \alpha_i^k P_{\widetilde{C}_{ik}} \left( \upsilon_k u + (1 - \upsilon_k) \left( y_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j T_j^* \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_j y_k \right) \right)$$

where  $\widetilde{C}_{ik}$  and  $\widetilde{Q}_{jk}$  are the balls given as in (3.2) and (3.4), respectively and the stepsize  $\tau_k$  is self-adaptively updated via

$$\tau_k := \frac{\rho_k \sum_{j=1}^r \delta_j \left\| \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_j y_k \right\|^2}{\lambda_k^2}$$
(3.8)

where

$$\lambda_k := \max\left\{1, \left\|\sum_{j=1}^r \delta_j T_j^* \left(I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}}\right) T_j y_k\right\|\right\}.$$

**Step 3.** If  $x_{k+1} = y_k$ , then stop; otherwise, set k := k + 1 and return to **Step 1**.

**Remark 3.3.** We note that the positive sequence  $\{\varepsilon_k\}$  satisfies the conditions:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}\frac{\varepsilon_k}{v_k}=0\quad\text{and}\quad\sum_{k=1}^\infty\varepsilon_k<\infty.$$

**Remark 3.4.** From (3.7), we have that  $\beta_k ||x_k - x_{k-1}||^2$ ,  $\beta_k ||x_k - x_{k-1}|| \le \varepsilon_k$ ,  $\forall k \ge 1$ . This together with Remark 3.3 give

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}\frac{\beta_k}{v_k}\|x_k-x_{k-1}\|^2\leq\lim_{k\to\infty}\frac{\varepsilon_k}{v_k}=0\quad\text{and}\quad\lim_{k\to\infty}\frac{\beta_k}{v_k}\|x_k-x_{k-1}\|\leq\lim_{k\to\infty}\frac{\varepsilon_k}{v_k}=0.$$

Thus, there exist two positive constant  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  such that

$$\frac{\beta_k}{\upsilon_k} \|x_k - x_{k-1}\|^2 \le M_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\beta_k}{\upsilon_k} \|x_k - x_{k-1}\| \le M_2.$$

Furthermore, by assuming (3.7), we have that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \beta_k \|x_k - x_{k-1}\|^2 < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \beta_k \|x_k - x_{k-1}\| < \infty, \tag{3.9}$$

which implies

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \beta_k \|x_k - x_{k-1}\|^2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{k \to \infty} \beta_k \|x_k - x_{k-1}\| = 0.$$
(3.10)

**Lemma 3.5.** Assume that the sequences  $\{v_k\}$ ,  $\{\rho_k\}$ , and  $\{\varepsilon_k\}$  satisfy all the conditions in Assumption 3.2. Then the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  generated by Algorithm 1 is bounded.

*Proof.* Let  $x^* \in \Omega$ , then we have the following estimation

$$\left\| y_{k} - \tau_{k} \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} T_{j}^{*} \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_{j} y_{k} - x^{*} \right\|^{2}$$

$$= \left\| \left( y_{k} - x^{*} \right) - \tau_{k} \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} T_{j}^{*} \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_{j} y_{k} \right\|^{2}$$

$$= \left\| y_{k} - x^{*} \right\|^{2} + \tau_{k}^{2} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} T_{j}^{*} \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_{j} y_{k} \right\|^{2}$$

$$- 2\tau_{k} \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} T_{j}^{*} \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_{j} y_{k}, y_{k} - x^{*} \right\rangle.$$

$$(3.11)$$

Note that for each  $j \in J_2$ ,  $I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}}$  is firmly nonexpansive and  $\sum_{j=1}^r \delta_j T_j^* \left(I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}}\right) T_j x^* = 0$ . Hence, it follows from lemma 2.3 that

$$\left\langle \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^r \delta_j T_j^* \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_j y_k, y_k - x^* \right\rangle = \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^r \delta_j \left\langle T_j^* \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_j y_k, y_k - x^* \right\rangle$$

$$= \tau_{k} \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} \left\langle \left(I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}}\right) T_{j} y_{k}, T_{j} y_{k} - T_{j} x^{*} \right\rangle$$
  

$$\geq \tau_{k} \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} \left\| \left(I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}}\right) T_{j} y_{k} \right\|^{2}, \qquad (3.12)$$

Substituting (3.12) in to (3.11), we get

$$\left\| y_{k} - \tau_{k} \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} T_{j}^{*} \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_{j} y_{k} - x^{*} \right\|^{2} \\ \leq \left\| y_{k} - x^{*} \right\|^{2} + \tau_{k}^{2} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} T_{j}^{*} \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_{j} y_{k} \right\|^{2} - 2\tau_{k} \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} \left\| \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_{j} y_{k} \right\|^{2}.$$

$$(3.13)$$

(3.13) together with (3.8) and  $\left\|\sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} T_{j}^{*} \left(I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{j,n}}\right) T_{j} y_{k}\right\| \leq \lambda_{k}$  implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| y_{k} - \tau_{k} \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} T_{j}^{*} \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_{j} y_{k} - x^{*} \right\|^{2} \\ &\leq \left\| y_{k} - x^{*} \right\|^{2} + \tau_{k}^{2} \lambda_{k}^{2} - 2\tau_{k} \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} \left\| \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_{j} y_{k} \right\|^{2} \\ &= \left\| y_{k} - x^{*} \right\|^{2} - \rho_{k} (2 - \rho_{k}) \frac{\left( \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} \left\| \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_{j} y_{k} \right\|^{2} \right)^{2}}{\lambda_{k}^{2}} \\ &\leq \left\| y_{k} - x^{*} \right\|^{2}. \end{aligned}$$
(3.14)

By Lemma 2.3, we also obtain the following estimation.

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{k+1} - x^*\| &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{s} \alpha_i^k P_{\tilde{C}_{ik}} \left( \upsilon_k u + (1 - \upsilon_k) \left( y_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j T_j^* \left( I - P_{\tilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_j y_k \right) \right) - x^* \right\| \\ &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{s} \alpha_i^k P_{\tilde{C}_{ik}} \left( \upsilon_k u + (1 - \upsilon_k) \left( y_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j T_j^* \left( I - P_{\tilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_j y_k \right) \right) - \sum_{i=1}^{s} \alpha_i^k P_{\tilde{C}_{ik}} x^* \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| \upsilon_k u + (1 - \upsilon_k) \left( y_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j T_j^* \left( I - P_{\tilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_j y_k \right) - x^* \right\| \\ &= \left\| \upsilon_k (u - x^*) + (1 - \upsilon_k) \left[ \left( y_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j T_j^* \left( I - P_{\tilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_j y_k \right) - x^* \right] \right\| \\ &\leq (1 - \upsilon_k) \left\| y_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j T_j^* \left( I - P_{\tilde{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_j y_k - x^* \right\| + \upsilon_k \| u - x^* \|. \end{aligned}$$
(3.15)

From (3.6), we have that

$$\|y_k - x^*\| = \|x_k + \beta_k(x_k - x_{k-1}) - x^*\| \le \|x_k - x^*\| + \beta_k \|x_k - x_{k-1}\|.$$
(3.16)

Combining (3.14)-(3.16), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{k+1} - x^*\| &\leq (1 - v_k) \|y_k - x^*\| + v_k \|u - x^*\| \\ &\leq (1 - v_k) [\|x_k - x^*\| + \beta_k \|x_k - x_{k-1}\|] + v_k \|u - x^*\| \\ &\leq (1 - v_k) \|x_k - x^*\| + v_k [\Sigma_k + \|u - x^*\|]. \end{aligned}$$
(3.17)

where  $\Sigma_k = (1 - v_k) \frac{\beta_k}{v_k} \|x_k - x_{k-1}\|$  and by Remark 3.4, we have

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \Sigma_k = \lim_{k \to \infty} (1 - v_k) \frac{\beta_k}{v_k} \| x_k - x_{k-1} \| = 0.$$
(3.18)

This implies that the sequence  $\{\Sigma_k\}$  is bounded. Setting

$$M = \max\left\{\sup_{k\in\mathbb{N}}\Sigma_k, \|u-x^*\|\right\},$$
(3.19)

as well as using Lemma 2.12, we conclude that the sequence  $\{\|x_k - x^*\|\}$  is bounded. This shows that the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  is bounded and so are  $\{y_k\}$  and  $\{T_jy_k\}$  for each  $j \in J_2$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.6.** Assume that the sequences  $\{v_k\}$ ,  $\{\rho_k\}$ , and  $\{\varepsilon_k\}$  satisfy the conditions (a1)-(a3) of Assumption 3.2. Then the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  generated by Algorithm 1 converges strongly to the point  $x^* \in \Omega$  of the MSSFPOMS (1.18), where  $x^* = P_{\Omega}u$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x^* \in \Omega$ . Since  $\{\|x_k - x^*\|\}$  is bounded, assume that there exists a constant  $K_1 > 0$  such that  $\|x_k - x^*\| \le K_1$ . Hence, it follows from (3.16)

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_{k} - x^{*}\|^{2} &\leq \|x_{k} - x^{*}\|^{2} + \beta_{k}^{2} \|x_{k} - x_{k-1}\|^{2} + 2\beta_{k} \|x_{k} - x_{k-1}\| \|x_{k} - x^{*}\| \\ &\leq \|x_{k} - x^{*}\|^{2} + \beta_{k} \|x_{k} - x_{k-1}\|^{2} + 2K_{1} \beta_{k} \|x_{k} - x_{k-1}\|. \end{aligned}$$
(3.20)

This together with (3.14) further gives

$$\begin{split} \|x_{k+1} - x^*\|^2 &= \Big\|\sum_{i=1}^{s} \alpha_i^k P_{\tilde{C}_{ik}} \Big( \upsilon_k u + (1 - \upsilon_k) \Big( y_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j T_j^* \Big( I - P_{\tilde{Q}_{jk}} \Big) T_j y_k \Big) \Big) - x^* \Big\|^2 \\ &= \Big\|\sum_{i=1}^{s} \alpha_i^k P_{\tilde{C}_{ik}} \Big( \upsilon_k u + (1 - \upsilon_k) \Big( y_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j T_j^* \Big( I - P_{\tilde{Q}_{jk}} \Big) T_j y_k \Big) \Big) - \sum_{i=1}^{s} \alpha_i^k P_{\tilde{C}_{ik}} x^* \Big\|^2 \\ &\leq \Big\| \upsilon_k u + (1 - \upsilon_k) \Big( y_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j T_j^* \Big( I - P_{\tilde{Q}_{jk}} \Big) T_j y_k \Big) - x^* \Big\|^2 \\ &= \Big\| \upsilon_k (u - x^*) + (1 - \upsilon_k) \Big[ \Big( y_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j T_j^* \Big( I - P_{\tilde{Q}_{jk}} \Big) T_j y_k \Big) - x^* \Big] \Big\|^2 \\ &\leq \Big\| (1 - \upsilon_k) \Big[ y_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j T_j^* \Big( I - P_{\tilde{Q}_{jk}} \Big) T_j y_k \Big) - x^* \Big] \Big\|^2 \\ &\leq \Big\| (1 - \upsilon_k) \Big[ y_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j T_j^* \Big( I - P_{\tilde{Q}_{jk}} \Big) T_j y_k - x^* \Big] \Big\|^2 + 2\upsilon_k \langle u - x^*, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \upsilon_k) \Big[ \|y_k - x^*\|^2 - \rho_k (2 - \rho_k) \frac{\Big( \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j \Big\| \Big( I - P_{\tilde{Q}_{jk}} \Big) T_j y_k \Big\|^2 \Big)^2}{\lambda_k^2} \Big] \end{split}$$

$$+ 2\upsilon_{k}\langle u - x^{*}, x_{k+1} - x^{*}\rangle$$

$$\leq (1 - \upsilon_{k}) \left[ \|x_{k} - x^{*}\|^{2} + \beta_{k} \|x_{k} - x_{k-1}\|^{2} + 2K_{1}.\beta_{k} \|x_{k} - x_{k-1}\| - \rho_{k}(2 - \rho_{k}) \frac{\left(\sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} \left\| \left(I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}}\right) T_{j} y_{k} \right\|^{2}\right)^{2}}{\lambda_{k}^{2}} \right] + 2\upsilon_{k} \langle u - x^{*}, x_{k+1} - x^{*} \rangle.$$

$$(3.21)$$

Now, we can see from (3.21) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{k+1} - x^*\|^2 &\leq (1 - \upsilon_k) \|x_k - x^*\|^2 + \upsilon_k \Big[ \frac{\beta_k}{\upsilon_k} \|x_k - x_{k-1}\|^2 + 2K_1 \cdot \frac{\beta_k}{\upsilon_k} \|x_k - x_{k-1}\| \\ &+ 2\langle u - x^*, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \Big], \\ \|x_{k+1} - x^*\|^2 &\leq \|x_k - x^*\|^2 - \rho_k (2 - \rho_k) \frac{\left(\sum_{j=1}^r \delta_j \left\| \left(I - P_{\bar{Q}_{j_k}}\right) T_j y_k \right\|^2\right)^2}{\lambda_k^2} \\ &+ \beta_k \|x_k - x_{k-1}\|^2 + 2K_1 \cdot \beta_k \|x_k - x_{k-1}\| + 2\upsilon_k \langle u - x^*, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.22)$$

Then (3.21) can be transformed to the inequalities

$$s_{k+1} \le (1 - v_k) s_k + v_k \mu_k, \ k \ge 1, s_{k+1} \le s_k - \phi_k + \varphi_k, \ k \ge 1,$$
(3.23)

where

$$s_{k} = \|x_{k+1} - x^{*}\|^{2};$$

$$\mu_{k} = \frac{\beta_{k}}{v_{k}} \|x_{k} - x_{k-1}\|^{2} + 2K_{1} \cdot \frac{\beta_{k}}{v_{k}} \|x_{k} - x_{k-1}\| + 2\langle u - x^{*}, x_{k+1} - x^{*} \rangle;$$

$$\phi_{k} = \rho_{k} (2 - \rho_{k}) \frac{\left(\sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} \left\| \left( I - P_{\bar{Q}_{jk}} \right) T_{j} y_{k} \right\|^{2} \right)^{2}}{\lambda_{k}^{2}};$$

$$\varphi_{k} = \beta_{k} \|x_{k} - x_{k-1}\|^{2} + 2K_{1} \cdot \beta_{k} \|x_{k} - x_{k-1}\| + 2v_{k} \langle u - x^{*}, x_{k+1} - x^{*} \rangle.$$
(3.24)

Moreover, by Assumption 3.2, we have that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v_k = \infty, \tag{3.25}$$

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \varphi_k = \lim_{k \to \infty} [\beta_k \| x_k - x_{k-1} \|^2 + 2K_1 \beta_k \| x_k - x_{k-1} \| + 2\upsilon_k \langle u - x^*, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle] = 0.$$
(3.26)

Let  $\{k_m\}$  be a subsequence of  $\{k\}$  and suppose

$$\limsup_{m \to \infty} \phi_{k_m} \le 0, \tag{3.27}$$

which further yields

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \left[ \frac{\left( \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_{j} \left\| \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk_{m}}} \right) T_{j} y_{k_{m}} \right\|^{2} \right)^{2}}{\lambda_{k_{m}}^{2}} \right] = 0$$
(3.28)

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which also implies that

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \left[ \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j \left\| \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk_m}} \right) T_j y_{k_m} \right\|^2}{\lambda_{k_m}} \right] = 0.$$
(3.29)

Since the sequence  $\{y_{k_m}\}$  is bounded and by the Lipschitz continuity of the  $\left(I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk_m}}\right)T_jy_{k_m}$ for each  $j \in J_2$  and for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , the sequence  $\left\{\left\|\sum_{j=1}^r \delta_j T_j^* \left(I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk_m}}\right)T_jy_{k_m}\right\|\right\}$  is bound. And hence the sequence  $\{\lambda_{k_m}\}$  is bounded as well. Therefore, we get from (3.29) that

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{r} \delta_j \left\| \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk_m}} \right) T_j y_{k_m} \right\|^2 = 0,$$
(3.30)

which implies for each  $j \in J_2$  that

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \left\| \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk_m}} \right) T_j y_{k_m} \right\| = 0.$$
(3.31)

Next, we prove that  $\omega_w(x_k) \subset \Omega$ . Since  $\{x_k\}$  is bounded,  $\omega_w(x_k) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x \in \omega_w(x_k)$ ; then we may assume that there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{k_m}\}$  of  $\{x_k\}$  such that  $x_{k_m} \rightharpoonup x$ . Furthermore,

$$\|y_k - x_k\| = \|x_k + \beta_k(x_k - x_{k-1}) - x_k\| = \beta_k \|x_k - x_{k-1}\| \to 0, \quad (3.32)$$

and hence  $y_{k_m} \rightarrow x_i$  and since each  $T_j$  for  $j \in J_2$  is linear and bounded,  $T_j y_{k_m} \rightarrow T_j x_i$ . Since  $\partial q_j$  for each  $j \in J_2$  is bounded on bounded set, we may assume that there is a constant  $\eta > 0$  such that  $\|\eta_{jk_m}\| \leq \eta$ , where  $\eta_{jk_m} \in \partial q_j(T_j y_{k_m})$  for each  $j \in J_2$ . That is the sequence  $\{\eta_{jk_m}\}$  is bounded. Note that  $P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk_m}}(T_j y_{k_m}) \in \widetilde{Q}_{jk_m}$  for each  $j \in J_2$ . Now, it follows from (3.4) and (3.31) for all  $j \in J_2$  and as  $m \to \infty$  that

$$q_{j}(T_{j}y_{k_{m}}) \leq \left\langle \eta_{jk_{m}}, T_{j}y_{k_{m}} - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk_{m}}}(T_{j}y_{k_{m}}) \right\rangle - \frac{\sigma_{j}}{2} \left\| T_{j}y_{k_{m}} - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk_{m}}}(T_{j}y_{k_{m}}) \right\|^{2}$$

$$\leq \left\langle \eta_{jk_{m}}, T_{j}y_{k_{m}} - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk_{m}}}(T_{j}y_{k_{m}}) \right\rangle$$

$$\leq \left\| \eta_{jk_{m}} \right\| \left\| \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk_{m}}} \right) T_{j}y_{k_{m}} \right\|$$

$$\leq \eta \left\| \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk_{m}}} \right) T_{j}y_{k_{m}} \right\| \rightarrow 0. \qquad (3.33)$$

By the weakly lower semi-continuity of  $q_i$  together with (3.33) we get for all  $j \in J_2$  that

$$q_j(T_{j^{\mathbf{X}}}) \leq \liminf_{m \to \infty} q_j(T_j y_{k_m}) \leq \lim_{m \to \infty} \eta \left\| \left( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{j_{k_m}}} \right) T_j y_{k_m} \right\| = 0.$$

It turns out that,  $T_{j} \mathbf{x} \in Q_{j}, \forall j \in J_{2}$ .

Observe that

$$\|x_{k+1} - y_k\| \leq (1 - v_k) \|y_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^r \delta_j T_j^* (I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}}) T_j y_k - y_k \| + v_k \|u - y_k\|$$

$$\leq (1 - v_k)\tau_k\lambda_k + v_k \|u - y_k\|$$
  
=  $(1 - v_k)\frac{\rho_k \sum_{j=1}^r \delta_j \left\| \left(I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}}\right)T_j y_k \right\|^2}{\lambda_k} + v_k \|u - y_k\| \to 0.$  (3.34)

Since  $\partial c_i$  for each  $i \in J_1$  is bounded on bounded set, we may again assume that for all  $k_m \ge 0$ , there is a constant  $\xi > 0$  such that  $\|\xi_{ik_m}\| \le \xi$ , where  $\xi_{ik_m} \in \partial c_i(y_{k_m})$  for each  $i \in J_1$ . That is the sequence  $\{\xi_{ik_m}\}$  is bounded. Since  $(x_{k_m+1} - v_{k_m}u) \in \widetilde{C}_{ik_m}$  for all  $i \in J_1$  and by (3.2) and (3.34), we have for all  $i \in J_1$  as  $m \to \infty$  that

$$c_{i}(y_{k_{m}}) \leq \left\langle \xi_{ik_{m}}, y_{k_{m}} + \upsilon_{k_{m}}u - x_{k_{m}+1} \right\rangle - \frac{\varrho_{i}}{2} \left\| y_{k_{m}} + \upsilon_{k_{m}}u - x_{k_{m}+1} \right\|^{2} \\ \leq \left\| \xi_{ik_{m}} \right\| \left\| y_{k_{m}} + \upsilon_{k_{m}}u - x_{k_{m}+1} \right\| \\ \leq \xi \left\| y_{k_{m}} + \upsilon_{k_{m}}u - x_{k_{m}+1} \right\| \to 0.$$
(3.35)

By the weakly lower semi-continuity of  $c_i$  together with (3.35) we get for all  $i \in J_1$  that

$$c_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq \liminf_{m \to \infty} c_i(y_{k_m}) \leq \lim_{m \to \infty} \xi \left\| y_{k_m} + \upsilon_{k_m} u - x_{k_m+1} \right\| = 0,$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{x} \in C_i$ ,  $\forall i \in J_1$ , i.e.,  $\omega_w(x_k) \subset \Omega$ .

Next, we show that  $\lim_{k \to \infty} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\| = 0$ . Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\| &\leq (1 - \upsilon_k) \Big\| y_k - \tau_k \sum_{j=1}^r \delta_j T_j^* \Big( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \Big) T_j y_k - x_k \Big\| + \upsilon_k \| u - x_k \| \\ &\leq (1 - \upsilon_k) \Big[ \|y_k - x_k\| + \tau_k \| \sum_{j=1}^r \delta_j T_j^* \Big( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \Big) T_j y_k \| \Big] + \upsilon_k \| u - x_k \| \\ &\leq (1 - \upsilon_k) \Big[ \|y_k - x_k\| + \tau_k \lambda_k \Big] + \upsilon_k \| u - x_k \| \\ &= (1 - \upsilon_k) \Big[ \|y_k - x_k\| + \frac{\rho_k \sum_{j=1}^r \delta_j \Big\| \Big( I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_{jk}} \Big) T_j y_k \Big\|^2}{\lambda_k} \Big] \\ &+ \upsilon_k \| u - x_k \| \to 0. \end{aligned}$$
(3.36)

For  $x^* = P_{\Omega}u$  and  $x_{k_m} \rightharpoonup x \in \Omega$ , it follows from Lemma 2.3 that  $\langle u - x^*, x - x^* \rangle \leq 0$ . So,

$$\limsup_{k \to \infty} \langle u - x^*, x_k - x^* \rangle = \limsup_{m \to \infty} \langle u - x^*, x_{k_m} - x^* \rangle = \langle u - x^*, -x^* \rangle \le 0.$$
(3.37)

Hence,

$$\limsup_{k \to \infty} \langle u - x^*, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle = \limsup_{k \to \infty} (\langle u - x^*, x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle + \langle u - x^*, x_k - x^* \rangle) \le 0.$$
(3.38)

And then

$$\limsup_{k \to \infty} \mu_k = \limsup_{k \to \infty} \left[ \frac{\beta_k}{\upsilon_k} \| x_k - x_{k-1} \|^2 + 2K_1 \cdot \frac{\beta_k}{\upsilon_k} \| x_k - x_{k-1} \| + 2\langle u - x^*, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \right]$$

(3.39)

Therefore, applying Lemma 2.13, we conclude that the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  converges strongly to the point  $x^* \in \Omega$ , where  $x^* = P_{\Omega}u$ . This completes the proof.

**Remark 3.7.** For the special case, where s = 1 = r, the MSSFPMOS (1.18) becomes the SFP (1.1). Thus, it is worth to mention that, we have corollary 3.8 for solving the SFP (1.1), an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.6.

**Corollary 3.8.** Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be two real Hilbert spaces and let  $T : H_1 \to H_2$  be bounded linear operator. Let C and Q be nonempty, closed and convex subsets of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively. Assume that  $\Gamma = C \cap T^{-1}(Q) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\{x_k\}$  be the sequence generated by Algortihm 2. Suppose that the sequences  $\{v_k\}$ ,  $\{\rho_k\}$ , and  $\{\varepsilon_k\}$  satisfy all conditions in Assumption 3.2. Then, the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  converges strongly to the point  $x^* \in \Gamma$  of the SFP (1.1), where  $x^* = P_{\Gamma}u$ .

#### Algorithm 2:

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**Step 0.** Choose three sequences  $\{v_k\}$ ,  $\{\rho_k\}$ , and  $\{\varepsilon_k\}$  satisfying the conditions in Assumption 3.2 and select  $\beta \in [0, 1)$ . Fix  $u \in H$  and let  $x_0, x_1 \in H_1$  be arbitrary initial guesses and set k := 1.

**Step 1.** Given the iterates  $x_{k-1}, x_k \in H_1$ , then compute  $y_k$  via the manner

$$y_k = x_k + \beta_k (x_k - x_{k-1})$$

where  $\beta_k$  is chosen in  $[0, \overline{\beta_k})$  and

$$\overline{\mathcal{P}_k} := \begin{cases} \min\left\{\beta, \ \frac{\varepsilon_k}{\max\left\{\|x_k - x_{k-1}\|^2, \ \|x_k - x_{k-1}\|\right\}}\right\}, & \text{if } x_k \neq x_{k-1}, \\ \beta, & \text{if } x_k = x_{k-1} \end{cases}$$

**Step 2.** Compute the next iterate  $x_{k+1}$  via the manner

$$x_{k+1} = P_{\widetilde{C}_k}\left(\upsilon_k u + (1 - \upsilon_k)\left(y_k - \tau_k T^*\left(I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_k}\right)Ty_k\right)\right)$$

where  $\widetilde{C}_k$  and  $\widetilde{Q}_k$  are the balls as in (1.11) and (1.12), respectively and  $\tau_k$  is self-adaptively updated via

$$\tau_k := \frac{\rho_k \left\| (I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_k}) T y_k \right\|^2}{\lambda_k^2}$$

where

$$\lambda_k := \max \Big\{ 1, \ \left\| T^* (I - P_{\widetilde{Q}_k}) T y_k \right\| \Big\}$$

**Step 3.** If  $x_{k+1} = y_k$ , then stop; otherwise, set k := k + 1 and return to **Step 1**.

# 4. Application to the Generalized Split Feasibility Problem

In this section, we present an application of Theorem 3.6 for solving generalized split feasibility problem (another generalization of the SFP) in Hilbert spaces. To begin, we will provide a brief overview of the generalized split feasibility problem.

Very recently, Reich and Tuyen [30] first introduced and studied the following generalized split feasibility problem. Let  $H_j$ , j = 1, 2, ..., r, be real Hilbert spaces and  $C_j$ , j = 1, 2, ..., r, be closed and convex subsets of  $H_j$ , respectively. Let  $B_j : H_j \rightarrow H_{j+1}$ , j = 1, 2, ..., r - 1, be bounded linear operators such that

$$S := C_1 \cap B_1^{-1}(C_2) \cap \cdots \cap B_1^{-1}\left(B_2^{-1} \dots \left(B_{r-1}^{-1}(C_r)\right)\right) \neq \emptyset.$$

The generalized split feasibility problem (GSFP, for short) [30] is to find an element

$$x^* \in S$$
, (4.1)

that is  $x^* \in C_1$ ,  $B_1x^* \in C_2$ , ...,  $B_{r-1}B_{r-2}...B_1x^* \in C_r$ . In [30], Reich and Tuyen proved a strong convergence theorem for a modification of the *CQ*-algorithm which solves the GSFP (4.1). For more details on the GSFP (4.1), one can go through the paper [30].

**Remark 4.1.** It is readily seen that, letting  $H = H_1$ ,  $C = C_1$ ,  $Q_j = C_{j+1}$ ,  $1 \le j \le r-1$ ,  $A_1 = B_1$ ,  $A_2 = B_2B_1$ , ..., and  $A_{r-1} = B_{r-1}B_{r-2}B_{r-3}$ ... $B_2B_1$ , then the SFPMOS (1.15) becomes the GSFP (4.1). Moreover, for the special case where r = 1, both the GSFP (4.1) and the SFPMOS (1.15) become the SFP (1.1).

**Remark 4.2.** For the special case, where s = 1, the MSSFPMOS (1.18) becomes the SFP-MOS (1.15). In this case, by Remark 4.1, the MSSFPMOS (1.18) also becomes the GSFP (4.1). Thus, using Theorem 3.6 and Remark 4.1, we obtain Theorem 4.3 for solving the GSFP (4.1).

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $H = H_1$ ,  $C = C_1$ ,  $Q_j = C_{j+1}$ ,  $1 \le j \le r - 1$ ,  $T_1 = B_1$ ,  $T_2 = B_2B_1$ , ..., and  $T_{r-1} = B_{r-1}B_{r-2}B_{r-3}$ ...  $B_2B_1$ . Assume that the GSFP (4.1) is consistent (i.e.,  $S \ne \emptyset$ ). Fix  $u \in H$  and let  $x_0, x_1 \in H$  be arbitrary initial guesses and set k := 1. Let  $\{x_k\}$  be a sequence generated by the iterative scheme. Given the iterates  $x_{k-1}, x_k \in H$ , then compute  $y_k$  via the manner

$$y_k = x_k + \beta_k (x_k - x_{k-1})$$

where  $\beta_k$  is chosen in  $[0, \overline{\beta_k})$  and

$$\overline{\beta_k} := \begin{cases} \min\left\{\beta, \frac{\varepsilon_k}{\max\left\{\|x_k - x_{k-1}\|^2, \|x_k - x_{k-1}\|\right\}}\right\}, & \text{if } x_k \neq x_{k-1}, \\ \beta, & \text{if } x_k = x_{k-1}. \end{cases}$$

Compute the next iterate  $x_{k+1}$  via the manner

$$x_{k+1} = P_{\widetilde{C}_{1k}}\left(\upsilon_k u + (1-\upsilon_k)\left(y_k - \tau_k\sum_{j=1}^{r-1}\delta_j T_j^*\left(I - P_{\widetilde{C}_{j+1,k}}\right)T_j y_k\right)\right)$$

where  $\tilde{C}_{1,k}$  and  $\tilde{C}_{j+1,k}$  are balls containing  $C_1$  and  $C_{j+1}$ , respectively, the stepsize  $\tau_k$  is selfadaptively updated via

$$\tau_k := \frac{\rho_k \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} \delta_j \left\| \left( I - \mathcal{P}_{\widetilde{C}_{j+1,k}} \right) \mathcal{T}_j y_k \right\|^2}{\lambda_k^2}$$

where

$$\lambda_k := \max\left\{1, \left\|\sum_{j=1}^{r-1} \delta_j T_j^* \left(I - P_{\widetilde{C}_{j+1,k}}\right) T_j y_k\right\|\right\},\,$$

and the parameters  $\delta_j$   $(j \in J_2)$  are positive constants such that  $\sum_{j=1}^r \delta_j = 1$ . Suppose the sequences  $\{v_k\}$ ,  $\{\rho_k\}$ , and  $\{\varepsilon_k\}$  satisfying the conditions in Assumption 3.2. Then, the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  converges strongly to the point  $x^* \in S$  of the SFP (1.1), where  $x^* = P_S u$ .

#### 5. Numerical Experiments

In this section, we provide two numerical examples that demonstrate the effectiveness of our proposed scheme. All experiments were conducted on a standard FUJITSUNOTEBOOK laptop equipped with an 11th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-1165G7 processor running at 2.80GHz with 16GB of memory. The code was implemented using MATLAB R2022a. In Examples 5.1 and 5.2, the terms lter. (k) and CPU(s) denote the number of iterations and the CPU time in seconds, respectively.

**Example 5.1.** Let  $H = \mathbb{R}^{S}$ ,  $H_1 = \mathbb{R}^{R}$ ,  $H_2 = \mathbb{R}^{N}$ ,  $H_3 = \mathbb{R}^{M}$ ,  $H_4 = \mathbb{R}^{L}$ . Consider the sets  $C_i$  and  $Q_i$ , an ellipsoids in n-dimensional space, defined by

$$C_{1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{S} : (x - z_{1})^{T} D_{1}(x - z_{1}) \leq \mathbf{r}_{1}\},\$$

$$C_{2} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{S} : (x - z_{2})^{T} D_{2}(x - z_{2}) \leq \mathbf{r}_{2}\},\$$

$$C_{3} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{S} : (x - z_{3})^{T} D_{3}(x - z_{3}) \leq \mathbf{r}_{3}\},\$$

$$C_{4} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{S} : (x - z_{4})^{T} D_{4}(x - z_{4}) \leq \mathbf{r}_{4}\},\$$

$$Q_{1} = \{T_{1}x \in \mathbb{R}^{R} : (T_{1}x - w_{1})^{T} P_{1}(T_{1}x - w_{1}) \leq \rho_{1}\},\$$

$$Q_{2} = \{T_{2}x \in \mathbb{R}^{N} : (T_{2}x - w_{2})^{T} P_{2}(T_{2}x - w_{2}) \leq \rho_{2}\},\$$

$$Q_{3} = \{T_{3}x \in \mathbb{R}^{M} : (T_{3}x - w_{3})^{T} P_{3}(T_{3}x - w_{3}) \leq \rho_{3}\},\$$

$$Q_{4} = \{T_{4}x \in \mathbb{R}^{L} : (T_{3}x - w_{4})^{T} P_{4}(T_{4}x - w_{4}) \leq \rho_{4}\},\$$

where each  $D_i \in \mathbb{R}^{S \times S}$ ,  $P_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times R}$ ,  $P_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ ,  $P_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$ ,  $P_4 \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times L}$  are positive definite matrices,  $z_i \in \mathbb{R}^S$ ,  $w_1 \in \mathbb{R}^R$ ,  $w_2 \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $w_3 \in \mathbb{R}^M$ ,  $w_4 \in \mathbb{R}^L$ , each  $\mathbf{r}_i, \rho_j > 0$ , and  $T_1 : \mathbb{R}^S \to \mathbb{R}^R$ ,  $T_2 : \mathbb{R}^S \to \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $T_3 : \mathbb{R}^S \to \mathbb{R}^M$ ,  $T_4 : \mathbb{R}^S \to \mathbb{R}^L$  are bounded linear operators. The goal is to find a point  $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^S$  such that

$$x^* \in \Omega := \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^4 C_i \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{j=1}^4 T_j^{-1} \left( Q_j \right) \right) \neq \emptyset.$$
(5.1)

It should be noted that an ellipsoid is a closed and convex set that can be mathematically expressed as a sublevel set of a specific convex function, as demonstrated in [7]. Indeed, define  $c_i : \mathbb{R}^S \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $q_j : \mathbb{R}^{R/N/M/L} \to \mathbb{R}$  by  $c_i(x) = \frac{1}{2}[(x-z)^T D_i(x-z) - \mathbf{r}_i]$  and  $q_j(T_jx) = \frac{1}{2}[(T_jx - w_j)^T P_j(T_jx - w_j) - \rho_j]$ . Then,  $C_i = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^S : c_i(x) \le 0\}$  and  $Q_j = \{T_jx \in \mathbb{R}^{R/N/M/L} : q_j(T_jx) \le 0\}$  are level sets of  $c_i$  and  $q_j$ , respectively. In what follows

the subgradients  $\xi_{ik}$  and  $\eta_{jk}$  of respectively  $c_i(x)$  and  $q_j(T_jx)$  can be calculated respectively at the points x and  $T_jx$  by  $\xi_{ik}(x) = D_i(x-z)$  and  $\eta_{jk}(T_jx) = P_j(T_jx - w_j)$ . Moreover, since  $\nabla c_i(x) = D_i(x-z)$ , it can be easily seen that

$$\|\nabla c_i(x) - \nabla c_i(y)\| = \|D_i(x-z) - D_i(y-z)\| = \|D_i(x-y)\| \le \|D_i\|\|x-y\|, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^S$$

which further implies that  $\nabla c_i$  is a  $||D_i||$ -Lipschitz continuous mapping.

Thus, according to (3.2) and (3.4), the balls  $\tilde{C}_{ik}$  (i = 1, 2, 3, 4) and  $\tilde{Q}_{jk}$  (j = 1, 2, 3, 4), respectively of the sets  $C_i$  and  $Q_j$  can be easily determined at a point  $y_k$  and  $T_j y_k$ , respectively and the metric projections onto the balls  $\tilde{C}_{ik}$  (i = 1, 2, 3, 4) and  $\tilde{Q}_{jk}$  (j = 1, 2, 3, 4), can be easily calculated.

For simplicity, we denote  $e_0 = (1, 1, ..., 1)^T \in \mathbb{R}^S$ ,  $e_1 = (1, 1, ..., 1)^T \in \mathbb{R}^R$ ,  $e_2 = (1, 1, ..., 1)^T \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $e_3 = (1, 1, ..., 1)^T \in \mathbb{R}^M$ ,  $e_4 = (1, 1, ..., 1)^T \in \mathbb{R}^L$ . We fix  $u = e_0$  and we choose the starting points  $x_0 = 100e_0$  and  $x_1 = -10e_0$ .

The coordinates of the points  $z_i$  (i = 1, 2, 3, 4) and  $w_j$  (j = 1, 2, 3, 4) are randomly generated in the closed interval [-1, 1]. The radii  $\mathbf{r}_i$  (i = 1, 2, 3, 4) are randomly generated in the closed interval [S, 2S]. Whereas the radii  $\rho_1$ ,  $\rho_2$ ,  $\rho_3$ ,  $\rho_4$  are randomly generated in the closed intervals [R, 2R], [N, 2N], [M, 2M], and [L, 2L], respectively. The positive definite matrices are chosen as  $D_i = diag(ie_0)$  (i = 1, 2, 3, 4), and  $P_j = diag(e_j)$  (j = 1, 2, 3, 4). Furthermore, the elements of the representing matrices  $T_j$  are randomly generated in the closed interval [-5, 5]. We also fix the parameter sequences as  $\beta = 0.3$ ,  $\epsilon_k = \frac{1}{(k+1)^3}$ ,  $\rho_k = \frac{k}{4k+1}$ ,  $v_k = \frac{1}{100k+5}$ ,  $\alpha_i^k = \frac{i}{10}$ , for i = 1, 2, 3, 4,  $\varrho_i = 0 = \sigma_j$ ,  $\delta_j = \frac{j}{10}$ , for j = 1, 2, ... 4.

We use  $E_k = ||x_{k+1} - x_k||^2 < \epsilon$  for sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$  as a stopping criteria. In Table 1 and Figure 1, we report the results of Algorithm 1 with different choices of the dimensions S, R, N, M, L and different values of  $\epsilon$ .

**Table 1.** Experimental results of Algorithm 1 for different choices of S, R, N, M, L and different values of  $\epsilon$ .

		$\epsilon = 10^{-4}$	$\epsilon = 10^{-6}$	$\epsilon = 10^{-8}$	$\epsilon = 10^{-10}$
	lter. (k)	34	67	71	230
S = 40, R = 60, N = 90, M = 100, L = 120	CPU(s)	0.023679	0.029949	0.032250	0.046630
	Iter. (k)	31	90	137	339
S = 100, R = 500, N = 800, M = 200, L = 150	CPU(s)	0.111460	0.260385	0.376923	0.896085
	lter. (k)	74	306	500	844
S = 300, R = 200, N = 600, M = 100, L = 80	CPU(s)	0.215468	0.774572	1.223163	2.120658
	lter. (k)	57	78	81	401
S = 80, R = 50, N = 200, M = 300, L = 250	CPU(s)	0.046596	0.058950	0.074887	0.201119
	lter. (k)	139	174	370	1145
S = 800, R = 30, N = 10, M = 40, L = 50	CPU(s)	0.839825	0.989611	2.094726	6.272305



**Fig. 1.** Iter. (k) vs Error, experimental results of Algorithm 1 for different choices of S, R, N, M, L and different values of  $\epsilon$ .

**Example 5.2.** Let  $H = \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $H_1 = \mathbb{R}^6$ ,  $H_2 = \mathbb{R}^9$ ,  $H_3 = \mathbb{R}^{12}$ ,  $H_4 = \mathbb{R}^{15}$ . Find a point  $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that

$$x^* \in \Omega := C_1 \cap \left( \cap_{j=1}^4 T_j^{-1}(Q_j) \right) \neq \emptyset,$$
(5.2)

where

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{C}_1 = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \| x - o_1 \|^2 \leq r_1^2 \}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_1 = \{ T_1 x \in \mathbb{R}^6 : \| T_1 x - w_1 \|^2 \leq \rho_1^2 \}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_2 = \{ T_2 x \in \mathbb{R}^9 : \| T_2 x - w_2 \|^2 \leq \rho_2^2 \}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_3 = \{ T_3 x \in \mathbb{R}^{12} : \| T_3 x - w_3 \|^2 \leq \rho_3^2 \}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_4 = \{ T_4 x \in \mathbb{R}^{15} : \| T_4 x - w_4 \|^2 \leq \rho_4^2 \}, \end{array}$$

where  $o_1$ ,  $w_1 \in \mathbb{R}^6$ ,  $w_2 \in \mathbb{R}^9$ ,  $w_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{12}$ ,  $w_4 \in \mathbb{R}^{15}$ ,  $r_1$ ,  $\rho_1$ ,  $\rho_2$ ,  $\rho_3$ ,  $\rho_4 \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $T_1 : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^6$ ,  $T_2 : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^9$ ,  $T_3 : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^{12}$ ,  $T_4 : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^{15}$ . For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , we have  $c_1(x) = ||x - o_1||^2 - r_1^2$  and  $q_j(T_j x) = ||T_j x - w_j||^2 - \rho_j^2$  for j = 1, 2, 3, 4. In what follows the subgradients  $\xi_{1k}$  and  $\eta_{jk}$  of respectively  $c_1(y_k)$  and  $q_j(T_j y_k)$  can be calculated respectively at the points  $y_k$  and  $T_j y_k$  by  $\xi_{1k}(y_k) = 2(y_k - o_1)$  and  $\eta_{jk}(T_j y_k) = 2(T_j y_k - w_j)$ . Thus, according to (3.2) and (3.4), the balls  $\tilde{C}_{1k}$  and  $\tilde{Q}_{jk}$  (j = 1, 2, 3, 4), respectively of the sets  $C_1$  and  $Q_j$  can be easily determined at a point  $y_k$  and  $T_j y_k$ , respectively and the metric projections onto the balls  $\tilde{C}_{1k}$  and  $\tilde{Q}_{jk}$  (j = 1, 2, 3, 4), can be easily calculated. Now, we take the radii  $r_1 = 4$ ,  $\rho_1 = 8$ ,  $\rho_2 = 15$ ,  $\rho_3 = 22$ ,  $\rho_4 = 18$ , the matrices

$$T_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} -3.0 & 0.9 & -1.0 \\ -2.0 & -3.0 & -4.0 \\ -1.0 & 3.0 & -2.0 \\ -2.0 & -3.0 & -1.0 \\ 4.0 & 0.0 & -1.0 \\ -4.0 & 4.0 & -2.0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad T_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 4.0 & 4.0 & 3.0 \\ 1.0 & 2.0 & -2.0 \\ 4.0 & 3.0 & -0.0 \\ -0.6 & 0.7 & 3.0 \\ 4.0 & 2.0 & 1.0 \\ -4.0 & -1.0 & 4.0 \\ 1.1 & -2.0 & -2.0 \\ 3.0 & -1.8 & 3.2 \\ -2.6 & 0.8 & 1.7 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$T_{3} = \begin{pmatrix} -2.5 & 2.4 & 0.0 \\ -0.2 & 2.5 & 0.2 \\ -1.0 & -1.1 & -4.1 \\ 0.9 & -0.7 & 4.0 \\ 3.0 & 4.5 & 3.8 \\ -3.9 & 0.7 & -0.6 \\ 3.2 & 3.5 & 2.8 \\ 3.4 & -2.2 & -3.5 \\ -1.4 & 1.2 & 1.2 \\ -0.7 & 0.8 & -2.3 \\ 0.7 & 4.6 & -0.5 \\ 2.0 & -4.1 & 3.4 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad T_{4} = \begin{pmatrix} -3.0 & 1.3 & 1.5 \\ -1.9 & 4.8 & -3.9 \\ -0.1 & 0.5 & -4.6 \\ -1.6 & 4.3 & 1.1 \\ 2.9 & 2.2 & 0.6 \\ 4.8 & -0.1 & 4.6 \\ -3.4 & 1.3 & 2.4 \\ -2.6 & 3.8 & 1.6 \\ 2.0 & -3.0 & 0.2 \\ -1.2 & -1.0 & -2.4 \\ 4.7 & 4.9 & 4.6 \\ 4.7 & -0.9 & 0.4 \\ 1.4 & 1.5 & -4.7 \\ 3.6 & 4.0 & 1.9 \\ -0.9 & 4.9 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the centers

 $\begin{aligned} & o_1 = (0.4, 0.6, 0.6)^T, w_1 = (0.1, -0.5, 0.4, -0.5, -0.1, -0.2)^T, \\ & w_2 = (0.1, 1.0, 0.5, 1.0, -0.5, 0.1, -0.9, 0.5, 0.2)^T, \\ & w_3 = (0.7, 1.0, 0.9, -0.2, -1.0, 0.1, -0.6, -0.6, -0.3, -0.9, 0.5, 0.5)^T, \\ & w_4 = (0.1, -0.3, 0.7, 0.1, 0.9, 0.8, -0.3, 0.1, -0.3, 0.26, 0.6, 0.5, -0.7, 0.6, -0.9)^T. \end{aligned}$ 

In Example 5.2, we examine the convergence of the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  generated by Algorithm 1 compared to the iterative methods given by Algorithm (1.16) and Algorithm (1.17). For this purpose, we consider the values of the parameters appeared in the methods as follows. We take  $\beta = 0.3$ ,  $\epsilon_k = \frac{1}{(k+1)^3}$ ,  $\rho_k = \frac{k}{2k+1}$ ,  $\upsilon_k = \frac{1}{10k}$ ,  $\alpha_1^k = 1$ ,  $\varrho_i = 0.95$ ,  $\sigma_j = 0.5$ ,  $\delta_j = \frac{j}{10}$ , for j = 1, 2, ..., 4,  $u = (0.5, 0.5, 0.1)^T$ ,  $x_0 = (-1, 3, -2)^T$ ,  $x_1 = (4, -2, -3)^T$ . Moreover, in Algorithms (1.16) and (1.17), we take  $\tau_k = 0.0005$  and f(x) = 0.975x in Algorithm (1.17). We use  $E_k = ||x_{k+1} - x_k||^2 < \epsilon$  for small enough  $\epsilon > 0$  as a stopping criteria. In Table 2 and Figure 2, we report the experimental results of the compared methods for different values of  $\epsilon$ .

		Algorithm 1	Algorithm (1.16)	Algorithm (1.17)
	lter. (k)	31	31	32
$\epsilon = 10^{-4}$	CPU(s)	0.022829	72.381332	142.056268
	lter. (k)	57	122	122
$\epsilon = 10^{-6}$	CPU(s)	0.023292	44.119178	103.183311
	lter. (k)	83	253	252
$\epsilon = 10^{-8}$	CPU(s)	0.024672	41.280574	80.067036
	lter. (k)	109	387	410
$\epsilon = 10^{-10}$	CPU(s)	0.022095	38.690317	85.302461
	lter. (k)	259	521	4072
$\epsilon = 10^{-12}$	CPU(s)	0.024679	43.836248	104.222961

**Table 2.** Numerical results of compared methods for different values of  $\epsilon$ .



Fig. 2. Iter. (k) vs Error, experimental results of compared methods for different values of  $\epsilon$ . It is readily apparent from Table 2 and Figure 2 that Algorithm 1 exhibits superior perfor-

mance compared to the other algorithms, as evidenced by its lower number of iterations and shorter runtime in seconds.

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