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# EXPLICIT ITERATIVE METHODS FOR THE SPLIT FEASIBILITY PROBLEM WITH MULTIPLE OUTPUT SETS

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**Abstract.** The purpose of this paper is to introduce some new explicit iterative methods for finding a solution of the split feasibility problem with multiple output sets. These methods are established by using the Tikhonov regularization method in real Hilbert spaces.

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#### 1. Introduction

Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be two real Hilbert spaces. Let C and Q be nonempty, closed, and convex subsets of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively. Let  $T: H_1 \to H_2$  be a bounded and linear operator. The split convex feasibility problem (SCFP, for short) is presented as follows:

Find an element 
$$u^* \in C$$
 such that  $Tu^* \in Q$ . (1.1)

The SCFP was first introduced by Censor and Elfving [4] in order to model certain inverse problems. It plays an important role in medical image reconstruction and in signal processing; see, e.g., [1, 2]. Recently, various iterative algorithms were introduced for solving (1.1); see, e.g., [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 24] and the references therein.

In 2010, Xu [19] introduced the following iterative method for solving Problem (1.1). For any  $u_0 \in H$ , he defined the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  by

$$u_{n+1} = P_C[(1 - t_n \varepsilon_n)u_n - \varepsilon_n T^*(I - P_Q)Tu_n], \ n \ge 0.$$

$$(1.2)$$

He proved that the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  generated by (1.2) converges strongly to the minimum-norm solution to Problem (1.1) when  $\{t_n\}$  and  $\{\varepsilon_n\}$  satisfying the conditions below:

i) 
$$t_n \to 0$$
 and  $0 < \varepsilon_n < \frac{t_n}{\|T\|^2 + t_n}$ ;

ii) 
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t_n \mathcal{E}_n = \infty;$$
iii) 
$$\frac{|\mathcal{E}_{n+1} - \mathcal{E}_n| + \mathcal{E}_n |t_{n+1} - t_n|}{t_n^2 \mathcal{E}_n^2} \to 0.$$

In 2012, Yao et al. [23] proved the strong convergence of iterative method (1.2) under the following conditions:

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i) 
$$t_n \to 0$$
, and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t_n = \infty$ ;  
ii)  $0 < \varepsilon_n < \frac{2}{\|T\|^2 + 2t_n}$ ,  $\inf_n \varepsilon_n > 0$  and  $|\varepsilon_{n+1} - \varepsilon_n| \to 0$ .

In 2020, Reich et al. [10] presented and studied the following split feasibility problem with multiple output sets in Hilbert spaces: Let  $H, H_i, i = 1, 2, ..., m$ , be real Hilbert spaces, and let  $T_i: H \to H_i, i = 1, 2, ..., m$ , be bounded linear operators. Let C and  $Q_i$  be nonempty, closed, and convex subsets of H and  $H_i, i = 1, 2, ..., m$ , respectively. Suppose that  $\Omega^{SFPMOS} = C \cap (\bigcap_{i=1}^m T_i^{-1}(Q_i)) \neq \emptyset$ . They considered the following problem:

Find an element 
$$u^* \in \Omega^{SFPMOS}$$
, (1.3)

that is, a point  $u^* \in C$  such that  $T_i u^* \in Q_i$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., m. In order to solve Problem (1.3), Reich et al. [10, 11] introduced some iterative methods which are based on the optimization approach. In 2022, Reich and Tuyen [12] proposed and studied the strong convergence of the following iterative scheme. Take any  $u_0 \in H$  and define the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  by

$$u_{n+1} = u_n - \varepsilon_n(F(u_n) + t_n U(u_n)), \ n \ge 0,$$
 (1.4)

where  $F = I - P_C + \sum_{i=1}^m T_i^* (I - P_{Q_i}) T_i$  and  $U : H \to H$  is  $L_U$ -Lipschitz and  $\gamma_U$ -strongly monotone. They proved that the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  defined by (1.4) converges strongly to a solution of Problem (1.3) when the parameters control satisfy the following conditions:

- i)  $\lim_{n\to\infty}t_n=0$ ,  $\{t_n\}\subset(0,(\gamma_U-\varepsilon_nKL_U)/\varepsilon_nL_U^2)$ , where  $K=1+\sum_{i=1}^m\|T_i\|^2$ ;
- ii)  $\{\varepsilon_n\} \subset (0, \gamma/2KL_U)$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n \varepsilon_n = \infty$ ;
- iii)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \varepsilon_n/t_n = 0$ ;
- iv)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{|t_{n+1}-t_n|}{t_n\varepsilon_n} = 0.$

In this paper, we analyze and establish the strong convergence of iterative scheme (1.4) based on some conditions which are simpler than the conditions of Reich and Tuyen in [12]. We introduce several relaxed iterative methods for solving Problem (1.3) in the case where C and  $Q_i$ , i = 1, 2, ..., m, are sublevel sets of convex functions. Two numerical examples are also presented to illustrate proposed methods.

#### 2. Preliminaries

Let *H* be a real Hilbert space. We denote by  $\langle u, v \rangle$  the inner product of two elements u, v in *H*. The induced norm is denoted by  $\|\cdot\|$ , that is,  $\|u\| = \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle}$  for all  $u \in H$ .

Let C be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of H. It is known that, for each  $u \in H$ , there exists a unique point  $P_C u \in C$  such that

$$||u - P_C u|| = \inf_{v \in C} ||u - v||.$$
 (2.1)

The mapping  $P_C: H \to C$  defined by (2.1) is called the *metric projection* of H onto C. We also recall (see, e.g., [8, Section 3 ]) that

$$\langle u - P_C u, v - P_C u \rangle \le 0, \ \forall u \in H, \ \forall v \in C.$$
 (2.2)

Let  $S,A: H \to H$  are two operators from H into itself.

i) S is  $L_S$  Lipschitz if there exists a positive real number  $L_S > 0$  such that

$$||S(u) - S(v)|| \le L_S ||u - v||$$

for all  $u, v \in H$ . If  $L_S = 1$ , then we say that S is *nonexpansive*. In addition, if  $L_U \in [0, 1)$ , then S is called a *strict contraction*;

- ii) S is firmly nonexpansive if 2S I is nonexpansive, which is equivalent to S = (I + U)/2, where  $U: H \to H$  is nonexpansive;
- iii) *S* is *averaged* if S = (1-t)I + tU, where  $t \in (0,1)$  and  $U : H \to H$  is nonexpansive. In this case, we say that *S* is *t*-averaged.
- iv) *A* is *monotone* if  $\langle u v, A(u) A(v) \rangle \ge 0$  for all  $u, v \in H$ ;
- v) A is  $\beta_A$ -strongly monotone with  $\beta_A > 0$  if  $\langle u v, A(u) A(v) \rangle \ge \beta_A \|u v\|^2$  for all  $u, v \in H$ ;
- vi) A is  $\gamma_A$ -co-coercive if  $\langle u-v,A(u)-A(v)\rangle \geq \gamma_A \|A(u)-A(v)\|^2$  for all  $u,v\in H$ .

We also need the following lemmas for our main results of this paper.

**Lemma 2.1.** (see [10]) Let H be a real Hilbert space. Let C be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of H. Then, for all  $u, v \in H$ ,

- i)  $\langle u v, P_C u P_C v \rangle > ||P_C u P_C v||^2$ ;
- ii)  $\langle u v, (I P_C)u (I P_C)v \rangle \ge ||(I P_C)u (I P_C)v||^2$ .

**Remark 2.1.** It follows from Lemma 2.1 that  $I - P_C$  is a nonexpansive mapping.

**Lemma 2.2.** (see [2, 20]) *The following statements hold:* 

- i) If A is  $\gamma_A$ -co-coercive, then  $\varepsilon A$  is  $\gamma_A/\varepsilon$ -co-coercive.
- ii) S is averaged if and only if the component I-S is  $\gamma$ -co-coercive with  $\gamma > 1/2$ . More precisely, for  $t \in (0,1)$ , S is t-averaged if and only if I-S is 1/2t-co-coercive.

**Lemma 2.3.** [7] Let T be a nonexpansive self-mapping of a closed and convex subset C of a Hilbert space H. Then I-T is demiclosed, that is, whenever  $\{u_n\}$  is a sequence in C which weakly converges to some  $u \in C$  and the sequence  $\{(I-T)(u_n)\}$  strongly converges to some v, it follows that (I-T)(u) = v.

**Lemma 2.4.** [14] Let  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  be bounded sequences in a Hilbert space H, and let  $\{t_n\}$  be a sequence in [0,1] with  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \beta_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \beta_n < 1$ . Let  $a_{n+1} = (1-\beta_n)b_n + \beta_n a_n$  for all  $n \ge 0$  and  $\limsup_{n \to \infty} (\|b_{n+1} - b_n\| - \|a_{n+1} - a_n\|) \le 0$ . Then  $\limsup_{n \to \infty} \|a_n - b_n\| = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** [18] Let  $\{\Gamma_n\}$  be a sequence of nonnegative numbers,  $\{b_n\}$  be a sequence in (0,1), and  $\{c_n\}$  a sequence of real numbers satisfying the following two conditions:

- i)  $\Gamma_{n+1} \leq (1-b_n)\Gamma_n + b_n c_n$ ;
- ii)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n = \infty$ ,  $\limsup_{n \to \infty} c_n \le 0$ .

*Then*  $\lim_{n\to\infty}\Gamma_n=0$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

Consider Problem (1.3), and let  $\Psi: H \to \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$\Psi(u) := \frac{1}{2} \| (I - P_C)u \|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \| (I - P_{Q_i}) T_i u \|^2$$

for all  $u \in H$ .

It is not difficult to see that  $\Psi$  is a convex, continuous, and proper function. Indeed, it is easy to see that  $\Psi$  is a continuous and proper function. We now prove that  $\Psi$  is a convex function. To

do this, we first show that function  $d_C(u) = \|(I - P_C)u\|$  for all  $u \in H$ , is a convex function. For every  $x, y \in H$ , it follows from the definition of  $d_C(x)$  and  $d_C(y)$  that there exist two sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  in C such that  $\|x - x_n\| \to d_C(x)$  and  $\|y - y_n\| \to d_C(y)$ , as  $n \to \infty$ . Since C is a convex set,  $\lambda x_n + (1 - \lambda)y_n \in C$  for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and for all  $n \ge 1$ . Thus

$$d_{C}(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) = \inf_{z \in C} \|\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y - z\|$$

$$\leq \|\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y - [\lambda x_{n} + (1 - \lambda)y_{n}]\|$$

$$\leq \lambda \|x - x_{n}\| + (1 - \lambda)\|y - y_{n}\|$$

for all  $n \ge 1$ . Letting  $n \to \infty$ , we obtain

$$d_C(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \le \lambda d_C(x) + (1 - \lambda)d_C(y).$$

This shows that  $d_C(u)$  is a convex function. Hence,  $f(u) = d^2(u, C)/2$  is also a convex function (note that, the square of a nonnegative convex function is a convex function).

For each i = 1, 2, ..., m and for every  $x, y \in H$ , and for any  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , it follows from the convexity of  $||(I - P_{O_i})v||^2$  on  $H_i$  that

$$||(I - P_{Q_i})T_i[\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y]||^2 = ||(I - P_{Q_i})[\lambda T_i x + (1 - \lambda)T_i y]||^2$$

$$\leq \lambda ||(I - P_{Q_i})T_i x||^2 + (1 - \lambda)||(I - P_{Q_i})T_i y||^2,$$

which implies that  $||(I - P_{Q_i})T_iu||^2$  is a convex function on H. Thus we conclude that  $\Psi$  is a convex function.

Let  $f_i(u) = \|(I - P_{Q_i})T_iu\|^2/2$  for all  $u \in H$ . We next prove that  $\nabla f_i(u) = T_i^*(I - P_{Q_i})T_iu$ . Indeed, we take any point  $x_0 \in H$  and letting  $v = T_i^*(I - P_{Q_i})T_ix_0$ . For every  $h \in H$ , we have

$$\begin{split} f_{i}(x_{0}+h) - f_{i}(x_{0}) - \langle v, h \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \| (I - P_{Q_{i}}) T_{i}(x_{0} + h) \|^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \| (I - P_{Q_{i}}) T_{i}x_{0} \|^{2} - \langle v, h \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\| T_{i}(x_{0} + h) - P_{Q_{i}} T_{i}(x_{0} + h) \|^{2} - \| (I - P_{Q_{i}}) T_{i}x_{0} \|^{2}) - \langle v, h \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (\| T_{i}(x_{0} + h) - P_{Q_{i}} T_{i}x_{0} \|^{2} - \| (I - P_{Q_{i}}) T_{i}x_{0} \|^{2}) - \langle v, h \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\| (I - P_{Q_{i}} T_{i}) x_{0} + T_{i}h \|^{2} - \| (I - P_{Q_{i}}) T_{i}x_{0} \|^{2}) - \langle v, h \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\| (I - P_{Q_{i}} T_{i}) x_{0} \|^{2} + \| T_{i}h \|^{2} - \| (I - P_{Q_{i}}) T_{i}x_{0} \|^{2}) \\ &+ \langle (I - P_{Q_{i}} T_{i}) x_{0}, T_{i}h \rangle - \langle v, h \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \| T_{i}h \|^{2} + \langle T_{i}^{*} (I - P_{Q_{i}} T_{i}) x_{0}, h \rangle - \langle v, h \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \| T_{i} \|^{2} \| h \|^{2}. \end{split}$$

Similarly, we also have

$$f_i(x_0) - f_i(x_0 + h) + \langle v, h \rangle \le \frac{1}{2} ||T_i||^2 ||h||^2.$$

Combining the two above inequalities, we see that

$$\frac{|f_i(x_0+h) - f_i(x_0) - \langle v, h \rangle|}{\|h\|} \le \frac{1}{2} \|T_i\|^2 \|h\| \to 0,$$

as  $||h|| \to 0$ . Hence,  $\nabla f_i(x_0) = T_i^*(I - P_{Q_i})T_ix_0$ . Then we infer that  $\Psi$  is a Fréchet differentiable function and

$$\nabla \Psi(u) = (I - P_C)u + \sum_{i=1}^{m} T_i^* (I - P_{Q_i}) T_i u$$

for all  $u \in H$ .

By Rockafellar's theorem [13],  $F := \nabla \Psi$  is a maximal monotone operator. Moreover, a point  $u^* \in H$  is a solution to Problem (1.3) if and only if  $u^*$  is a minimum point of  $\Psi$ . This is equivalent to

$$F(u^*) = (I - P_C)u^* + \sum_{i=1}^m T_i^* (I - P_{Q_i}) T_i u^* = 0.$$
(3.1)

We first consider the following Tikhonov regularization method

$$\min_{u \in H} \left\{ \Psi(u) + \frac{t}{2} ||u||^2 \right\},\,$$

where t > 0. We see that

$$\nabla \left( \Psi(u) + \frac{t}{2} ||u||^2 \right) = F(u) + tu,$$

for all  $u \in H$ . Thus, in this case, we study and establish the convergence of the following explicit iterative method: For any  $u_0 \in H$ , construct the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  by

$$u_{n+1} = u_n - \varepsilon_n [F(u_n) + t_n u_n], \ n \ge 0, \tag{3.2}$$

where  $\{t_n\} \subset (0,1)$  and  $\{\varepsilon_n\}$  is a sequence of real numbers. Note that the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  generated by (3.2) can be rewritten in the following form

$$u_{n+1} = (1 - t_n \varepsilon_n) u_n - \varepsilon_n F(u_n), \ n \ge 0.$$
(3.3)

In order to establish the strong convergence of the iterative method (3.3), we first introduce the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.1.** The mapping F is  $\gamma_F$ -co-coercive with  $\gamma_F = 1/(1 + \sum_{i=1}^m ||T_i||^2)$ .

*Proof.* For any  $u, v \in H$ , it follows from Lemma 2.1 ii) that

$$\langle u - v, F(u) - F(v) \rangle = \langle u - v, (I - P_C)u - (I - P_C)v \rangle$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{m} \langle u - v, T_i^* (I - P_{Q_i}) T_i u - T_i^* (I - P_{Q_i}) T_i v \rangle$$

$$= \langle u - v, (I - P_C)u - (I - P_C)v \rangle$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{m} \langle T_i u - T_i v, (I - P_{Q_i}) T_i u - (I - P_{Q_i}) T_i v \rangle$$

$$\geq \| (I - P_C)u - (I - P_C)v \|^2$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{m} \| (I - P_{Q_i}) T_i u - (I - P_{Q_i}) T_i v \|^2.$$
(3.4)

We also have

$$||F(u) - F(v)||^{2}$$

$$= ||(I - P_{C})u - (I - P_{C})v + \sum_{i=1}^{m} T_{i}^{*}(I - P_{Q_{i}})T_{i}u - T_{i}^{*}(I - P_{Q_{i}})T_{i}v||^{2}$$

$$\leq [||(I - P_{C})u - (I - P_{C})v|| + \sum_{i=1}^{m} ||T_{i}^{*}(I - P_{Q_{i}})T_{i}u - T_{i}^{*}(I - P_{Q_{i}})T_{i}v||]^{2}$$

$$\leq [||(I - P_{C})u - (I - P_{C})v|| + \sum_{i=1}^{m} ||T_{i}|| ||(I - P_{Q_{i}})T_{i}u - (I - P_{Q_{i}})T_{i}v||]^{2}$$

$$\leq (1 + \sum_{i=1}^{m} ||T_{i}||^{2})[||(I - P_{C})u - (I - P_{C})v||^{2}$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{m} ||(I - P_{Q_{i}})T_{i}u - (I - P_{Q_{i}})T_{i}v||^{2}].$$

$$(3.5)$$

From (3.4) and (3.5), we obtain that

$$\langle u - v, F(u) - F(v) \rangle \ge \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^{m} ||T_i||^2} ||F(u) - F(v)||^2,$$

for all  $u, v \in H$ , that is, F is  $\gamma_F$ -co-coercive with  $\gamma_F = 1/(1 + \sum_{i=1}^m ||T_i||^2)$ . This completes the proof.

The following proposition is an important result that is needed to prove the strong convergence of iterative method (3.2).

**Proposition 3.2.** If  $t \in (0,1)$  and  $\varepsilon \in (0,\frac{2\gamma_F}{1+2t\gamma_F})$ , then  $G^{t,\varepsilon} = (1-t\varepsilon)I - \varepsilon F$  is a strict contraction mapping with the coefficient  $k = 1-t\varepsilon$ .

*Proof.* For any  $u, v \in H$ , using Proposition 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|G^{t,\varepsilon}(u) - G^{t,\varepsilon}(v)\|^2 &= \|(1 - t\varepsilon)(u - v) - \varepsilon(F(u) - F(v))\|^2 \\ &= (1 - t\varepsilon)^2 \|u - v\|^2 - 2(1 - t\varepsilon)\varepsilon\langle u - v, F(u) - F(v)\rangle \\ &+ \varepsilon^2 \|F(u) - F(v)\|^2 \\ &\leq (1 - t\varepsilon)^2 \|u - v\|^2 - \varepsilon[2(1 - t\varepsilon)\gamma_F - \varepsilon] \|F(u) - F(v)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from  $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{2\gamma_F}{1 + 2t\gamma_F})$  that  $2(1 - t\varepsilon)\gamma_F - \varepsilon > 0$ . Thus

$$||G^{t,\varepsilon}(u) - G^{t,\varepsilon}(v)|| \le (1 - t\varepsilon)||u - v||,$$

for all  $u, v \in H$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\{t_n\}$  and  $\{\varepsilon_n\}$  be two positive sequences such that  $\{t_n\} \subset (0,1)$  and  $\{\varepsilon_n\} \subset [a,b] \subset (0,\frac{2\gamma_F}{1+2t_n\gamma_F})$ . Let  $\{t_n\}$  satisfy the following conditions

$$t_n \to 0, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t_n = \infty.$$

Then the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  generated by (3.2) converges strongly to an element  $u^* = P_{\Omega^{SFPMOS}}0$ , as  $n \to \infty$ .

*Proof.* We first show that  $\{u_n\}$  is bounded. Put  $u^* = P_{\Omega^{SFPMOS}}0$ . It follows from (3.1) and Proposition 3.2 that

$$||u_{n+1} - u^{\star}|| = ||G^{t_n \varepsilon_n}(u_n) - G^{t_n \varepsilon_n}(u^{\star}) - t_n \varepsilon_n u^{\star}||$$

$$\leq (1 - t_n \varepsilon_n) ||u_n - u^{\star}|| + t_n \varepsilon_n ||u^{\star}||$$

$$\leq \max\{||u_n - u^{\star}||, ||u^{\star}||\}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$< \max\{||u_0 - u^{\star}||, ||u^{\star}||\},$$

which implies that  $\{u_n\}$  is bounded.

We now prove that  $||u_{n+1} - u_n|| \to 0$ . Indeed, since F is  $\gamma_F$ -co-coercive, then  $\varepsilon F$  is  $\gamma_F/\varepsilon_n$ -co-coercive. We note that  $\gamma_F/\varepsilon_n > 1/2$ . Thus, from Lemma 2.2, we deduce that  $I - \varepsilon_n F$  is  $\varepsilon_n/2\gamma_F$  averaged, which implies that there exists a nonexpansive mapping S such that

$$I - \varepsilon_n F = (1 - \frac{\varepsilon_n}{2\gamma_F})I + \frac{\varepsilon_n}{2\gamma_F}S.$$

Thus, we can rewrite (3.3) in the following form

$$u_{n+1} = (I - \varepsilon_n F)(u_n) - t_n \varepsilon_n u_n$$

$$= [(1 - \frac{\varepsilon_n}{2\gamma_F})I + \frac{\varepsilon_n}{2\gamma_F}S](u_n) - t_n \varepsilon_n u_n$$

$$= \beta_n u_n + (1 - \beta_n)v_n,$$

where  $v_n = S(u_n) - 2\gamma_F t_n u_n$  and  $\beta_n = 1 - \frac{\varepsilon_n}{2\gamma_F}$ .

Next, we have

$$||v_{n+1} - v_n|| = ||S(u_{n+1}) - 2\gamma_F t_{n+1} u_{n+1} - S(u_n) + 2\gamma_F t_n u_n||$$

$$\leq ||S(u_{n+1}) - S(u_n)|| + 2\gamma_F ||t_{n+1} u_{n+1} - t_n u_n||$$

$$\leq ||u_{n+1} - u_n|| + 2\gamma_F (t_{n+1} ||u_{n+1} - u_n|| + |t_{n+1} - t_n|||u_n||).$$

It follows from the boundedness of the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  and  $t_n \to 0$  that

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty} (\|v_{n+1} - v_n\| - \|u_{n+1} - u_n\|) \le 0.$$

Since  $\{\varepsilon_n\} \subset [a,b] \subset (0,\frac{2\gamma_F}{1+2t_n\gamma_F})$ , then  $0 < \liminf_{n \to \infty} \beta_n \le \limsup_{n \to \infty} \beta_n < 1$ . Thus, from Lemma 2.4, we see that  $||u_n - v_n|| \to 0$ . Hence,

$$||u_{n+1} - u_n|| = \frac{\varepsilon_n}{2\gamma_F} ||u_n - v_n|| \to 0.$$
 (3.6)

This together with (3.3) and the condition  $t_n \to 0$  obtains  $||F(u_n)|| \to 0$ . Observe that

$$\langle u_n - u^*, F(u_n) \rangle = \langle u_n - u^*, F(u_n) - F(u^*) \rangle$$
  
 
$$\geq \|(I - P_C)u_n\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m \|(I - P_{Q_i})T_iu_n\|^2,$$

which together with the boundedness of  $\{u_n\}$  and  $||F(u_n)|| \to 0$  deduces that

$$||(I - P_C)u_n|| \to 0, \tag{3.7}$$

$$||(I - P_{O_i})T_i u_n|| \to 0,$$
 (3.8)

for all i = 1, 2, ..., m.

We next prove that the weak cluster point set of  $\{u_n\}$  is contained in  $\Omega^{SFPMOS}$ . Indeed, suppose that p is an arbitrary weak cluster point of  $\{u_n\}$ . There exits a subsequence  $\{u_{k_n}\}$  of  $\{u_n\}$  such that  $u_{k_n} \rightharpoonup p$ , as  $n \to \infty$ . Since  $T_i$  is a bounded linear operator, one has  $T_i u_{k_n} \rightharpoonup T_i p$  for each i = 1, 2, ..., m. Thus, applying Lemma 2.3 and using (3.7)–(3.8), we obtain that  $p \in \Omega^{SFPMOS}$ , as claimed.

Finally, we prove that  $u_n \to u^*$ , as  $n \to \infty$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_{n+1} - u^{\star}\|^{2} &= \langle G^{t_{n}, \varepsilon_{n}}(u_{n}) - G^{t_{n}, \varepsilon_{n}}(u^{\star}) + G^{t_{n}, \varepsilon_{n}}(u^{\star}) - u^{\star}, u_{n+1} - u^{\star} \rangle \\ &= \langle G^{t_{n}, \varepsilon_{n}}(u_{n}) - G^{t_{n}, \varepsilon_{n}}(u^{\star}), u_{n+1} - u^{\star} \rangle + \langle G^{t_{n}, \varepsilon_{n}}(u^{\star}) - u^{\star}, u_{n+1} - u^{\star} \rangle \\ &= \langle G^{t_{n}, \varepsilon_{n}}(u_{n}) - G^{t_{n}, \varepsilon_{n}}(u^{\star}), u_{n+1} - u^{\star} \rangle - t_{n} \varepsilon_{n} \langle u^{\star}, u_{n+1} - u^{\star} \rangle \\ &\leq \|G^{t_{n}, \varepsilon_{n}}(u_{n}) - G^{t_{n}, \varepsilon_{n}}(u^{\star})\| \|u_{n+1} - u^{\star}\| - t_{n} \varepsilon_{n} \langle u^{\star}, u_{n+1} - u^{\star} \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - t_{n} \varepsilon_{n})\| u_{n} - u^{\star}\| \|u_{n+1} - u^{\star}\| - t_{n} \varepsilon_{n} \langle u^{\star}, u_{n+1} - u^{\star} \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - t_{n} \varepsilon_{n}) \frac{\|u_{n} - u^{\star}\|^{2} + \|u_{n+1} - u^{\star}\|^{2}}{2} - t_{n} \varepsilon_{n} \langle u^{\star}, u_{n+1} - u^{\star} \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{1 - t_{n} \varepsilon_{n}}{2} \|u_{n} - u^{\star}\|^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \|u_{n+1} - u^{\star}\|^{2} - t_{n} \varepsilon_{n} \langle u^{\star}, u_{n+1} - u^{\star} \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$||u_{n+1} - u^*||^2 \le (1 - t_n \varepsilon_n) ||u_n - u^*||^2 - 2t_n \varepsilon_n \langle u^*, u_{n+1} - u^* \rangle. \tag{3.9}$$

Putting  $\Gamma_n = \|u_n - u^*\|^2$ ,  $b_n = t_n \varepsilon_n$  and  $c_n = 2\langle u^*, u^* - u_{n+1} \rangle$ , we can rewrite (3.9) in the following form  $\Gamma_{n+1} \leq (1 - b_n)\Gamma_n + b_n c_n$ . Suppose that  $\{u_{l_n}\}$  is a subsequence of the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  such that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle u^*, u^* - u_n \rangle = \lim_{n \to \infty} \langle u^*, u^* - u_{l_n} \rangle. \tag{3.10}$$

Since  $\{u_n\}$  is bounded, we see that there exists a subsequence  $\{u_{k_{l_n}}\}$  of  $\{u_{l_n}\}$  such that  $u_{k_{l_n}} \rightharpoonup q$ , as  $n \to \infty$ . We may assume without loss of generality that  $u_{l_n} \rightharpoonup q$  as  $n \to \infty$ . From the proof above, we have that  $q \in \Omega^{SFPMOS}$ . It follows from (2.2) and (3.10) that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle u^{\star}, u^{\star} - u_n \rangle = \langle u^{\star}, u^{\star} - q \rangle = \langle 0 - P_{\Omega^{SFPMOS}} 0, q - P_{\Omega^{SFPMOS}} 0 \rangle \le 0.$$
 (3.11)

In view of  $||u_{n+1} - u_n|| \to 0$ , we imply that  $\limsup_{n \to \infty} c_n \le 0$ . Furthermore, it is easy to see that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t_n \varepsilon_n = \infty$ . Hence, all the conditions of Lemma 2.5 are satisfied. Therefore, we deduce that  $\Gamma_n \to 0$ , that is,  $u_n \to u^*$  as  $n \to \infty$ , as asserted. This completes the proof.

Next, we consider the Tikhonov regularization method

$$\min_{u \in H} \left\{ \Psi(u) + \frac{t}{2} \|u - \bar{u}\|^2 \right\}.$$

Using similar arguments as above, we can easily prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $\{t_n\}$  and  $\{\varepsilon_n\}$  be two positive sequences such that  $\{t_n\} \subset (0,1)$  and  $\{\varepsilon_n\} \subset [a,b] \subset (0,\frac{2\gamma_F}{1+2t_n\gamma_F})$ . For any  $\bar{u} \in H$ , let  $\{u_n\}$  be a sequence defined by  $u_0 \in H$  and

$$u_{n+1} = u_n - \varepsilon_n [F(u_n) + t_n(u_n - \bar{u})], \ n \ge 0.$$
 (3.12)

Let  $\{t_n\}$  satisfy  $t_n \to 0$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t_n = \infty$ . Then  $\{u_n\}$  converges strongly to  $P_{\Omega^{SFPMOS}}\bar{u}$ , as  $n \to \infty$ .

Finally, we study the convergence of the sequence  $\{w_n\}$  generated by the following scheme: For any  $w_0 \in H$ , we define sequence  $\{w_n\}$  by

$$w_{n+1} = w_n - \varepsilon_n [F(w_n) + t_n U(w_n)], \ n \ge 0, \tag{3.13}$$

where  $U: H \to H$  is  $L_U$ -Lipschitz and  $\beta_U$ -strongly monotone operator.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\{t_n\}$  and  $\{\varepsilon_n\}$  be two positive sequences such that  $\{t_n\} \subset (0,1)$  and  $\{\varepsilon_n\} \subset [a,b] \subset (0,\frac{2\gamma_F}{1+2t_n\gamma_F})$ . Let  $\{t_n\}$  satisfy the conditions:  $t_n \to 0$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t_n = \infty$ . Then the sequence  $\{w_n\}$  defined by (3.13) converges strongly to an element  $p^* \in \Omega^{SFPMOS}$  which is a unique solution to the following variational inequality

$$\langle y - p^*, U(p^*) \rangle \ge 0, \ \forall y \in \Omega^{SFPMOS}.$$
 (3.14)

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be a positive number with  $\mu \in (0, 2\beta_U/L_U^2)$ . We write  $t_n = \rho_n \mu$  with  $\rho_n = t_n/\mu$ . Since  $t_n \to 0$ , we may assume that  $\rho_n < 1$  for all n. Since  $\mu \in (0, 2\beta_U/L_U^2)$ , we have that  $I - \mu U$  is a strict contraction with the contraction coefficient  $\tau = \sqrt{1 - \mu(2\beta_U - \mu L_U^2)}$  (see [22]). Thus  $P_{\Omega^{SFPMOS}}(I - \mu U)$  is also a strict contraction. Banach fixed point theorem guarantees that  $P_{\Omega^{SFPMOS}}(I - \mu U)$  has a unique fixed point  $p^*$ . It follows from (2.2) that  $p^*$  is a unique solution to variational inequality (3.14).

Let  $\{u_n\}$  be a sequence defined by (3.12), where  $\bar{u} = (I - \mu U)(p^*)$  and  $t_n$  is replaced by  $\rho_n$ . From Theorem 3.2, we obtain that  $u_n \to p^* = P_{\Omega^{SFPMOS}}(I - \mu U)(p^*)$ , as  $n \to \infty$ . We now rewrite the formulas to define  $\{u_n\}$  and  $\{w_n\}$  in the following forms:

$$u_{n+1} = G^{\rho_n, \varepsilon_n}(u_n) + \rho_n \varepsilon_n (I - \mu U)(p^*),$$
  
$$w_{n+1} = G^{\rho_n, \varepsilon_n}(w_n) + \rho_n \varepsilon_n (I - \mu U)(w_n).$$

Note that

$$||w_{n+1} - u_{n+1}|| \le ||G^{\rho_{n}, \varepsilon_{n}}(w_{n}) - G^{\rho_{n}, \varepsilon_{n}}(u_{n})|| + \rho_{n}\varepsilon_{n}||(I - \mu U)(w_{n}) - (I - \mu U)(p^{*})||$$

$$\le (1 - \rho_{n}\varepsilon_{n})||w_{n} - u_{n}|| + \rho_{n}\varepsilon_{n}\tau||w_{n} - p^{*}||$$

$$\le (1 - \rho_{n}\varepsilon_{n})||w_{n} - u_{n}|| + \rho_{n}\varepsilon_{n}\tau(||w_{n} - u_{n}|| + ||u_{n} - p^{*}||)$$

$$= [1 - (1 - \tau)\rho_{n}\varepsilon_{n}]||w_{n} - u_{n}|| + \rho_{n}\varepsilon_{n}\tau||u_{n} - p^{*}||.$$
(3.15)

Putting  $\Gamma_n = \|w_n - u_n\|$ ,  $b_n = (1 - \tau)\rho_n \varepsilon_n$ , and  $c_n = \frac{\tau}{1 - \tau} \|u_n - p^\star\|$  we can rewrite (3.15) in the form  $\Gamma_{n+1} \leq (1 - b_n)\Gamma_n + b_n c_n$ . It is easy to see that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n = \infty$  and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} c_n = 0$ . Thus all the conditions of Lemma 2.5 are satisfied. Therefore, we infer that  $\Gamma_n \to 0$ , that is,  $\|w_n - u_n\| \to 0$ . From  $u_n \to p^\star$ , we obtain that  $w_n \to p^\star$ . This complete the proof.

**Remark 3.1.** We see that the strong convergence of e iterative method (3.14) is established based on simpler conditions than the results in [12]. In particular, when m = 1, Problem (1.3)

becomes Problem (1.1). Thus our results are better than the result in [23] (we remove  $|\varepsilon_{n+1} - \varepsilon_n| \to 0$ ).

### 4. RELAXED ITERATIVE METHODS

The relaxed iterative method for solving Problem (1.1) was first introduced and studied in [21]. We now study Problem (1.3) when C and  $Q_i$ , i = 1, 2, ..., m, are sublevel sets of the lower semicontinuous convex functions  $h: H \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $h_i: H_i \to \mathbb{R}$ , i = 1, 2, ..., m, respectively. Suppose that

$$C = \{u \in H : h(u) \le 0\},$$
  
 $Q_i = \{u \in H : h_i(T_i u) \le 0\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, m.$ 

We assume that h and  $h_i$ , i = 1, 2, ..., m, are subdifferentiable on H and that the subdifferentials  $\partial h$  and  $\partial h_i$ , i = 1, 2, ..., m, are bounded (on bounded sets). Recall that the subdifferential of a convex function  $\Xi : H \to \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$\partial\Xi(u):=\{\xi\in H:\;\Xi(w)-\Xi(u)\geq \langle w-u,\xi\rangle\;\;\forall w\in H\}.$$

For a given point  $u_n \in H$ , we define the subsets  $C_n$  and  $Q_{i,n}$  by

$$C_n := \{ u \in H : \ h(u_n) \le \langle u_n - u, \xi_n \rangle \},$$

$$Q_{i,n} := \{ v \in H_i : \ h_i(T_i u_n) \le \langle T_i u_n - v, \eta_{i,n} \rangle \}, \ i = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

where  $\xi_n \in \partial h(u_n)$  and  $\eta_{i,n} \in \partial h_i(T_iu_n)$  for all  $i=1,2,\ldots,m$ . The sets  $C_n$  and  $Q_{i,n}$  are called the relaxed sets of C and  $Q_i$ , respectively. It is easy to see that  $C_n$  and  $Q_{i,n}$  are half-spaces of H and  $H_i$ , respectively, and that  $C \subset C_n$  and  $Q_i \subset Q_{i,n}$  for all  $i=1,2,\ldots,m$ .

It is known that, in the general case, it is not easy to calculate the projections  $P_{Cx}$  and  $P_{Q_iy}$ . Therefore we introduce two relaxed iterative methods corresponding to the proposed iterative methods, when  $P_{C}$  and  $P_{Q_i}$  are replaced by  $P_{C_n}$  and  $P_{Q_{i,n}}$ , respectively, which are defined as follows:

$$P_{C_n}u := u - \max\left\{\frac{\langle u, \xi_n \rangle - \langle u_n, \xi_n \rangle + h(u_n)}{\|\xi_n\|^2}, 0\right\} \xi_n,$$

$$P_{Q_{i,n}}v := v - \max\left\{\frac{\langle y, \eta_{i,n} \rangle - \langle T_i u_n, \eta_{i,n} \rangle + h_i(T_i u_n)}{\|\eta_{i,n}\|^2}, 0\right\} \eta_{i,n}.$$

By using a similar technique as in [12], we can easily prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $\{t_n\}$  and  $\{\varepsilon_n\}$  be two positive sequences such that  $\{t_n\} \subset (0,1)$  and  $\{\varepsilon_n\} \subset [a,b] \subset (0,\frac{2\gamma_F}{1+2t_n\gamma_F})$ . Let  $\mu$  be a positive real number with  $\mu \in (0,2\beta_U/L_U^2)$ . Suppose that the sequence  $\{t_n\}$  satisfies the following conditions

$$t_n \to 0, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t_n = \infty.$$

For any  $w_0 \in H$ , let  $\{w_n\}$  be the sequence defined by

$$w_{n+1} = w_n - \varepsilon_n [F_n(w_n) + t_n U(w_n)], \ n \ge 0,$$

where  $F_n = I - P_{C_n} + \sum_{i=1}^m T_i^* (I - P_{Q_{i,n}}) T_i$ . Then  $\{w_n\}$  converges strongly to an element  $p^* \in \Omega^{SFPMOS}$  which is a unique solution to the following variational inequality (3.14).

#### 5. Numerical Experiments

In this section, our algorithms are implemented in MATLAB 14a running on the DESKTOP-9RLTPS0, Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-10210U CPU @ 1.60GHz with 2.11 GHz and 8GB RAM.

**Example 5.1.** Consider the following split feasibility with multiple output sets: Let C,  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ , and  $Q_3$  be closed and convex subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , respectively, which are defined by

$$C = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) \in \mathbb{R}^5 : x_1 - x_2 + x_3 - x_4 + 2x_5 = 2\},\$$

$$Q_1 = \{(y_1, y_2, y_2, y_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : y_1 + y_2 - y_3 + y_4 = 1\},\$$

$$Q_2 = \{(z_1, z_2, z_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : z_1 - 2z_2 + z_3 = 0\},\$$

$$Q_3 = \{(v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : v_1 - v_2 = 1\}.$$

The representing matrices of the transfer mappings  $T_1: \mathbb{R}^5 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ ,  $T_2: \mathbb{R}^5 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $T_3: \mathbb{R}^5 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  are

$$T_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -5 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$T_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -4 & 6 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$T_{3} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is easy to check that

$$\Omega^{SFPMOS} := C \cap_{i=1}^{3} T_{i}^{-1}(Q_{i}) = \{ (1 + \xi, \xi, -1, -1, 0.5) : \xi \in \mathbb{R} \}.$$

We now test the convergence of the iterative methods (3.2) and (3.12). The parameters  $t_n$  and  $\varepsilon_n$  are chosen as follows:

$$t_n = (n+1)^{-0.595}, \ \varepsilon_n = \begin{cases} \frac{2\gamma_F}{1+4\gamma_F} & \text{if } n \text{ even }, \\ \frac{2\gamma_F}{1+8\gamma_F} & \text{if } n \text{ odd }, \end{cases}$$

for all  $n \ge 0$ . Note that, in this case,  $|\varepsilon_{n+1} - \varepsilon_n| \to 0$ .

a) Applying the iterative method (3.2) with the initial point  $u_0 = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$ .

We see that  $u^* = (0.5, -0.5, -1, -1, 0.5)$  is the minimum norm solution to the problem. We use the condition  $\sigma_n := \|u_n - u^*\|^2 < \varepsilon$  to stop the iterative process, where  $\varepsilon$  is a given error. We obtain the following table of numerical results.

b) Applying the iterative method (3.12) with the initial point  $u_0 = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  and  $\bar{u} = (2, 1, -2, 1, 2)$ .

We see that  $p^* = P_{\Omega^{SFPMOS}}\bar{u} = (2, 1, -1, -1, 0.5)$ . Thus, in this case, we use the condition  $\sigma_n := ||u_n - p^*||^2 < \varepsilon$  to stop the iterative process, where  $\varepsilon$  is a given error. We obtain the following table of numerical results.

ε	$\sigma_n$	n	Time (s)
$10^{-2}$	$9.999885 \times 10^{-3}$	78256	2.510100
$10^{-3}$	$9.999951 \times 10^{-4}$	180996	5.883531
$10^{-4}$	$9.999973 \times 10^{-5}$	448854	14.459758

TABLE 1. Table of numerical results for the iterative method (3.2)

ε	$\sigma_n$	n	Time (s)
$10^{-2}$	$9.998124 \times 10^{-3}$	7639	0.284367
$10^{-3}$	$9.999802 \times 10^{-4}$	48086	1.781236
$10^{-4}$	$9.999975 \times 10^{-5}$	335068	11.933642

TABLE 2. Table of numerical results for the iterative method (3.12)

The behavior of the function  $\sigma_n$  in Table 1 and Table 2 is presented in the figure below.

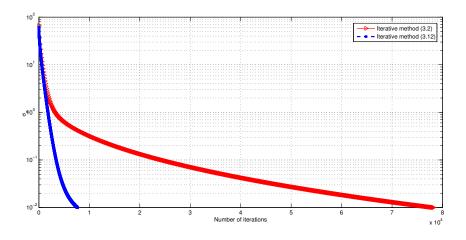


FIGURE 1. The behavior of  $\sigma_n$  with  $\varepsilon = 10^{-2}$ 

**Example 5.2.** Suppose that  $H = L^2[0,1]$  with the inner product  $\langle x,y \rangle = \int_0^1 x(t)y(t)dt$  for all  $x,y \in L^2[0,1]$  and the norm  $||x|| = \left(\int_0^1 x^2(t)dt\right)^{1/2}$  for all  $x \in L^2[0,1]$ . Consider the split feasibility problem with multiple output sets with the following data:

$$C = \{x \in L^2[0,1] : \langle a, x \rangle \le b\},$$
  

$$Q_i = \{y \in L^2[0,1] : \langle a_i, y \rangle \le b_i\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, 100,$$

where  $a(t) = t^2$ , b = 0.5,  $a_i(t) = \cos(it) + t$ , and  $b_i = 1/i$ , for all i = 1, 2, ..., 100. For each i = 1, 2, ..., 100, let  $T_i : L^2[0, 1] \to L^2[0, 1]$ , be linear operator which is defined by  $T_i x = ix$  for all  $x \in L^2[0, 1]$ .

It is easy to see that the solution set  $\Omega^{SFPMOS} \neq \emptyset$  because u(t) = 0 belongs to  $\Omega^{SFPMOS}$ .

We now test the convergence of the iterative method (3.2) with the initial point  $x_0(t) = \exp(t)$  and the parameter  $\varepsilon_n$  is chosen as in Example 5.1. In this case, we use the condition  $\sigma_n :=$ 

 $||u_{n+1} - u_n|| < \varepsilon$  to stop the iterative process, where  $\varepsilon$  is a given error. Moreover, at *n*th iteration step, we also define the number  $D_n$ , which is determined by

$$D_n = \max \left\{ \langle a, u_n \rangle - b, \max_{i=1,2,\dots,100} \left\{ \langle a_i, T_i u_n \rangle - b_i \right\} \right\}.$$

Note that if  $D_n \leq 0$ , then  $u_n \in \Omega$ . We obtain the following table of numerical results.

$t_n$	ε	$\sigma_n$	n	$D_n$	Time (s)
$t_n = 1/n^{0.25}$					
	$10^{-4}$	$9.998781 \times 10^{-5}$	240	0.646375	0.225530
	$10^{-5}$	$9.999578 \times 10^{-6}$	7680	0.194301	5.278357
	$10^{-6}$	$9.999913 \times 10^{-7}$	29673	0.021703	19.577540
$t_n = 1/n^{0.85}$					
	$10^{-4}$	$9.991735 \times 10^{-5}$	239	0.646896	0.222085
	$10^{-5}$	$9.999562 \times 10^{-6}$	7674	0.196354	5.248964
	$10^{-6}$	$9.999901 \times 10^{-7}$	29542	0.023546	19.285241

TABLE 3. Table of numerical results for the iterative method (3.2) for Example 5.2

The behavior of the function  $\sigma_n$  in Table 3 is presented in the figure below.

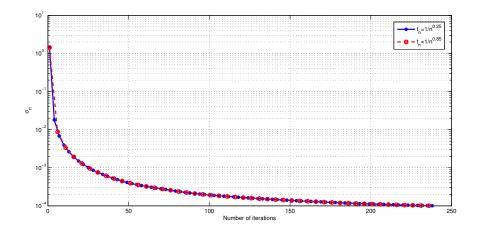


FIGURE 2. The behavior of  $\sigma_n$  with  $\varepsilon = 10^{-4}$ 

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