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# An inertial based forward–backward algorithm for monotone inclusion problems and split mixed equilibrium problems in Hilbert spaces

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# Abstract

Iterative algorithms are widely applied to solve convex optimization problems under a suitable set of constraints. In this paper, we develop an iterative algorithm whose architecture comprises a modified version of the forward-backward splitting algorithm and the hybrid shrinking projection algorithm. We provide theoretical results concerning weak and strong convergence of the proposed algorithm towards a common solution of the monotone inclusion problem and the split mixed equilibrium problem in Hilbert spaces. Moreover, numerical experiments compare favorably the efficiency of the proposed algorithm with the existing algorithms. As a consequence, our results improve various existing results in the current literature.

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# 1 Introduction

Convex optimization is a subject that is widely and increasingly used as a tool to solve various problems arising in applied mathematics including applications in engineering, medicine, economics, management, industry, and other branches of science. This subject is not only expanding in all directions of science but also serves as an interdisciplinary bridge between various branches of science. In order to solve a convex optimization problem, one can use either optimization algorithms or iterative methods to find the feasible solution of the convex optimization problem. Iterative methods are ubiquitous in the theory of convex optimization, and still new iterative and theoretical techniques have been proposed and analyzed for the solution of various real world and theoretical problems which can be modeled in the general framework of convex optimization. Such an algorithm or iterative method deals with the selection of the best out of many possible decisions in a real-life environment, constructing computational methods to find optimal so-

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lutions, exploring the theoretical properties and studying the computational performance of numerical algorithms implemented based on computational methods.

Monotone operator theory is a fascinating field of research in nonlinear functional analysis and found valuable applications in the field of convex optimization, subgradients, partial differential equations, variational inequalities, signal and image processing, evolution equations and inclusions; see, for instance, [1–3, 6, 8, 19, 21, 26, 27, 30–35, 43, 47, 50, 52, 53] and the references cited therein. It is remarked that the convex optimization problem can be translated into finding a zero of a maximal monotone operator defined on a Hilbert space. On the other hand, the problem of finding a zero of the sum of two (maximal -) monotone operators is of fundamental importance in convex optimization and variational analysis [38, 46, 56, 57]. The forward-backward algorithm is prominent among various splitting algorithms to find a zero of the sum of two maximal monotone operators [38], see also [58]. The class of splitting algorithms has parallel computing architectures and thus reducing the complexity of the problems under consideration. On the other hand, the forward-backward algorithm efficiently tackles the situation for smooth and/or nonsmooth functions.

In 1964, Polyak [48] employed the inertial extrapolation technique, based on the heavy ball methods of the two-order time dynamical system, to equip the iterative algorithm with fast convergence characteristic, see also [49]. It is remarked that the inertial term is computed by the difference of the two preceding iterations. The inertial extrapolation technique was originally proposed for minimizing differentiable convex functions, but it has been generalized in different ways. The heavy ball method has been incorporated in various iterative algorithms to obtain the fast convergence characteristic; see, for example, [4, 5, 10–12, 22, 40, 45] and the references cited therein. It is worth mentioning that the forward-backward algorithm has been modified by employing the heavy ball method for convex optimization problems.

The theory of equilibrium problems is a systematic approach to study a diverse range of problems arising in the field of physics, optimization, variational inequalities, transportation, economics, network and noncooperative games; see, for example, [9, 21, 23] and the references cited therein. The existence result of an equilibrium problem can be found in the seminal work of Blum and Oettli [9]. Moreover, this theory has a computational flavor and flourishes significantly due to an excellent paper of Combettes and Hirstoaga [20]. The classical equilibrium problem theory has been generalized in several interesting ways to solve real world problems. In 2012, Censor et al. [16] proposed a theory regarding split variational inequality problem (SVIP) which aims to solve a pair of variational inequality problems in such a way that the solution of a variational inequality.

Motivated by the work of Censor et al. [16], Moudafi [44] generalized the concept of SVIP to that of split monotone variational inclusions (SMVIP) which includes, as a special case, split variational inequality problem, split common fixed point problem, split zeroes problem, split equilibrium problem, and split feasibility problem. These problems have already been studied and successfully employed as a model in intensity-modulated radiation therapy treatment planning, see [14, 15]. This formalism is also at the core of modeling of many inverse problems arising for phase retrieval and other real-world problems; for instance, in sensor networks in computerized tomography and data compression; see, for example, [18, 21]. Some methods have been proposed and analyzed to solve split equilib-

rium problem and mixed split equilibrium problem in Hilbert spaces; see, for example, [24, 25, 28, 29, 36, 37, 51, 54, 59, 60] and the references cited therein. Inspired and motivated by the above-mentioned results and the ongoing research in this direction, we aim to employ the modified inertial forward-backward algorithm to find a common solution of the monotone inclusion problem and the SEP in Hilbert spaces. The proposed algorithm converges weakly to the common solution under a suitable set of control conditions. The strong convergence characteristics of the proposed algorithm is also obtained by employing the shrinking effect of the half space.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: Sect. 2 contains preliminary concepts and results regarding monotone operator theory and equilibrium problem theory. Section 3 comprises weak and strong convergence results of the proposed algorithm. Section 4 deals with the efficiency of the proposed algorithm and its comparison with the existing algorithm by numerical experiments.

## 2 Preliminaries

Throughout this section, we first fix some necessary notions and concepts which will be required in the sequel (see [7, 8] for a detailed account). We denote by  $\mathbb{N}$  the set of all natural numbers and by  $\mathbb{R}$  the set of all real numbers, respectively. Let  $C \subseteq \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $Q \subseteq \mathcal{H}_2$  be two nonempty subsets of real Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  with the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and the associated norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Let  $x_n \to x$  (resp.  $x_n \to x$ ) indicate strong convergence (resp. weak convergence) of a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  in C.

Let  $A : \mathcal{H}_1 \to 2^{\mathcal{H}_1}$  be an operator. We denote by dom $(A) = \{x \in \mathcal{H}_1 : Ax \neq \emptyset\}$  the domain of A, by  $\operatorname{Gr}(A) = \{(x, u) \in \mathcal{H}_1 \times \mathcal{H}_1 : u \in Ax\}$  the graph of A, and by  $\operatorname{zer}(A) = \{x \in \mathcal{H}_1 : 0 \in Ax\}$  the set of zeros of A. The inverse of A, that is,  $A^{-1}$  is defined as  $(u, x) \in \operatorname{Gr}(A^{-1})$  if and only if  $(x, u) \in \operatorname{Gr}(A)$  and the resolvent of A is denoted as  $J_A = (\operatorname{Id} + A)^{-1}$ , where Id denotes the identity operator. It is remarked that  $J_A : \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_1$  is a single-valued and maximal monotone operator provided that A is maximal monotone. Recall that A is said to be: (i) monotone if  $\langle x - y, u - v \rangle \ge 0$  for all  $(x, u), (y, v) \in \operatorname{Gr}(A)$ ; (ii) maximally monotone if A is monotone and there exists no monotone operator  $B : \mathcal{H}_1 \to 2^{\mathcal{H}_1}$  such that  $\operatorname{Gr}(B)$  properly contains  $\operatorname{Gr}(A)$ ; (iii) strongly monotone with modulus  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $\langle x - y, u - v \rangle \ge \alpha ||x - y||^2$  for all  $(x, u), (y, v) \in \operatorname{Gr}(A)$ , and (iv) inverse strongly monotone (co-coercive) with parameter  $\beta$  such that  $\langle x - y, Ax - Ay \rangle \ge \beta ||Ax - Ay||^2$ .

Let  $f : \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  be a proper convex lower semicontinuous function, and let  $g : \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathbb{R}$  be a convex differentiable and Lipschitz continuous gradient function, then the convex minimization problem for f and g is defined as follows:

 $\min_{x\in\mathcal{H}_1}\big\{f(x)+g(x)\big\}.$ 

The subdifferential of a function f is defined and denoted as follows:

$$\partial f(x) = \left\{ x^* \in \mathcal{H}_1 : f(y) \ge f(x) + \left\langle x^*, y - x \right\rangle \text{ for all } y \in \mathcal{H}_1 \right\}.$$

It is remarked that the subdifferential of a proper convex lower semicontinuous function is a maximally monotone operator. The proximity operator of a function f is defined as follows:

$$\operatorname{prox}_{f}: \mathcal{H}_{1} \to \mathcal{H}_{1}: x \mapsto \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in \mathcal{H}_{1}} \left( f(y) + \frac{1}{2} \|x - y\|^{2} \right).$$

Note that the proximity operator is linked with the subdifferential operator in such a way that argmin  $(f) = \operatorname{zer}(\partial f)$ . Moreover,  $\operatorname{prox}_f = J_{\partial f}$ . Utilizing the said connection, we state that a monotone inclusion problem with respect to a maximally monotone operator A and an arbitrary operator B is to find

$$x^* \in C \quad \text{such that } 0 \in Ax^* + Bx^*. \tag{1}$$

The solution set of problem (1) is denoted by zer(A + B).

We now define the concept of split-mixed equilibrium problem (SMEP).

Let  $F : C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $G : Q \times Q \to \mathbb{R}$  be two bifunctions. Let  $\phi_f : C \to \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\phi_g : Q \to \mathcal{H}_2$  be two nonlinear operators, and let  $h : \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_2$  be a bounded linear operator. A SMEP is to find

$$x^* \in C$$
 such that  $F(x^*, x) + \phi_f(x) - \phi_f(x^*) \ge 0$  for all  $x \in C$  (2)

and

$$y^* = hx^* \in Q \quad \text{such that } G(y^*, y) + \phi_g(y) - \phi_g(y^*) \ge 0 \text{ for all } y \in Q.$$
(3)

It is remarked that inequality (2) represents the mixed equilibrium problem, and its solution set is denoted by  $MEP(F, \phi_f)$ . The solution set of the SMEP as defined in (2) and (3) is denoted by

$$SMEP(F, \phi_f, G, \phi_g) := \{x^* \in C : x^* \in MEP(F, \phi_f) \text{ and } hx^* \in MEP(G, \phi_g)\}.$$

Let *C* be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_1$ . For each  $x \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , there exists a unique nearest point of *C*, denoted by  $P_C x$ , such that

$$||x - P_C x|| \le ||x - y|| \quad \text{for all } y \in C.$$

Such a mapping  $P_C : \mathcal{H}_1 \to C$  is known as a metric projection or the nearest point projection of  $\mathcal{H}_1$  onto *C*. Moreover,  $P_C$  satisfies nonexpansiveness in a Hilbert space and  $\langle x - P_C x, P_C x - y \rangle \ge 0$  for all  $x, y \in C$ . It is remarked that  $P_C$  is a firmly nonexpansive mapping from  $\mathcal{H}_1$  onto *C*, that is,

$$\|P_C x - P_C y\|^2 \le \langle x - y, P_C x - P_C y \rangle \quad \text{for all } x, y \in C.$$

The following lemma collects some well-known results in the context of a real Hilbert space.

**Lemma 2.1** ([8]) *The following properties hold in a real Hilbert space*  $\mathcal{H}_1$ :

- 1  $||x y||^2 = ||x||^2 ||y||^2 2\langle x y, y \rangle$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}_1$ ;
- 2  $||x+y||^2 \le ||x||^2 + 2\langle y, x+y \rangle$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}_1$ ;
- 3  $\|\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y\|^2 = \alpha \|x\|^2 + (1-\alpha)\|y\|^2 \alpha(1-\alpha)\|x-y\|^2$  for every  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mu \in [0, 1]$ .

**Lemma 2.2** ([13]) Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_1$ , and let  $T : C \to C$  be a nonexpansive mapping, then  $(\mathrm{Id} - T)$  is demiclosed at the origin. That is, if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in C such that  $x_n \to x$  and  $(I - T)x_n \to 0$ , then (I - T)x = 0.

**Assumption 2.3** ([9]) Let *C* be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_1$ . Let  $F : C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  be a bifunction and  $\phi_f : C \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  be a convex lower semicontinuous convex function satisfying the following conditions:

- (A1) F(x, x) = 0 for all  $x \in C$ ;
- (A2) *F* is monotone, i.e.,  $F(x, y) + F(y, x) \le 0$  for all  $x, y \in C$ ;
- (A3) for each  $x, y, z \in C$ ,  $\limsup_{t\to 0} F(tz + (1 t)x, y) \le F(x, y)$ ;
- (A4) for each  $x \in C$ ,  $y \mapsto F(x, y)$  is convex and lower semi-continuous.

**Lemma 2.4** ([41]) Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_1$ , and let  $F, \phi_f$  be as in Assumption 2.3 such that  $C \cap \operatorname{dom}(\phi_f) \neq \emptyset$ . For r > 0 and  $x \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , there exists  $z \in C$  such that

$$F(z,y) + \phi_f(y) - \phi_f(z) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, z - x \rangle \ge 0 \quad \text{for all } y \in C.$$

*Moreover, define a mapping*  $T_r^F : \mathcal{H}_1 \to C$  *by* 

$$T_r^F(x) = \left\{ z \in C : F(z, y) + \phi_f(y) - \phi_f(z) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, z - x \rangle \ge 0 \text{ for all } y \in C \right\}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{H}_1$ . Then the following results hold:

- (1)  $T_r^F$  is single-valued;
- (2)  $T_r^F$  is firmly nonexpansive, i.e., for every  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}_1, ||T_r^F x T_r^F y||^2 \le \langle T_r^F x T_r^F y, x y \rangle;$
- (3)  $F(T_r^F) = \{x \in C : T_r^F(x) = x\} = \text{MEP}(F, \phi_f), \text{ where } F(T_r^F) \text{ denotes the set of fixed points of the mapping } T_r^F;$
- (4) MEP(F,  $\phi_f$ ) is closed and convex.

It is remarked that if  $G : Q \times Q \to \mathbb{R}$  is a bifunction satisfying conditions (A1)–(A4) and  $\phi_g : Q \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  is a proper convex lower semicontinuous function such that  $Q \cup$ dom $(\phi_g) \neq \emptyset$ , where Q is a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_2$ . Then, for each s > 0 and  $w \in \mathcal{H}_2$ , we can define the following mapping:

$$T_s^G(w) = \left\{ d \in C : G(d, e) + \phi_g(e) - \phi(d) + \frac{1}{s} \langle e - d, d - w \rangle \ge 0 \text{ for all } e \in Q \right\},$$

which satisfies

- (1)  $T_s^G$  is single-valued;
- (2)  $T_s^G$  is firmly nonexpansive;
- (3)  $F(T_s^G) = MEP(G, \phi_g);$
- (4) MEP( $G, \phi_g$ ) is closed and convex.

**Lemma 2.5** ([55]) Let *E* be a Banach space satisfying Opial's condition, and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in *E*. Let  $l, m \in E$  be such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - l||$ , and let  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - m||$  exist. If  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  and  $\{x_{m_k}\}$  are subsequences of  $\{x_n\}$  which converge weakly to *l* and *m*, respectively, then l = m.

**Lemma 2.6** ([39]) Let *E* be a Banach space, and let  $A : E \to E$  be  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly accretive of order *q* and  $B : E \to 2^E$  be an *m*-accretive operator. Then we have:

- (a) For r > 0,  $F(T_r^{A,B}) = (A + B)^{-1}(0)$ ;
- (b) For  $0 < s \le r$  and  $x \in E$ ,  $||x T_s^{A,B}x|| \le 2||x T_r^{A,B}||$ .

**Lemma 2.7** ([39]) Let *E* be a uniformly convex and *q*-uniformly smooth Banach space for some  $q \in (0, 2]$ . Assume that *A* is single-valued  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly accretive of order  $q \in E$ . Then, given r > 0, there exists a continuous, strictly increasing, and convex function  $\varphi_q :$  $\mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$  with  $\varphi_q(0) = 0$  such that, for all  $x, y \in B_r$ ,  $\|T_r^{A,B}x - T_r^{A,B}y\|^q \le \|x - y\|^q - r(\alpha q - r^{q-1}k_q)\|Ax - Ay\|^q - \varphi_q(\|(\mathrm{Id} - J_r^B)(\mathrm{Id} - rA)x - (\mathrm{Id} - J_r^B)(\mathrm{Id} - rA)y\|)$ , where  $k_q$  is the *q*-uniform smoothness coefficient of *E*.

**Lemma 2.8** ([4]) Let  $\{\xi_n\}$ ,  $\{\eta_n\}$ , and  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be sequences in  $[0, +\infty)$  satisfying  $\xi_{n+1} \leq \xi_n + \alpha_n(\xi_n - \xi_{n-1}) + \eta_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$  provided  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \eta_n < +\infty$  and with  $0 \leq \alpha_n \leq \alpha < 1$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Then the following hold:

- (a)  $\sum_{n\geq 1} [\xi_n \xi_{n-1}]_+ < +\infty$ , where  $[t]_+ = \max\{t, 0\}$ ;
- (b) there exists  $\xi^* \in [0, +\infty)$  such that  $\lim_{n \to +\infty} \xi_n = \xi^*$ .

**Lemma 2.9** ([42]) Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_1$ . For every  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , the set

$$D = \{ v \in C : \|y - v\|^2 \le \|x - v\|^2 + \langle z, v \rangle + \gamma \}$$

is closed and convex.

**Proposition 2.10** ([17]) Let q > 1, and let E be a real smooth Banach space with the generalized duality mapping  $j_q$ . Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  be fixed. Let  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^m \subset E$  and  $t_i \ge 0$  for all  $i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, m$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^m t_i \le 1$ . Then we have

$$\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{m} t_{i} x_{i}\right\|^{q} \leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m} t_{i} \|x_{i}\|^{q}}{q - (q - 1)(\sum_{i=1}^{m} t_{i})}.$$

### 3 Weak convergence results

In this section, we establish convergence analysis of the inertial forward-backward splitting method for solving the split mixed equilibrium problem together with the monotone inclusion problems in the framework of Hilbert spaces. We first prove the following weak convergence theorem.

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  be two real Hilbert spaces, and let  $C \subseteq \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $Q \subseteq \mathcal{H}_2$ be nonempty closed convex subsets of  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$ , respectively. Let  $F : C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $G : Q \times Q \to \mathbb{R}$  be two bifunctions satisfying (A1)–(A4) of Assumption 2.3 such that G is upper semicontinuous. Let  $h : \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_2$  be a bounded linear operator; let  $\phi_f : C \to \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\phi_g : Q \to \mathcal{H}_2$  be proper lower semicontinuous and convex functions such that  $C \cap \operatorname{dom}(\phi_f) \neq \emptyset$ and  $Q \cap \operatorname{dom}(\phi_g) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A : \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_1$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator and  $B : \mathcal{H}_1 \to 2^{\mathcal{H}_1}$  be a maximally monotone operator. Assume that  $\Gamma = (A + B)^{-1}(0) \cap \Omega \neq \emptyset$ , where  $\Omega = \{x^* \in C : x^* \in \operatorname{MEP}(F, \phi_f) \text{ and } hx^* \in \operatorname{MEP}(G, \phi_g)\}$ . For given  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , let the *iterative sequences*  $\{x_n\}$ *,*  $\{y_n\}$ *, and*  $\{u_n\}$  *be generated by* 

$$y_{n} = x_{n} + \theta_{n}(x_{n} - x_{n-1}),$$

$$u_{n} = \alpha_{n}y_{n} + (1 - \alpha_{n})T_{r_{n}}^{F} (\mathrm{Id} - \gamma h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G})h)y_{n},$$

$$x_{n+1} = \beta_{n}u_{n} + (1 - \beta_{n})J_{n}u_{n}, \quad n \ge 1,$$
(4)

where  $J_n = (\mathrm{Id} + s_n B)^{-1}(\mathrm{Id} - s_n A)$  with  $\{s_n\} \subset (0, 2\alpha)$  and  $\{\theta_n\} \subset [0, \theta]$  for some  $\theta \in [0, 1)$ . Let  $\gamma \in (0, \frac{1}{L})$  such that L is the spectral radius of  $h^*h$  where  $h^*$  is the adjoint of h. Let  $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$  and  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\}$  be in [0, 1]. Assume that the following conditions hold:

C1  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_n ||x_n - x_{n-1}|| < \infty;$ C2  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n < 1;$ C3  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \beta_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \beta_n < 1;$ C4  $\liminf_{n \to \infty} r_n > 0;$ C5  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} s_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} s_n < 2\alpha.$ 

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (4) weakly converges to a point  $\hat{q} \in \Gamma$ .

*Proof* First we show that  $h^*(\text{Id} - T_{r_n}^G)h$  is a  $\frac{1}{L}$ -inverse strongly monotone mapping. For this, we utilize the firm nonexpansiveness of  $T_{r_n}^G$  which implies that  $(\text{Id} - T_{r_n}^G)$  is a 1-inverse strongly monotone mapping. Now, observe that

$$\begin{split} \left\|h^* \left(\mathrm{Id} - T^G_{r_n}\right) hx - h^* \left(\mathrm{Id} - T^G_{r_n}\right) hy\right\|^2 \\ &= \left\langle h^* \left(\mathrm{Id} - T^G_{r_n}\right) (hx - hy), h^* \left(\mathrm{Id} - T^G_{r_n}\right) (hx - hy)\right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \left(\mathrm{Id} - T^G_{r_n}\right) (hx - hy), h^* h \left(\mathrm{Id} - T^G_{r_n}\right) (hx - hy)\right\rangle \\ &\leq L \left\langle \left(\mathrm{Id} - T^G_{r_n}\right) (hx - hy), \left(\mathrm{Id} - T^G_{r_n}\right) (hx - hy)\right\rangle \\ &= L \left\| \left(\mathrm{Id} - T^G_{r_n}\right) (hx - hy)\right\|^2 \\ &\leq L \left\langle x - y, h^* \left(\mathrm{Id} - T^G_{r_n}\right) (hx - hy)\right\rangle \end{split}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}_1$ . So, we observe that  $h^*(\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_n}^G)h$  is  $\frac{1}{L}$ -inverse strongly monotone. Moreover,  $\mathrm{Id} - \gamma h^*(\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_n}^G)h$  is nonexpansive provided  $\gamma \in (0, \frac{1}{L})$ . Now, we divide the rest of the proof into the following three steps.

Step 1. Show that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - \hat{p}||$  exists for every  $\hat{p} \in \Gamma$ .

In order to proceed, we first set  $T_n = T_{r_n}^F (\text{Id} - \gamma h^* (\text{Id} - T_{r_n}^G)h)$  which is quasi-nonexpansive by definition. For any  $\hat{p} \in \Gamma$ , we get

$$\|y_{n} - \hat{p}\| = \|x_{n} + \theta_{n}(x_{n} - x_{n-1}) - \hat{p}\|$$
  
=  $\|(x_{n} - \hat{p}) + \theta_{n}(x_{n} - x_{n-1})\|$   
 $\leq \|x_{n} - \hat{p}\| + \theta_{n}\|x_{n} - x_{n-1}\|.$  (5)

Utilizing (5), we have

$$||u_n - \hat{p}|| = ||\alpha_n y_n + (1 - \alpha_n) T_n y_n - \hat{p}||$$

$$\leq \alpha_{n} \|y_{n} - \hat{p}\| + (1 - \alpha_{n}) \|T_{n}y_{n} - \hat{p}\|$$
  
$$\leq \|y_{n} - \hat{p}\|$$
  
$$\leq \|x_{n} - \hat{p}\| + \theta_{n} \|x_{n} - x_{n-1}\|.$$
 (6)

It follows from (4), (6), and Lemma 2.7 that

$$\|x_{n+1} - \hat{p}\| = \|\beta_n u_n + (1 - \beta_n) J_n u_n - \hat{p}\|$$
  

$$= \|\beta_n (u_n - \hat{p}) + (1 - \beta_n) (J_n u_n - \hat{p})\|$$
  

$$\leq \beta_n \|u_n - \hat{p}\| + (1 - \beta_n) \|J_n u_n - \hat{p}\|$$
  

$$= \|u_n - \hat{p}\|$$
  

$$\leq \|x_n - \hat{p}\| + \theta_n \|x_n - x_{n-1}\|.$$
(7)

From Lemma 2.8 and (C1), we conclude from estimate (7) that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - \hat{p}||$  exists, in particular,  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$ , and  $\{u_n\}$  are all bounded.

*Step 2.* Show that  $x_n \rightarrow \hat{q} \in (A + B)^{-1}(0)$ .

Since  $\hat{p} = J_n \hat{p}$ , therefore it follows from Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.7 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - \hat{p}\|^{2} &= \|\beta_{n}u_{n} + (1 - \beta_{n})J_{n}u_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} \\ &= \|\beta_{n}(u_{n} - \hat{p}) + (1 - \beta_{n})J_{n}u_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} \\ &\leq \beta_{n}\|u_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} + (1 - \beta_{n})\|J_{n}u_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} \\ &\leq \|u_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} - (1 - \beta_{n})s_{n}(2\alpha - s_{n})\|Au_{n} - A\hat{p}\|^{2} \\ &- (1 - \beta_{n})\|u_{n} - s_{n}Au_{n} - J_{n}u_{n} + s_{n}A\hat{p}\| \\ &\leq \alpha_{n}\|y_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} + (1 - \alpha_{n})\|T_{n}y_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} - (1 - \beta_{n})s_{n}(2\alpha - s_{n})\|Au_{n} - A\hat{p}\|^{2} \\ &- (1 - \beta_{n})\|u_{n} - s_{n}Au_{n} - J_{n}u_{n} + s_{n}A\hat{p}\| \\ &\leq \|y_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} - (1 - \beta_{n})s_{n}(2\alpha - s_{n})\|Au_{n} - A\hat{p}\|^{2} \\ &- (1 - \beta_{n})\|u_{n} - s_{n}Au_{n} - J_{n}u_{n} + s_{n}A\hat{p}\| \\ &\leq \|x_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} + 2\theta_{n}\langle x_{n} - x_{n-1}, y_{n} - \hat{p}\rangle - (1 - \beta_{n})s_{n}(2\alpha - s_{n})\|Au_{n} - A\hat{p}\|^{2} \\ &- (1 - \beta_{n})\|u_{n} - s_{n}Au_{n} - J_{n}u_{n} + s_{n}A\hat{p}\|. \end{aligned}$$

$$\tag{8}$$

As  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - \hat{p}||$  exists, therefore utilizing (C1), (C3), and (C5), we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} (1 - \beta_n) s_n (2\alpha - s_n) \|Au_n - A\hat{p}\| = 0.$$
(9)

Also from (8) we get that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|u_n - s_n A u_n - J_n u_n + s_n A \hat{p}\| = 0.$$
(10)

Using (9), (10) and the following triangle inequality:

$$||u_n - s_n A u_n - J_n u_n + s_n A \hat{p}|| \le ||u_n - J_n u_n|| + s_n ||A u_n - A \hat{p}||,$$

we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|J_n u_n - u_n\| = 0. \tag{11}$$

Since  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} s_n > 0$ , therefore there exists s > 0 such that  $s_n \ge s$  for all  $n \ge 0$ . It follows from Lemma 2.6(ii) that

$$||T_s^{A,B}u_n-u_n|| \le 2||J_nu_n-u_n||.$$

Now, utilizing (11), the above estimate implies that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|T_s^{A,B} u_n - u_n\| = 0.$$
(12)

From (11), we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_{n+1} - u_n\| = \lim_{n \to \infty} (1 - \beta_n) \|J_n u_n - u_n\| = 0.$$
(13)

Again, by Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - \hat{p}\|^2 &\leq \beta_n \|u_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n) \|J_n u_n - \hat{p}\|^2 \\ &\leq \|u_n - \hat{p}\|^2 \\ &\leq \alpha_n \|y_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_n) \|T_n y_n - \hat{p}\|^2 - \alpha_n (1 - \alpha_n) \|T_n y_n - y_n\|^2 \\ &\leq \|y_n - \hat{p}\|^2 - \alpha_n (1 - \alpha_n) \|T_n y_n - y_n\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + 2\theta_n \langle x_n - x_{n-1}, y_n - \hat{p} \rangle - \alpha_n (1 - \alpha_n) \|T_n y_n - y_n\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Utilizing (C2), the above estimate implies that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|T_n y_n - y_n\| = 0.$$
<sup>(14)</sup>

Note that

$$||u_n - y_n|| = (1 - \alpha_n) ||T_n y_n - y_n||.$$

Using (14), the above estimate implies that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|u_n - y_n\| = 0.$$
<sup>(15)</sup>

By the definition of  $\{y_n\}$  and (C1), we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|y_n - x_n\| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \theta_n \|x_n - x_{n-1}\| = 0.$$
(16)

It follows from (13), (15), and (16) that

$$\|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \le \|x_{n+1} - u_n\| + \|u_n - y_n\| + \|y_n - x_n\| \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} 0.$$
(17)

Moreover, from (13) and (17), we have

$$\|u_n - x_n\| \le \|u_n - x_{n+1}\| + \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} 0.$$
(18)

Since  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded and  $\mathcal{H}_1$  is reflexive,  $v_w(x_n) = \{x \in \mathcal{H}_1 : x_{n_i} \rightarrow x, \{x_{n_i}\} \subset \{x_n\}\}$  is nonempty. Let  $\hat{q} \in v_w(x_n)$  be an arbitrary element. Then there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_i}\} \subset \{x_n\}$  converging weakly to  $\hat{q}$ . Let  $\hat{p} \in v_w(x_n)$  and  $\{x_{n_m}\} \subset \{x_n\}$  be such that  $x_{n_m} \rightarrow \hat{p}$ . From (18), we also have  $u_{n_i} \rightarrow \hat{q}$  and  $u_{n_m} \rightarrow \hat{p}$ . Since  $T_s^{A,B}$  is nonexpansive, therefore from (12) and Lemma 2.2, we have  $\hat{p}, \hat{q} \in (A + B)^{-1}(0)$ . By applying Lemma 2.5, we obtain  $\hat{p} = \hat{q}$ . *Step 3*. Show that  $\hat{q} \in \Omega$ .

In order to proceed, we first set  $v_n = T_{r_n}^F (\operatorname{Id} - \gamma h^* (\operatorname{Id} - T_{r_n}^G)h)y_n$ . Hence, for any  $\hat{p} \in \Gamma$ , we calculate the following estimate:

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} &= \|T_{r_{n}}^{F} (\mathrm{Id} - \gamma h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) h) y_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} \\ &\leq \|y_{n} - \gamma h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} \\ &\leq \|y_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} + \gamma^{2} \|h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n}\|^{2} + 2\gamma \langle \hat{p} - y_{n}, h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n} \rangle \\ &\leq \|x_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} + 2\theta_{n} \langle x_{n} - x_{n-1}, y_{n} - \hat{p} \rangle + \gamma^{2} \langle hy_{n} - T_{r_{n}}^{G} hy_{n}, h^{*} h (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n} \rangle \\ &+ 2\gamma \langle \hat{p} - y_{n}, h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n} \rangle \\ &\leq \|x_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} + 2\theta_{n} \langle x_{n} - x_{n-1}, y_{n} - \hat{p} \rangle + L\gamma^{2} \|hy_{n} - T_{r_{n}}^{G} hy_{n}\|^{2} \\ &+ 2\gamma \langle \hat{p} - y_{n}, h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$
(19)

Note that

$$2\gamma \langle \hat{p} - y_{n}, h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n} \rangle = 2\gamma \langle h(\hat{p} - y_{n}), hy_{n} - T_{r_{n}}^{G} hy_{n} \rangle$$

$$= 2\gamma \langle h(\hat{p} - y_{n}), (hy_{n} - T_{r_{n}}^{G} hy_{n})$$

$$- (hy_{n} - T_{r_{n}}^{G} hy_{n}), hy_{n} - T_{r_{n}}^{G} hy_{n} \rangle$$

$$= 2\gamma [\langle Ap - T_{r_{n}}^{G} hy_{n}, hy_{n} - T_{r_{n}}^{G} hy_{n} \rangle - \|hy_{n} - T_{r_{n}}^{G} hy_{n}\|^{2}]$$

$$\leq 2\gamma \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|hy_{n} - T_{r_{n}}^{G} hy_{n}\|^{2} - \|hy_{n} - T_{r_{n}}^{G} hy_{n}\|^{2} \right]$$

$$= -\gamma \|hy_{n} - T_{r_{n}}^{G} hy_{n}\|^{2}.$$
(20)

Substituting (20) in (19), we have

$$\|\nu_n - \hat{p}\|^2 \le \|x_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + 2\theta_n \langle x_n - x_{n-1}, y_n - p \rangle + \gamma (L\gamma - 1) \|hy_n - T_{r_n}^G hy_n\|^2.$$
(21)

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_n - \hat{p}\|^2 &\leq \alpha_n \|y_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_n) \|v_n - \hat{p}\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + 2\theta_n \langle x_n - x_{n-1}, y_n - p \rangle + \gamma (L\gamma - 1) \|hy_n - T_{r_n}^G hy_n\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging the above estimate, we have

$$\begin{split} \gamma(1-L\gamma) \|hy_n - T_{r_n}^G hy_n\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x_n - \hat{p}\|^2 - \|u_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + 2\theta_n \langle x_n - x_{n-1}, y_n - p \rangle \\ &\leq \left(\|x_n - \hat{p}\| + \|u_n - \hat{p}\|\right) \|x_n - u_n\| + 2\theta_n \langle x_n - x_{n-1}, y_n - p \rangle. \end{split}$$

Since  $\gamma(1 - \gamma L) > 0$ , therefore utilizing (18) and (C1), the above estimate implies that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| h y_n - T_{r_n}^G h y_n \right\| = 0.$$
<sup>(22)</sup>

Note that  $T_{r_n}^F$  is firmly nonexpansive and  $\operatorname{Id} - \gamma h^*(\operatorname{Id} - T_{r_n}^G)h$  is nonexpansive, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} &= \left\| T_{r_{n}}^{F} (y_{n} - \gamma h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n}) - T_{r_{n}}^{F} \hat{p} \right\|^{2} \\ &\leq \left\langle T_{r_{n}}^{F} (y_{n} - \gamma h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n}) - T_{r_{n}}^{F} \hat{p}, y_{n} - \gamma h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n} - \hat{p} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle v_{n} - \hat{p}, y_{n} - \gamma h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n} - \hat{p} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \|v_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} + \|y_{n} - \gamma h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n} - \hat{p} \right\|^{2} \\ &- \|v_{n} - y_{n} + \gamma h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n} \|^{2} \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \|v_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} + \|y_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} - \|v_{n} - y_{n} + \gamma h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n} \|^{2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \|v_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} + \|y_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} - (\|v_{n} - y_{n}\|^{2} + \gamma^{2} \|h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n} \|^{2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \|v_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} + \|y_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} - (\|v_{n} - y_{n}\|^{2} + \gamma^{2} \|h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}) hy_{n} \|^{2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Simplifying the above estimate, we get

$$\|\nu_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} \leq \|y_{n} - \hat{p}\|^{2} - \|\nu_{n} - y_{n}\|^{2} + 2\gamma \|\nu_{n} - y_{n}\| \left\|h^{*} \left(\operatorname{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G}\right) hy_{n}\right\|.$$
(23)

Taking into consideration the variant of (6) and (23), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_n - \hat{p}\|^2 &\leq \alpha_n \|y_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_n) \|v_n - \hat{p}\|^2 \\ &\leq \alpha_n \|y_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_n) (\|y_n - \hat{p}\|^2 - \|v_n - y_n\|^2 \\ &+ 2\gamma \|v_n - y_n\| \left\| h^* (\mathrm{Id} - T^G_{r_n}) hy_n \right\| ). \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging the above estimate, we get

$$(1 - \alpha_n) \|v_n - y_n\|^2 \le \|y_n - \hat{p}\|^2 - \|u_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + 2\gamma \|v_n - y_n\| \left\| h^* (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_n}^G) h y_n \right\|)$$
  
$$\le (\|y_n - \hat{p}\| + \|u_n - \hat{p}\|) \|y_n - u_n\|$$
  
$$+ 2\gamma \|v_n - y_n\| \left\| h^* (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_n}^G) h y_n \right\|).$$

Utilizing (15), (22), and (C2), we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|v_n - y_n\| = 0.$$
(24)

From (16), (24), and the following triangular inequality

$$||v_n - x_n|| \le ||v_n - y_n|| + ||y_n - x_n||,$$

we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|\nu_n - x_n\| = 0.$$
<sup>(25)</sup>

It follows from Step 2 that  $x_n \rightharpoonup \hat{q}$ . Therefore we conclude from (25) that  $\nu_n \rightharpoonup \hat{q}$ . Next, we show that  $\hat{q} \in \text{MEP}(F, \phi_f)$ . Since  $\nu_n = T_{r_n}^F (I - \gamma h^* (I - T_{r_n}^G)h) y_n$ , therefore we have

$$F(v_n, y) + \phi_f(y) - \phi_f(v_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \left( y - v_n, v_n - x_n - \gamma h^* \left( I - T_{r_n}^G h y_n \right) \right) \ge 0 \quad \text{for all } y \in C.$$

This implies that

$$F(\nu_n, y) + \phi_f(y) - \phi_f(\nu_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - \nu_n, \nu_n - x_n \rangle - \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - \nu_n, \gamma h^* (I - T_{r_n}^G h y_n) \rangle \ge 0.$$

From Assumption 2.3(A2), we have

$$\phi_f(y) - \phi_f(v_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - v_n, v_n - x_n \rangle - \frac{1}{r_n} \langle y - v_n, \gamma h^* (I - T_{r_n}^G h y_n) \rangle \ge F(y, v_n)$$

for all  $y \in C$ . Since  $v_n \rightharpoonup \hat{q}$ , therefore utilizing (25) and (C4), the above estimate implies that

$$F(y,\hat{q}) + \phi_f(\hat{q}) - \phi_f(y) \le 0 \quad \text{for all } y \in C.$$

Let  $y_t = ty + (1 - t)\hat{q}$  for some  $1 \ge t > 0$  and  $y \in C$ . Since  $\hat{q} \in C$ , this implies that  $y_t \in C$  and hence  $F(y_t, \hat{q}) + \phi_f(\hat{q}) - \phi_f(y_t) \le 0$ . Using Assumption 2.3((A1) and (A4)), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= F(y_t, y_t) \\ &\leq tF(y_t, y) + (1 - t)F(y_t, \hat{q}) \\ &\leq tF(y_t, y) + (1 - t)\big(\phi_f(y_t) - \phi_f(\hat{q})\big) \\ &\leq tF(y_t, y) + (1 - t)t\big(\phi_f(y) - \phi_f(\hat{q})\big) \\ &\leq F(y_t, y) + (1 - t)\big(\phi_f(y) - \phi_f(\hat{q})\big). \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $t \to 0$ , we have

$$F(\hat{q}, y) + \phi_f(y) - \phi_f(\hat{q}) \ge 0$$
 for all  $y \in C$ .

This implies that  $\hat{q} \in \text{MEP}(F, \phi_f)$ . It remains to show that  $h\hat{q} \in \text{MEP}(G, \phi_g)$ . Since  $y_n \rightarrow \hat{q}$  (utilizing estimate (16) and the fact that  $x_n \rightarrow \hat{q}$ ) and h is a bounded linear operator, therefore  $hy_n \rightarrow h\hat{q}$ . Hence, it follows from (22) that

$$T^G_{r_n}hy_n \rightharpoonup h\hat{q} \quad \text{as } n \to \infty.$$
 (26)

$$G(T_{r_n}^G hy_n, z) + \phi_g(z) - \phi_g(T_{r_n}^G hy_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle z - T_{r_n}^G hy_n, T_{r_n}^G hy_n - hy_n \rangle \ge 0$$

for all  $z \in Q$ . Since *G* is upper semicontinuous in the first argument, taking lim sup of the above estimate as  $n \to \infty$  and utilizing (C2) and (26), we have

$$G(h\hat{q},z) + \phi_g(z) - \phi_g(h\hat{q}) \ge 0$$

for all  $z \in Q$ . This implies that  $h\hat{q} \in \text{MEP}(G, \phi_g)$  and hence  $\hat{q} \in \text{SMEP}(F, \phi_f, G, \phi_g)$ . From this together with the conclusion of Step 2, we have that  $\hat{q} \in \Gamma$ . This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

*Remark* 3.2 Since the split mixed equilibrium problem contains the following problems:

- (i) Split equilibrium problem provided that  $\phi_f = \phi_g = 0$ ;
- (ii) Mixed equilibrium problem provided that G = 0 and  $\phi_g = 0$ ;
- (iii) Classical equilibrium problem provided that G = 0 and  $\phi_f = \phi_g = 0$ .

Hence the following results can be obtained from Theorem 3.1 immediately.

**Corollary 3.3** Let  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  be two real Hilbert spaces, and let  $C \subseteq \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $Q \subseteq \mathcal{H}_2$ be nonempty closed convex subsets of  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$ , respectively. Let  $F : C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $G : Q \times Q \to \mathbb{R}$  be two bifunctions satisfying (A1)–(A4) of Assumption 2.3 such that G is upper semicontinuous. Let  $h : \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_2$  be a bounded linear operator,  $A : \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_1$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator, and  $B : \mathcal{H}_1 \to 2^{\mathcal{H}_1}$  be a maximally monotone operator. Assume that  $\Gamma = (A + B)^{-1}(0) \cap \Omega \neq \emptyset$ , where  $\Omega = \{x^* \in C : x^* \in EP(F) \text{ and } hx^* \in EP(G)\}$ . For given  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , let the iterative sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$ , and  $\{u_n\}$  be generated by

$$y_{n} = x_{n} + \theta_{n}(x_{n} - x_{n-1}),$$

$$u_{n} = \alpha_{n}y_{n} + (1 - \alpha_{n})T_{r_{n}}^{F} (\mathrm{Id} - \gamma h^{*} (\mathrm{Id} - T_{r_{n}}^{G})h)y_{n},$$

$$x_{n+1} = \beta_{n}u_{n} + (1 - \beta_{n})J_{n}u_{n}, \quad n \ge 1,$$
(27)

where  $J_n = (\mathrm{Id} + s_n B)^{-1} (\mathrm{Id} - s_n A)$  with  $\{s_n\} \subset (0, 2\alpha)$  and  $\{\theta_n\} \subset [0, \theta]$  for some  $\theta \in [0, 1)$ . Let  $\gamma \in (0, \frac{1}{L})$  such that L is the spectral radius of  $h^*h$  where  $h^*$  is the adjoint of h. Let  $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$  and  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\}$  be in [0, 1]. Assume that the following conditions hold:

C1  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_n ||x_n - x_{n-1}|| < \infty;$ C2  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n < 1;$ C3  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \beta_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \beta_n < 1;$ C4  $\liminf_{n \to \infty} r_n > 0;$ C5  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} s_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} s_n < 2\alpha.$ Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (27) weakly converges to a point  $\hat{q} \in \Gamma$ .

**Corollary 3.4** Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_1$ . Let  $F: C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  be a bifunction satisfying (A1)–(A4) of Assumption 2.3 and  $\phi_f: C \to \mathcal{H}_1$  be a proper lower semicontinuous and convex function such that  $C \cap \operatorname{dom}(\phi_f) \neq \emptyset$ . Let A:

 $\mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_1$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator and  $B: \mathcal{H}_1 \to 2^{\mathcal{H}_1}$  be a maximally monotone operator. Assume that  $\Gamma = (A + B)^{-1}(0) \cap \operatorname{MEP}(F, \phi_f) \neq \emptyset$ . For given  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , let the iterative sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}, and \{u_n\}$  be generated by

$$y_{n} = x_{n} + \theta_{n}(x_{n} - x_{n-1}),$$

$$u_{n} = \alpha_{n}y_{n} + (1 - \alpha_{n})T_{r_{n}}^{F}y_{n},$$

$$x_{n+1} = \beta_{n}u_{n} + (1 - \beta_{n})J_{n}u_{n}, \quad n \ge 1,$$
(28)

where  $J_n = (\mathrm{Id} + s_n B)^{-1}(\mathrm{Id} - s_n A)$  with  $\{s_n\} \subset (0, 2\alpha)$  and  $\{\theta_n\} \subset [0, \theta]$  for some  $\theta \in [0, 1)$ . Let  $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$  and  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\}$  be in [0, 1]. Assume that the following conditions hold:

C1  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_n ||x_n - x_{n-1}|| < \infty;$ C2  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n < 1;$ C3  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \beta_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \beta_n < 1;$ C4  $\liminf_{n \to \infty} r_n > 0;$ C5  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} s_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} s_n < 2\alpha.$ Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (28) weakly converges to a point  $\hat{q} \in \Gamma$ .

**Corollary 3.5** Let *C* be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_1$ . Let  $F: C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  be a bifunction satisfying (A1)–(A4) of Assumption 2.3. Let  $A: \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_1$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator and  $B: \mathcal{H}_1 \to 2^{\mathcal{H}_1}$  be a maximally monotone operator. Assume that  $\Gamma = (A + B)^{-1}(0) \cap EP(F) \neq \emptyset$ . For given  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , let the iterative sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}, and \{u_n\}$  be generated by

$$y_{n} = x_{n} + \theta_{n}(x_{n} - x_{n-1}),$$

$$u_{n} = \alpha_{n}y_{n} + (1 - \alpha_{n})T_{r_{n}}^{F}y_{n},$$

$$x_{n+1} = \beta_{n}u_{n} + (1 - \beta_{n})J_{n}u_{n}, \quad n \ge 1,$$
(29)

where  $J_n = (\mathrm{Id} + s_n B)^{-1}(\mathrm{Id} - s_n A)$  with  $\{s_n\} \subset (0, 2\alpha)$  and  $\{\theta_n\} \subset [0, \theta]$  for some  $\theta \in [0, 1)$ . Let  $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$  and  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\}$  be in [0, 1]. Assume that the following conditions hold:

- C1  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_n \|x_n x_{n-1}\| < \infty;$
- C2  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n < 1;$
- C3  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \beta_n \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} \beta_n < 1;$
- C4  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} r_n > 0$ ;
- C5  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} s_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} s_n < 2\alpha$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (29) weakly converges to a point  $\hat{q} \in \Gamma$ .

# 4 Strong convergence results

This section is devoted to modifying the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (4) to establish strong convergence results in Hilbert spaces. For this, we equip the proposed sequence with the shrinking projection method.

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  be two real Hilbert spaces, and let  $C \subseteq \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $Q \subseteq \mathcal{H}_2$  be nonempty closed convex subsets of  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$ , respectively. Let  $F : C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  and

 $G: Q \times Q \to \mathbb{R}$  be two bifunctions satisfying (A1)–(A4) of Assumption 2.3 such that G is upper semicontinuous. Let  $h: \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_2$  be a bounded linear operator;  $\phi_f: C \to \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\phi_g: Q \to \mathcal{H}_2$  be proper lower semicontinuous and convex functions such that  $C \cap \operatorname{dom}(\phi_f) \neq \emptyset$  $\emptyset$  and  $Q \cap \operatorname{dom}(\phi_g) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A: \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_1$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator and  $B: \mathcal{H}_1 \to 2^{\mathcal{H}_1}$  be a maximally monotone operator. Assume that  $\Gamma = (A + B)^{-1}(0) \cap \Omega \neq \emptyset$ , where  $\Omega = \{x^* \in C: x^* \in \operatorname{MEP}(F, \phi_f) \text{ and } hx^* \in \operatorname{MEP}(G, \phi_g)\}$ . For given  $x_0, x_1 \in C_1 = C$ , let the iterative sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}, \text{ and } \{u_n\}$  be generated by

$$y_{n} = x_{n} + \theta_{n}(x_{n} - x_{n-1}),$$

$$u_{n} = \alpha_{n}y_{n} + (1 - \alpha_{n})T_{r_{n}}^{F}(I - \gamma h^{*}(I - T_{r_{n}}^{G})h)y_{n},$$

$$z_{n} = \beta_{n}u_{n} + (1 - \beta_{n})J_{n}u_{n},$$

$$C_{n+1} = \left\{z \in C_{n} : \|z_{n} - z\|^{2} \le \|x_{n} - z\|^{2} + 2\theta_{n}^{2}\|x_{n} - x_{n-1}\|^{2} - 2\theta_{n}\langle x_{n} - z, x_{n-1} - x_{n}\rangle\right\},$$

$$x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}}x_{1}, \quad n \ge 1,$$
(30)

where  $J_n = (\mathrm{Id} + s_n B)^{-1}(\mathrm{Id} - s_n A)$  with  $\{s_n\} \subset (0, 2\alpha)$  and  $\{\theta_n\} \subset [0, \theta]$  for some  $\theta \in [0, 1)$ . Let  $\gamma \in (0, \frac{1}{L})$  such that L is the spectral radius of  $h^*h$  where  $h^*$  is the adjoint of h. Let  $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$  and  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\}$  be in [0, 1]. Assume that the following conditions hold:

C1  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_n ||x_n - x_{n-1}|| < \infty;$ C2  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n < 1;$ C3  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \beta_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \beta_n < 1;$ C4  $\liminf_{n \to \infty} r_n > 0;$ C5  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} s_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} s_n < 2\alpha.$ 

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (30) strongly converges to a point  $\hat{q} = P_{\Gamma} x_1$ .

*Proof* The proof is divided into the following steps:

*Step 1*. Show that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined in (30) is well defined.

We know that  $(A + B)^{-1}(0)$  and  $\Omega$  are closed and convex by Lemmas 2.4 and 2.6, respectively. Moreover, from Lemma 2.9 we have that  $C_{n+1}$  is closed and convex for each  $n \ge 1$ . Hence the projection  $P_{C_{n+1}}x_1$  is well defined. For any  $\hat{p} \in \Gamma$ , it follows from (30), (5), and (6) that

$$\begin{split} \|z_n - \hat{p}\|^2 &\leq \beta_n \|u_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n) \|J_n u_n - \hat{p}\|^2 \\ &\leq \|u_n - \hat{p}\|^2 \\ &\leq \alpha_n \|y_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_n) \|T_n y_n - \hat{p}\|^2 \\ &\leq \|y_n - \hat{p}\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + 2\theta_n \langle x_n - x_{n-1}, y_n - \hat{p} \rangle \\ &\leq \|x_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + 2\theta_n^2 \|x_n - x_{n-1}\|^2 - 2\theta_n \langle x_n - \hat{p}, x_{n-1} - x_n \rangle. \end{split}$$

It follows from the above estimate that  $\Gamma \subset C_{n+1}$ . Summing up these facts, we conclude that  $C_{n+1}$  is nonempty, closed, and convex for all  $n \ge 1$ , and hence the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is well defined.

*Step 2*. Show that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - x_1||$  exists.

Since  $\Gamma$  is a nonempty closed and convex subset of  $\mathcal{H}_1$ , there exists unique  $x^* \in \Gamma$  such that  $x^* = P_{\Gamma}x_1$ . From  $x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}}x_1$ , we have  $||x_{n+1} - x_1|| \le ||\hat{p} - x_1||$  for all  $\hat{p} \in \Gamma \subset C_{n+1}$ . In particular  $||x_{n+1} - x_1|| \le ||P_{\Gamma}x_1 - x_1||$ . This proves that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded. On the other hand, from  $x_n = P_{C_n}x_1$  and  $x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}}x_1 \in C_{n+1}$ , we get that

$$||x_n - x_1|| \le ||x_{n+1} - x_1||.$$

This implies that  $\{x_n\}$  is nondecreasing and hence

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_n - x_1\| \quad \text{exists.} \tag{31}$$

Step 3. Show that  $x_n \rightarrow \hat{q} \in (A + B)^{-1}(0)$ .

In order to proceed, we first calculate the following estimate which is required in the sequel:

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\|^2 &= \|x_{n+1} - x_1 + x_1 - x_n\|^2 \\ &= \|x_{n+1} - x_1\|^2 + \|x_n - x_1\|^2 - 2\langle x_n - x_1, x_{n+1} - x_1 \rangle \\ &= \|x_{n+1} - x_1\|^2 + \|x_n - x_1\|^2 - 2\langle x_n - x_1, x_{n+1} - x_n + x_n - x_1 \rangle \\ &= \|x_{n+1} - x_1\|^2 - \|x_n - x_1\|^2 - 2\langle x_n - x_1, x_{n+1} - x_n \rangle \\ &\leq \|x_{n+1} - x_1\|^2 - \|x_n - x_1\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Taking lim sup on both sides of the above estimate and utilizing (31), we have  $\limsup_{n\to\infty} ||x_{n+1} - x_n||^2 = 0$ . That is,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| = 0.$$
(32)

Note that  $x_{n+1} \in C_{n+1}$ , therefore we have

$$||z_n - x_{n+1}|| \le ||x_n - x_{n+1}|| + 2\theta_n ||x_n - x_{n-1}|| - 2\theta_n \langle x_n - x_{n+1}, x_{n-1} - x_n \rangle.$$

Utilizing (32) and (C1), the above estimate implies that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|z_n - x_{n+1}\| = 0.$$
(33)

From (32), (33), and the following triangular inequality:

 $||z_n - x_n|| \le ||z_n - x_{n+1}|| + ||x_{n+1} - x_n||,$ 

we get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|z_n - x_n\| = 0. \tag{34}$$

Also, from Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\|z_n - \hat{p}\|^2 = \beta_n \|u_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + (1 - \beta_n) \|J_n u_n - \hat{p}\|^2 - \beta_n (1 - \beta_n) \|J_n u_n - u_n\|^2$$

$$\leq \|u_n - \hat{p}\|^2 - \beta_n (1 - \beta_n) \|J_n u_n - u_n\|^2$$
  
 
$$\leq \alpha_n \|y_n - \hat{p}\|^2 + (1 - \alpha_n) \|T_n y_n - \hat{p}\|^2 - \beta_n (1 - \beta_n) \|J_n u_n - u_n\|^2$$
  
 
$$\leq \|y_n - \hat{p}\|^2 - \beta_n (1 - \beta_n) \|J_n u_n - u_n\|^2$$

$$\leq \|x_n-\hat{p}\|^2+2\theta_n\langle x_n-x_{n-1},y_n-\hat{p}\rangle-\beta_n(1-\beta_n)\|J_nu_n-u_n\|^2.$$

## Rearranging the above estimate, we have

$$\begin{split} & \beta_n (1 - \beta_n) \| J_n u_n - u_n \|^2 \\ & \leq \| x_n - \hat{p} \|^2 - \| z_n - \hat{p} \|^2 + 2\theta_n \langle x_n - x_{n-1}, y_n - \hat{p} \rangle \\ & \leq \left( \| x_n - \hat{p} \| + \| z_n - \hat{p} \| \right) \| x_n - z_n \| + 2\theta_n \langle x_n - x_{n-1}, y_n - \hat{p} \rangle. \end{split}$$

The above estimate, by using (C1) and (34), implies that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|J_n u_n - u_n\| = 0. \tag{35}$$

Making use of (35), we have the following estimate:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|z_n - u_n\| = \lim_{n \to \infty} (1 - \beta_n) \|J_n u_n - u_n\| = 0.$$
(36)

Reasoning as above, we get from (34) and (36) that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|u_n - x_n\| = 0. \tag{37}$$

In a similar fashion, we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| T_s^{A,B} u_n - u_n \right\| = 0.$$
(38)

Reasoning as above (Theorem 3.1 Step 2), we have the desired result.

Step 4. Show that  $\hat{q} \in \Omega$ . See the proof of Step 3 in Theorem 3.1. Step 5. Show that  $\hat{q} = P_{\Gamma}x_1$ . Let  $x = P_{\Gamma}x_1$  imply that  $x = P_{\Gamma}x_1 \in C_{n+1}$ . Since  $x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}}x_1 \in C_{n+1}$ , we have

$$||x_{n+1} - x_1|| \le ||x - x_1||.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\|x - x_1\| \le \|\hat{q} - x_1\|$$
$$\le \liminf_{j \to \infty} \|x_n - x_1\|$$
$$\le \limsup_{j \to \infty} \|x_n - x_1\|$$
$$\le \|x - x_1\|.$$

That is,

$$\|\hat{q} - x_1\| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_n - x_1\| = \|x - x_1\|.$$

Therefore, we conclude that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = \hat{q} = P_{\Gamma} x_1$ . This completes the proof.

Taking into consideration Remark 3.2, the following results can easily be derived from Theorem 4.1.

**Corollary 4.2** Let  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  be two real Hilbert spaces, and let  $C \subseteq \mathcal{H}_1$  and  $Q \subseteq \mathcal{H}_2$ be nonempty closed convex subsets of  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$ , respectively. Let  $F : C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $G : Q \times Q \to \mathbb{R}$  be two bifunctions satisfying (A1)–(A4) of Assumption 2.3 such that G is upper semicontinuous. Let  $h : \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_2$  be a bounded linear operator,  $A : \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_1$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator, and  $B : \mathcal{H}_1 \to 2^{\mathcal{H}_1}$  be a maximally monotone operator. Assume that  $\Gamma = (A + B)^{-1}(0) \cap \Omega \neq \emptyset$ , where  $\Omega = \{x^* \in C : x^* \in EP(F) \text{ and } hx^* \in EP(G)\}$ . For given  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , let the iterative sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$ , and  $\{u_n\}$  be generated by

$$y_{n} = x_{n} + \theta_{n}(x_{n} - x_{n-1}),$$

$$u_{n} = \alpha_{n}y_{n} + (1 - \alpha_{n})T_{r_{n}}^{F}(I - \gamma h^{*}(I - T_{r_{n}}^{G})h)y_{n},$$

$$z_{n} = \beta_{n}u_{n} + (1 - \beta_{n})J_{n}u_{n},$$

$$C_{n+1} = \left\{z \in C_{n} : \|z_{n} - z\|^{2} \le \|x_{n} - z\|^{2} + 2\theta_{n}^{2}\|x_{n} - x_{n-1}\|^{2} - 2\theta_{n}\langle x_{n} - z, x_{n-1} - x_{n}\rangle\right\},$$

$$x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}}x_{1}, \quad n \ge 1,$$
(39)

where  $J_n = (\text{Id} + s_n B)^{-1}(\text{Id} - s_n A)$  with  $\{s_n\} \subset (0, 2\alpha)$  and  $\{\theta_n\} \subset [0, \theta]$  for some  $\theta \in [0, 1)$ . Let  $\gamma \in (0, \frac{1}{L})$  such that L is the spectral radius of  $h^*h$  where  $h^*$  is the adjoint of h. Let  $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$  and  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\}$  be in [0, 1]. Assume that the following conditions hold:

- C1  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_n \|x_n x_{n-1}\| < \infty;$
- C2  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n < 1;$
- C3  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \beta_n \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} \beta_n < 1;$
- C4  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} r_n > 0$ ;
- C5  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} s_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} s_n < 2\alpha$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (39) strongly converges to a point  $\hat{q} = P_{\Gamma} x_1$ .

**Corollary 4.3** Let *C* be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_1$ . Let  $F: C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  be a bifunction satisfying (A1)–(A4) of Assumption 2.3, and let  $\phi_f: C \to \mathcal{H}_1$  be a proper lower semicontinuous and convex function such that  $C \cap \operatorname{dom}(\phi_f) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $A: \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_1$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator and  $B: \mathcal{H}_1 \to 2^{\mathcal{H}_1}$  be a maximally monotone operator. Assume that  $\Gamma = (A + B)^{-1}(0) \cap \operatorname{MEP}(F, \phi_f) \neq \emptyset$ . For given  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , let the iterative sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$ , and  $\{u_n\}$  be generated by

$$y_n = x_n + \theta_n (x_n - x_{n-1}),$$
  
$$u_n = \alpha_n y_n + (1 - \alpha_n) T_{r_n}^F y_n,$$

$$z_{n} = \beta_{n}u_{n} + (1 - \beta_{n})J_{n}u_{n},$$

$$C_{n+1} = \left\{ z \in C_{n} : \|z_{n} - z\|^{2} \le \|x_{n} - z\|^{2} + 2\theta_{n}^{2}\|x_{n} - x_{n-1}\|^{2} - 2\theta_{n}\langle x_{n} - z, x_{n-1} - x_{n} \rangle \right\},$$

$$x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}}x_{1}, \quad n \ge 1,$$
(40)

where  $J_n = (\mathrm{Id} + s_n B)^{-1} (\mathrm{Id} - s_n A)$  with  $\{s_n\} \subset (0, 2\alpha)$  and  $\{\theta_n\} \subset [0, \theta]$  for some  $\theta \in [0, 1)$ . Let  $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$  and  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\}$  be in [0, 1]. Assume that the following conditions hold:

C1  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_n ||x_n - x_{n-1}|| < \infty;$ C2  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n < 1;$ C3  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \beta_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \beta_n < 1;$ C4  $\liminf_{n \to \infty} r_n > 0;$ C5  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} s_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} s_n < 2\alpha.$ Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (40) strongly converges to a point  $\hat{q} = P_{\Gamma} x_1.$ 

**Corollary 4.4** Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_1$ . Let  $F: C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  be a bifunction satisfying (A1)–(A4) of Assumption 2.3. Let  $A: \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_1$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator and  $B: \mathcal{H}_1 \to 2^{\mathcal{H}_1}$  be a maximally monotone operator. Assume that  $\Gamma = (A + B)^{-1}(0) \cap EP(F) \neq \emptyset$ . For given  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{H}_1$ , let the iterative sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}, and \{u_n\}$  be generated by

$$y_{n} = x_{n} + \theta_{n}(x_{n} - x_{n-1}),$$

$$u_{n} = \alpha_{n}y_{n} + (1 - \alpha_{n})T_{r_{n}}^{F}y_{n},$$

$$z_{n} = \beta_{n}u_{n} + (1 - \beta_{n})J_{n}u_{n},$$

$$C_{n+1} = \left\{z \in C_{n} : \|z_{n} - z\|^{2} \le \|x_{n} - z\|^{2} + 2\theta_{n}^{2}\|x_{n} - x_{n-1}\|^{2} - 2\theta_{n}\langle x_{n} - z, x_{n-1} - x_{n}\rangle\right\},$$

$$x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}}x_{1}, \quad n \ge 1,$$
(41)

where  $J_n = (\mathrm{Id} + s_n B)^{-1}(\mathrm{Id} - s_n A)$  with  $\{s_n\} \subset (0, 2\alpha)$  and  $\{\theta_n\} \subset [0, \theta]$  for some  $\theta \in [0, 1)$ . Let  $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$  and  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\}$  be in [0, 1]. Assume that the following conditions hold:

- C1  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \theta_n \|x_n x_{n-1}\| < \infty;$
- C2  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n < 1;$
- C3  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \beta_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \beta_n < 1;$
- C4  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} r_n > 0$ ;
- C5  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} s_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} s_n < 2\alpha$ .
- Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by (41) strongly converges to a point  $\hat{q} = P_{\Gamma} x_1$ .

*Remark* 4.5 We remark here that condition (C1) can easily be implemented in numerical computation since the value of  $||x_n - x_{n-1}||$  is known before choosing  $\theta_n$ . Moreover, the parameter  $\theta_n$  can be taken as  $0 \le \theta_n \le \widehat{\theta}_n$ ,

$$\widehat{\theta_n} = \begin{cases} \min\{\frac{z_n}{\|x_n - x_{n-1}\|}, \theta\} & \text{if } x_n \neq x_{n-1}; \\ \theta & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\{z_n\}$  is a positive sequence such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_n < \infty$ .

### 5 Examples and numerical results

In this section, we give examples and numerical results to strengthen the theoretical results established in the previous sections.

*Example* 5.1 Let  $\mathcal{H}_1 = \mathcal{H}_2 = \mathbb{R}^3$  with the inner product defined by  $\langle x, y \rangle = xy$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and the induced usual norm  $|\cdot|$ . Let  $C = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3_+ | \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2} \le 1\}$  and  $Q = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3_- | \langle a, x \rangle \ge b\}$  where a = (2, -1, 3) and b = 1. Let  $F : C \times C \to \mathbb{R}$  be defined as  $F(x, y) = 2 \max_{x_i \in x, y_i \in y} x(y - x)$  where  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3), y = (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in C$  and  $G(u, v) = \max_{u_i \in u, v_i \in v} u(v - u)$  where  $u = (u_1, u_2, u_3), v = (v_1, v_2, v_3) \in Q$ . Let the mappings  $\phi_f : C \to \mathcal{H}_1$  be defined as  $\phi_f(x) = 0$  for each  $x \in C$  and  $\phi_g : Q \to H_2$  be defined as  $\phi_g(u) = 0$  for each  $u \in Q$ . For r > 0, let  $T_r^F x = P_C x$  and  $T_r^G x = P_Q x$ . Moreover, we define three mappings  $h, A, B : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  as follows:

$$h(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad Ax = 3x + (1, 2, 1) \text{ and } Bx = 4x$$

for all  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Choose  $\alpha_n = \frac{n}{100n+1}$ ,  $\beta_n = \frac{n}{100n+1}$ ,  $r_n = \frac{1}{5}$ , L = 3, and s = 0.1. Since

$$\theta_n = \begin{cases} \min\{\frac{1}{n^2 \|x_n - x_{n-1}\|}, 0.5\} & \text{if } x_n \neq x_{n-1}; \\ 0.5 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

we can construct strongly convergent sequences  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$ , and  $\{u_n\}$  as defined in Theorem 4.1.

*Proof* It is easy to prove that the bifunctions *F* and *G* satisfy Assumption 2.3(A1)–(A4) and *G* is upper semicontinuous. The operator *h* is a bounded linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with adjoint operator  $h^*$  and  $||h|| = ||h^*|| = 3$ . Moreover, it is clear that *A* is 1/3-inverse strongly monotone and *B* is maximal monotone. Furthermore, it is easy to observe that, for *s* > 0,

$$J_s^B(x - sAx) = (I + sB)^{-1}(x - sAx)$$
$$= \frac{1 - 3s}{1 + 4s}x - \frac{s}{1 + 4s}(1, 2, 1)$$

Note that Sol(MEP(F,  $\phi_f$ )) = {0} = Sol(MEP(G,  $\phi_g$ )). Hence  $\Gamma = (A + B)^{-1}(0) \cap \Omega = 0$ . Now, we compute our desired sequences in the following six steps.

Step 1. Find  $z \in Q$  such that  $G(z, y) + \phi_g(y) - \phi_g(z) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, z - hx \rangle \ge 0$  for all  $y \in Q$ . Observe that

$$G(z, y) + \phi_g(y) - \phi_g(z) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, z - hx \rangle \ge 0$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad z(y - z) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, z - hx \rangle \ge 0$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad rz(y - z) + (y - z)(z - hx) \ge 0$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad (y - z)((1 + r)z - hx) \ge 0$$

for all  $y \in Q$ . Thus, by Lemma 2.4(2), we know that  $T_r^G hx$  is single-valued for each  $x \in Q$ . Hence  $z = \frac{hx}{1+r}$ .

*Step 2.* Find  $m \in C$  such that  $m = x - \gamma h^* (I - T_r^G) hx$ . It follows from Step 1 that

$$m = x - \gamma h^* (I - T_r^G) hx = x - \gamma h^* (I - T_r^G) hx$$
$$= x - \gamma \left(3x - \frac{3(hx)}{1+r}\right)$$
$$= (1 - 3\gamma)x + \frac{3\gamma}{1+r}(hx).$$

*Step 3.* Find  $u \in C$  such that  $F(u, v) + \phi_f(v) - \phi_f(u) + \frac{1}{r} \langle v - u, u - m \rangle \ge 0$  for all  $v \in C$ . From Step 2, we have

$$F(u,v) + \phi_f(v) - \phi_f(u) + \frac{1}{r} \langle v - u, u - m \rangle \ge 0$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad (2u)(v - u) + \frac{1}{r} \langle v - u, u - m \rangle \ge 0$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad r(2u)(v - u) + (v - u)(u - m) \ge 0$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad (v - u)((1 + 2r)u - m) \ge 0$$

for all  $v \in C$ . Similarly, by Lemma 2.4(2), we obtain  $u = \frac{m}{1+2r} = \frac{(1-3\gamma)x}{1+2r} + \frac{3\gamma hx}{(1+r)(1+2r)}$ . *Step 4.* 

$$\begin{cases} x_0 = x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \\ y_n = x_n + \theta_n (x_n - x_{n-1}) \\ u_n = \frac{n}{100n+1} y_n + (1 - \frac{n}{100n+1}) (\frac{(1 - 3\gamma)x_n}{1 + 2r} + \frac{3\gamma h x_n}{(1 + r)(1 + 2r)}) y_n \\ z_n = \frac{n}{100n+1} u_n + (1 - \frac{n}{100n+1}) (\frac{1 - 3s}{1 + 4s} x_n - \frac{s}{1 + 4s} A x_n) u_n. \end{cases}$$

Step 5. Find

 $C_{n+1} = \{z \in C_n : \|z_n - z\|^2 \le \|x_n - z\|^2 + 2\theta_n^2 \|x_n - x_{n-1}\|^2 - 2\theta_n \langle x_n - z, x_{n-1} - x_n \rangle \}.$ Since  $\|z_n - z\|^2 \le \|x_n - z\|^2 + 2\theta_n^2 \|x_n - x_{n-1}\|^2 - 2\theta_n \langle x_n - z, x_{n-1} - x_n \rangle$ , we have

$$\frac{\|z_n\|^2 - \|x_n\|(\|x_n\| + 2) - 2\theta_n\|x_n - x_{n-1}\|^2}{2((\|z_n\| - \|x_n\|) - \theta_n\|x_n - x_{n-1}\|)} \le \|z\|.$$

*Step 6.* Compute the numerical results of  $x_{n+1} = P_{C_{n+1}}x_1$ .

We provide a numerical test of a comparison between the inertial forward-backward method defined in Theorem 4.1 and the standard forward-backward method (i.e.,  $\theta_n = 0$ ). The stopping criterion is defined as  $E_n = ||x_{n+1} - x_n|| < 10^{-9}$ .

The error plotting  $E_n$  against each choice in Table 1 is shown in Figs. 1–3, respectively.

## 6 Conclusion

From a mathematical formulation of the monotone inclusion problem together with the split mixed equilibrium problem, we have derived in this paper an iterative algorithm comprising a modified version of the forward-backward splitting algorithm and the shrinking

	No. of Iter.		CPU (Sec)	
	$\theta_n = 0$	$\theta_n \neq 0$	$\theta_n = 0$	$\theta_n \neq 0$
Choice 1. $x_0 = (-1, 1, -1)^T$ and $x_1 = (1, -4, 6)^T$	8	7	0.015876	0.013066
Choice 2. $x_0 = (-1, -3, 2)^T$ and $x_1 = (3, -2, -6)^T$	8	7	0.018625	0.013083
Choice 3. $x_0 = (-1.1, 2.1, -1.5)^T$ and $x_1 = (1.5, -4.5, -1.6)^T$	9	7	0.016338	0.013387







projection method in Hilbert spaces. We have shown theoretically that the proposed algorithm exhibits weak and strong convergence characteristics towards the common solution under a suitable set of constraints. It is remarked that the proposed algorithm is easily computable as demonstrated in Sect. 5. Moreover, numerical performance of the

## Table 1 Numerical results for Example 5.1

proposed algorithm has been established in comparison to the existing algorithms. We are interested in extending these results for various different classes of monotone inclusion problems together with fixed point problems and/or equilibrium problems in Hilbert spaces.

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