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# ALTERNATED INERTIAL SUBGRADIENT EXTRAGRADIENT METHODS FOR SOLVING VARIATIONAL INEQUALITIES

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ABSTRACT. The goal of this paper is to study some iterative algorithms for solving a pseudomonotone variational inequality in Hilbert spaces. The iterative algorithms presented in this paper are based on the alternated inertial method and the subgradient extragradient method. Weak convergence of the algorithms is established by the adaptive stepsize criterion in Hilbert spaces.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and induced norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , and let C be a nonempty, closed, and convex subset of  $\mathcal{H}$ . The variational inequality (for short, VI) is to find a point  $x^* \in C$  such that  $\langle Ax^*, x-x^* \rangle \geq 0$ ,  $\forall x \in C$ , where  $A : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  is a given mapping. For simplicity, let VI(C, A) denote the solution set of VI from now on. It is known that many researches, such as constrained minimization problems, equilibrium problems, and complementarity problems, are regarded as a special form of the VI, and many solution methods have been introduced to study the solutions of the VI recently; see, e.g., [2, 7-9, 20, 31] and the references therein. The most well-known extragradient method was proposed by Korpelevich [13] and Antipin [1]. Unfortunately, this method is limited from the viewpoint of computation. Thus, Censor et al. [6] designed a subgradient extragradient method (for short, SEG). For any a starting point  $x_1 \in \mathcal{H}$ , the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by the SEG is constructed by

$$\begin{cases} y_n = P_C(x_n - \lambda A x_n), \\ T_n = \{ u \in \mathcal{H} \mid \langle x_n - \lambda A x_n - y_n, u - y_n \rangle \le 0 \}, \\ x_{n+1} = P_{T_n}(x_n - \lambda A y_n), \end{cases}$$

where mapping A is monotone and L-Lipschitz continuous and  $P_C$  is a metric projection from  $\mathcal{H}$  onto C. If  $\lambda \in (0, \frac{1}{L})$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  converge weakly to a point in VI(C, A) according to Censor et al. [6]. In addition to these improvements, the condition of the employed mapping A in the VI has been weakened from strong monotonicity to monotonicity, or even pseudo-monotonicity. From the above research, many interesting results have been established; see, e.g., [4, 5, 14, 24, 27–29] and the references therein. In the large-scale data calculations, the improvement of the convergence rate of the iterative algorithms is also a particularly important work. For this reason, based on the heavy ball with friction dynamical system, Alvarez and Attouch [3] proposed an inertial proximal point algorithm (for short, IPPA) to solve the inclusion problem with maximal monotone mappings. By

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virtue of this feature, many inertial algorithms were introduced in recent years; see, e.g., [19, 25, 26, 32] for more details. Recently, Mu and Peng [17] pointed out that the sequence generated by IPPA loses the Fejér monotonicity of the sequence generated by the proximal point algorithm, and even fluctuates around the exact solution of the related problem. To overcome this shortcoming, they immediately proposed an alternated inertial proximal point algorithm and got the convergence of this algorithm in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Some recent results on alternated inertial can be found in [10, 21, 22].

Inspiration by Censor et al. [6] and Mu and Peng [17], we construct several new alternated inertial algorithms to find solutions of a pseudomonotone variational inequality and prove their convergence under the condition of the adaptive stepsize criterion.

### 2. Preliminaries

Some basic definitions and related lemmas are listed below. Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space and C be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of  $\mathcal{H}$ . The symbol  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ represents weak convergence of  $\{x_n\}$  to x. The metric projection of  $\mathcal{H}$  onto C is expressed as  $P_C$ , i.e.,  $P_C(x) := \operatorname{argmin}_{y \in C} ||x-y||, \forall x \in \mathcal{H}$ . In addition,  $P_C$  satisfies the following property:  $\langle P_C x - x, P_C x - y \rangle \leq 0, \forall y \in C \Leftrightarrow ||y - P_C x||^2 + ||x - P_C x||^2 \leq$  $||x-y||^2$ . Meanwhile, for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\sigma \in R$ , the following statement holds:

(2.1) 
$$\|\sigma x + (1-\sigma)y\|^2 = \sigma \|x\|^2 + (1-\sigma)\|y\|^2 - \sigma(1-\sigma)\|x-y\|^2.$$

**Definition 2.1.** For any  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ , a mapping  $A : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  is said to be (1) monotone if  $\langle Ax - Ay, x - y \rangle \ge 0$ ; (2) pseudomonotone if  $\langle Ay, x - y \rangle \ge 0 \Rightarrow \langle Ax, x - y \rangle \ge 0$ ; (3) *L*-Lipschitz continuous if there exists L > 0 such that  $||Ax - Ay|| \le L||x - y||$ .

**Lemma 2.2** ([16]). Let C be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $A : C \to \mathcal{H}$  be a pseudomonotone and continuous mapping. Then,  $x^* \in VI(C, A)$  if and only if  $\langle Ax, x - x^* \rangle \geq 0, \forall x \in C$ .

**Lemma 2.3** ([18]). Let C be a nonempty subset of  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$  such that the following conditions hold: (i) for every  $x \in C$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - x||$  exists; (ii) every sequentially weak cluster point of  $\{x_n\}$  is in C. Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to a point in C.

**Lemma 2.4** ([11]). Let  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  be two real Hilbert spaces. Suppose that  $A : \mathcal{H}_1 \to \mathcal{H}_2$  is uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and Q is a bounded subset of  $\mathcal{H}_1$ . Then, A(Q) is bounded.

## 3. Alternated inertial subgradient extragradient methods

In this section, we introduce two iterative algorithms to solve the pseudomonotone variational inequality based on the subgradient extragradient method by using the idea of alternated inertial terms and the adaptive stepsize. To begin with, suppose that the solution set VI(C, A) is nonempty and some standard assumptions are as follows:

(A1)  $\mathcal{H}$  is a Hilbert space and C is a nonempty, closed and convex subset of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

- (A2) The mapping  $A : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  is pseudomonotone and *L*-Lipschitz continuous but *L* is unknown.
- (A2<sup>†</sup>) The mapping  $A : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  is pseudomonotone on  $\mathcal{H}$  and uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- (A3) The mapping  $A: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  satisfies the following condition

whenever 
$$\{x_n\} \subset C$$
 and  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ , one has  $||Ax|| \leq \liminf_{n \to \infty} ||Ax_n||$ .

Based on the above setting conditions, the improved algorithms are of the form:

Algorithm 3.1. Give  $\lambda_1 > 0$ ,  $\mu \in (0,1)$  and two nonnegative real numbers sequences  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\xi_n\}$  satisfying  $\alpha_n \in [0,\alpha] \subset [0,\frac{1-\mu}{2})$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \xi_n < +\infty$ . Choose initial values  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{H}$  and set n := 1. Step 1. Compute

(3.1) 
$$w_n = \begin{cases} x_n, & n = \text{even}, \\ x_n + \alpha (x_n - x_{n-1}), & n = \text{odd}. \end{cases}$$

**Step 2.** Compute  $y_n = P_C(w_n - \lambda_n A w_n)$ . If  $w_n = y_n$  or  $Ay_n = 0$ , then stop. Otherwise, go to **Step 3**.

Step 3. Compute  $x_{n+1} = P_{T_n}(w_n - \lambda_n A y_n)$ , where  $T_n := \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid \langle w_n - \lambda_n A w_n - y_n, x - y_n \rangle \leq 0\}$ .

$$\lambda_{n+1} = \begin{cases} \min \left\{ \mu \frac{\|w_n - y_n\|^2 + \|x_{n+1} - y_n\|^2}{2\langle Aw_n - Ay_n, x_{n+1} - y_n \rangle}, \lambda_n + \xi_n \right\}, & \text{if } \langle Aw_n - Ay_n, x_{n+1} - y_n \rangle > 0, \\ \lambda_n + \xi_n, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Set n := n + 1 and return **Step 1**.

Algorithm 3.2. Give  $l, \mu \in (0, 1), \gamma > 0$  and a nonnegative real numbers sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$  satisfying  $\alpha_n \in [0, \alpha] \subset [0, \frac{1-\mu}{2})$ . Choose initial values  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{H}$  and set n := 1.

Step 1. Compute

$$w_n = \begin{cases} x_n, & n = \text{even}, \\ x_n + \alpha(x_n - x_{n-1}), & n = \text{odd.} \end{cases}$$

Step 2. Compute  $y_n = P_C(w_n - \lambda_n A w_n)$ , where  $\lambda_n := \gamma l^{m_n}$  and  $m_n$  is the smallest nonnegative integer m satisfying  $\gamma l^m ||Aw_n - Ay_n|| \le \mu ||w_n - y_n||$ . If  $w_n = y_n$  or  $Ay_n = 0$ , then stop. Otherwise, go to Step 3.

**Step 3.** Compute  $x_{n+1} = P_{T_n}(w_n - \lambda_n A y_n)$ , where  $T_n := \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid \langle w_n - \lambda_n A w_n - y_n, x - y_n \rangle \leq 0\}$ , and set n := n + 1 and return **Step 1**.

**Remark 3.3.** In the past, when dealing with the pseudomonotone variational inequality (see, e.g., [27, 28]), the assigned mapping was always endowed with the sequentially weakly continuity, (for each sequence  $\{x_n\}$  with  $x_n \rightarrow x$  implies  $Ax_n$ converges weakly to Ax). It is worth noting that a weak condition setting, Condition (A3), is taken into consideration on the mapping A. In fact, if A is sequentially weakly continuous, Condition (A3) holds under the weak lower semicontinuity of the norm. On the contrary, it is not true. Some existing examples, which suffice to illustrate this point can be found in [29]. **Remark 3.4.** If  $w_n = y_n$  or  $Ay_n = 0$  for some *n* (that is, Algorithms 3.1 and 3.2 stop at the *n*-th iteration), then  $y_n$  is a solution of the VI. This stop criterion is also considered in many other subgradient extragradient algorithms; see, e.g., [27–29].

# 3.1. Convergence of Algorithm 3.1.

**Lemma 3.5** ([15, 24]). Assume that Conditions (A1) and (A2) hold. Then the adaptive stepsize  $\{\lambda_n\}$  in Algorithm 3.1 is well-defined and has the following property:  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \lambda_n = \lambda$  with  $\lambda \in [\min\{\frac{\mu}{L}, \lambda_1\}, \lambda_1 + \xi]$ , and  $\xi = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \xi_n$ .

**Lemma 3.6** ([29]). Suppose that Conditions (A1) and (A2) hold. For any  $n \ge 1$ and  $x^* \in VI(C, A)$ , the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 3.1 has the following property:  $\|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 \le \|w_n - x^*\|^2 - (1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_{n+1}}) (\|w_n - y_n\|^2 + \|x_{n+1} - y_n\|^2)$ .

**Lemma 3.7.** Suppose that Conditions (A1) and (A2) hold. The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 3.1 has the following properties:

(I) For any 
$$n \ge 1$$
 and  $x^* \in VI(C, A)$ ,  
 $\|x_{2n+2} - x^*\|^2$   
 $\le \|x_{2n} - x^*\|^2 - \left(1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n+1}}{\lambda_{2n+2}}\right) \left(\|w_{2n+1} - y_{2n+1}\|^2 + \|x_{2n+2} - y_{2n+1}\|^2\right)$   
 $- (1 + \alpha_{2n+1}) \left(1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{\lambda_{2n+1}} - 2\alpha_{2n+1}\right) \left(\|x_{2n} - y_{2n}\|^2 + \|x_{2n+1} - y_{2n}\|^2\right).$ 
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(II)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_{2n} - x^*||$  exists and the sequence  $\{x_{2n}\}$  is bounded.

*Proof.* (I) According to VI(C, A) and Algorithm 3.1, it is obvious that  $VI(C, A) \subset C \subset T_n$ . Setting n := 2n + 1 and  $x^* \in VI(C, A)$ , we have from Lemma 3.6 that

$$\|x_{2n+2} - x^*\|^2$$
(3.2)
$$\leq \|w_{2n+1} - x^*\|^2 - \left(1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n+1}}{\lambda_{2n+2}}\right) \left(\|x_{2n+2} - y_{2n+1}\|^2 + \|y_{2n+1} - w_{2n+1}\|^2\right)$$

Applying (2.1) to (3.1), we obtain

(3.3) 
$$\|w_{2n+1} - x^*\|^2 = (1 + \alpha_{2n+1}) \|x_{2n+1} - x^*\|^2 - \alpha_{2n+1} \|x_{2n} - x^*\|^2 + \alpha_{2n+1} (1 + \alpha_{2n+1}) \|x_{2n+1} - x_{2n}\|^2.$$

Besides, using Lemma 3.6 again, and setting n := 2n, we have

(3.4) 
$$\|x_{2n+1} - x^*\|^2 \leq \|x_{2n} - x^*\|^2 - \left(1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{\lambda_{2n+1}}\right) \left(\|x_{2n+1} - y_{2n}\|^2 + \|y_{2n} - x_{2n}\|^2\right).$$

Adding (3.3) and (3.4), we see that

(3.5) 
$$\begin{aligned} \|w_{2n+1} - x^*\|^2 \\ \leq \|x_{2n} - x^*\|^2 + \alpha_{2n+1} \left(1 + \alpha_{2n+1}\right) \|x_{2n+1} - x_{2n}\|^2 \\ - \left(1 + \alpha_{2n+1}\right) \left(1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{\lambda_{2n+1}}\right) \left(\|x_{2n+1} - y_{2n}\|^2 + \|y_{2n} - x_{2n}\|^2\right). \end{aligned}$$

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Further, put (3.5) into (3.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{2n+2} - x^*\|^2 \\ \leq \|x_{2n} - x^*\|^2 - \left(1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n+1}}{\lambda_{2n+2}}\right) \left(\|w_{2n+1} - y_{2n+1}\|^2 + \|x_{2n+2} - y_{2n+1}\|^2\right) \\ - \left(1 + \alpha_{2n+1}\right) \left(1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{\lambda_{2n+1}} - 2\alpha_{2n+1}\right) \left(\|x_{2n} - y_{2n}\|^2 + \|x_{2n+1} - y_{2n}\|^2\right). \end{aligned}$$

(II) Using Lemma 3.5 and  $\alpha_n \in [0, \alpha] \subset [0, \frac{1-\mu}{2})$ , we observe that  $1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{\lambda_{2n+1}} - 2\alpha_{2n+1} \ge 1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{\lambda_{2n+1}} - 2\alpha$  and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( 1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n+1}}{\lambda_{2n+2}} \right) = 1 - \mu > 0, \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( 1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{\lambda_{2n+1}} - 2\alpha \right) = 1 - \mu - 2\alpha > 0.$$

Therefore, there exists a nonnegative integer N such that  $1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{\lambda_{2n+1}} - 2\alpha > 0$ ,  $n \ge N$ . In the light of Lemma 3.6, we have  $||x_{2n+2} - x^*|| \le ||x_{2n} - x^*||$ ,  $n \ge N$ , which implies that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_{2n} - x^*||$  exists and  $\{x_{2n}\}$  is bounded.

**Lemma 3.8.** Assume that Conditions (A1) and (A2) hold and  $\{x_n\}$  is generated by Algorithm 3.1. Then all weak cluster points of  $\{x_{2n}\}$  are contained in VI(C, A).

*Proof.* First, using Lemma 3.7 and setting  $n \to \infty$ , we obtain

(3.6) 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_{2n} - y_{2n}\| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_{2n+1} - y_{2n}\| = 0.$$

In view of the Lipschitz continuity of A, we have

(3.7) 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|Ax_{2n} - Ay_{2n}\| \le \lim_{n \to \infty} L\|x_{2n} - y_{2n}\| = 0.$$

Further, without loss of generality, we assume that a subsequence  $\{x_{2n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_{2n}\}$  converges weakly  $\tilde{x} \in \mathcal{H}$ . It follows from  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_{2n} - y_{2n}|| = 0$  that  $\{y_{2n_i}\}$  also converges weakly to  $\tilde{x}$ . Since C is closed and convex subset in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\{y_{2n_i}\}$  is contained in C, then  $\tilde{x} \in C$ . Using the definition of  $y_n$  and  $w_{2n} = x_{2n}$ , we have  $\langle x_{2n_i} - \lambda_{2n_i}Ax_{2n_i} - y_{2n_i}, x - y_{2n_i} \rangle \leq 0, \forall x \in C$ . Equivalently, we can derive the following form

$$(3.8) \quad \frac{1}{\lambda_{2n_i}} \langle x_{2n_i} - y_{2n_i}, x - y_{2n_i} \rangle + \langle Ax_{2n_i}, y_{2n_i} - x_{2n_i} \rangle \le \langle Ax_{2n_i}, x - x_{2n_i} \rangle, \ \forall x \in C.$$

Since A is Lipschitz continuous, then  $\{Ax_{2n_i}\}$  is bounded. Furthermore, letting  $i \to \infty$  in inequality (3.8), we obtain

(3.9) 
$$\liminf_{i \to \infty} \langle Ax_{2n_i}, x - x_{2n_i} \rangle \ge 0, \ \forall x \in C.$$

Moreover, by (3.6), (3.7) and (3.9), we obtain

 $\langle Ay_{2n_i}, x - y_{2n_i} \rangle = \langle Ay_{2n_i} - Ax_{2n_i}, x - x_{2n_i} \rangle + \langle Ax_{2n_i}, x - x_{2n_i} \rangle + \langle Ay_{2n_i}, x_{2n_i} - y_{2n_i} \rangle$  and

(3.10) 
$$\liminf_{i \to \infty} \langle Ay_{2n_i}, x - y_{2n_i} \rangle \ge 0, \ \forall x \in C.$$

Next, choose a decreasing positive numbers sequence  $\{\theta_i\}$  such that  $\lim_{i\to\infty} \theta_i = 0$ . For each  $i \ge 1$ , we can always find the smallest positive integer  $M_i$  such that

(3.11) 
$$\langle Ay_{2n_j}, x - y_{2n_j} \rangle + \theta_i \ge 0, \ \forall j \ge M_i;$$

where the existence of  $M_i$  follows from (3.10). Meanwhile, since  $\{\theta_i\}$  is decreasing, then  $\{M_i\}$  is increasing. On the other hand, for each *i*, suppose  $Ay_{2n_{M_i}} \neq 0$ , otherwise,  $y_{2n_{M_i}}$  is a solution of VI. Setting  $z_{2n_{M_i}} = \frac{Ay_{2n_{M_i}}}{\|Ay_{2n_{M_i}}\|^2}$ , one get  $\langle Ay_{2n_{M_i}}, z_{2n_{M_i}} \rangle =$ 1 for each *i*. Naturally, it follows from (3.11) that  $\langle Ay_{2n_{M_i}}, x + \theta_i z_{2n_{M_i}} - y_{2n_{M_i}} \rangle \geq 0$ . By the fact that the mapping *A* is pseudomonotone, we have

(3.12) 
$$\langle A(x + \theta_i z_{2n_{M_i}}), x + \theta_i z_{2n_{M_i}} - y_{2n_{M_i}} \rangle \ge 0.$$

Suppose  $A\tilde{x} \neq 0$  (otherwise,  $\tilde{x}$  is a solution). By means of Condition (A3), we obtain  $0 < ||Ax^*|| \le \liminf_{i\to\infty} ||Ay_{2n_i}||$ . Since  $\{y_{2n_{M_i}}\} \subset \{y_{2n_i}\}$  and  $\theta_i \to 0$  as  $i \to \infty$ , we obtain

$$0 \le \limsup_{i \to \infty} \left\| \theta_i z_{2n_{M_i}} \right\| = \limsup_{i \to \infty} \left( \frac{\theta_i}{\|Ay_{2n_i}\|} \right) \le \frac{\limsup_{i \to \infty} \theta_i}{\liminf_{i \to \infty} \|Ay_{2n_i}\|} = 0,$$

which implies that  $\lim_{i\to\infty} \theta_i z_{2n_{M_i}} = 0$ . Further, for all  $x \in C$ , we have (3.13)

$$\langle Ax, x - \tilde{x} \rangle = \liminf_{i \to \infty} \langle Ax, x - y_{2n_{M_i}} \rangle$$
  
 
$$\geq \liminf_{i \to \infty} \langle Ax - A(x + \theta_i z_{2n_{M_i}}), x + \theta_i z_{2n_{M_i}} - y_{2n_{M_i}} \rangle - \liminf_{i \to \infty} \theta_i \langle Ax, z_{2n_{M_i}} \rangle = 0.$$

As a consequence, we have  $\tilde{x} \in VI(C, A)$  by Lemma 2.2.

**Theorem 3.9.** Assume that Conditions (A1), (A2), and (A3) hold. The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 3.1 converges weakly to a point in VI(C, A).

*Proof.* Based on the results in Lemmas 3.7 and 3.8, we can obtain that the whole sequence  $\{x_{2n}\}$  converges weakly to a point in VI(C, A) by Lemma 2.3. In addition, suppose that  $\{x_{2n}\}$  converges weakly to  $\tilde{x} \in VI(C, A)$  and  $\{x_{2n}\}$  converges weakly to  $\tilde{x} \in VI(C, A)$  and  $\{x_{2n}\}$  converges weakly to  $\tilde{x} \in VI(C, A)$ . Then  $\tilde{x} = \bar{x}$  by Remark 5.1.12 in [23], which implies that  $\tilde{x}$  is unique. Last, for all  $y \in \mathcal{H}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle x_{2n+1} - \tilde{x}, y \rangle| &\leq |\langle x_{2n} - \tilde{x}, y \rangle| + |\langle x_{2n+1} - x_{2n}, y \rangle| \\ &\leq |\langle x_{2n} - \tilde{x}, y \rangle| + ||x_{2n+1} - x_{2n}|| ||y|| \to 0, \text{ as } n \to \infty \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\{x_{2n+1}\}$  converges weakly to  $\tilde{x}$  in VI(C, A). In summary,  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to a point  $\tilde{x} \in VI(C, A)$ . This completes the proof.

### 3.2. Convergence of Algorithm 3.2.

**Lemma 3.10** ([12]). Suppose that Conditions (A1) and (A2<sup> $\dagger$ </sup>) hold.

- (I) The Armijo line-search stepsize sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$  in Algorithm 3.2 is welldefined and  $\lambda_n \leq \gamma$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .
- (II) For any  $n \ge 1$  and  $x^* \in VI(C, A)$ , the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 3.2 has the following property:

$$||x_{n+1} - x^*||^2 \le ||w_n - x^*||^2 - (1 - \mu) \left( ||w_n - y_n||^2 + ||x_{n+1} - y_n||^2 \right)$$

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**Lemma 3.11.** Suppose that Conditions (A1) and (A2<sup>†</sup>) hold. The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 3.2 has the following properties:

(I) For any  $n \ge 1$  and  $x^* \in VI(C, A)$ ,

$$||x_{2n+2} - x^*||^2 \le ||x_{2n} - x^*||^2 - (1 - \mu) \left( ||w_{2n+1} - y_{2n+1}||^2 + ||x_{2n+2} - y_{2n+1}||^2 \right) - (1 + \alpha_{2n+1}) \left( 1 - \mu - 2\alpha_{2n+1} \right) \left( ||x_{2n} - y_{2n}||^2 + ||x_{2n+1} - y_{2n}||^2 \right).$$

(II)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_{2n} - x^*||$  exists and  $\{x_{2n}\}$  is bounded.

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Lemma 3.7.

**Lemma 3.12.** Assume that Conditions (A1) and (A2<sup>†</sup>) hold and the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is generated by Algorithm 3.2. Then all weak cluster points of  $\{x_{2n}\}$  are contained in the solution set VI(C, A).

*Proof.* By means of Lemma 3.11, there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{2n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_{2n}\}$  that converges weakly to a point in  $\mathcal{H}$ , and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_{2n} - y_{2n}|| = 0$ . Following the exists proof as in [12, Lemma 3.2], we have  $\liminf_{i\to\infty} \langle Ax_{2n_i}, x - x_{2n_i} \rangle \ge 0$ ,  $\forall x \in C$ . Combining the uniformly continuity of A and the proofs of Lemma 3.8, we also assert that all weak cluster points of  $\{x_{2n}\}$  are contained in VI(C, A).

**Theorem 3.13.** Assume that Conditions (A1), (A2<sup>†</sup>), and (A3) hold. The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 3.2 converges weakly to a point in VI(C, A).

*Proof.* Using the method of Theorem 3.9, it follows from Lemmas 3.11 and 3.12 that  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 3.2 converges weakly to a point in VI(C, A). This completes the proof.

# 4. Alternated inertial subgradient extragradient methods with relaxed terms

Under two different adaptive stepsize rules, two modified subgradient extragradient algorithms are given by combining the alternated inertial method, and the even sequence generated by Algorithm 3.1 (or Algorithm 3.2) has Fejér monotonicity. Theoretically, the weak convergence theorems are proved under the weak constraint assumption for A. But, the shortcoming is that the coefficient  $\alpha_n$  in the alternated inertial is always between 0 and  $\frac{1-\mu}{2}$ , and even approaches 0 due to the value of  $\mu$ . To solve this problem, we introduce the following relaxed algorithms to weaken the constraint.

**Algorithm 4.1.** Give  $\lambda_1 > 0$ ,  $\mu \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\theta \in (0, \frac{1}{3})$ , and a nonnegative real numbers sequences  $\{\xi_n\}$  satisfying  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \xi_n < +\infty$ . Choose initial values  $x_0$ ,  $x_1 \in \mathcal{H}$  and set n := 1.

Step 1. Compute

$$w_n = \begin{cases} x_n, & n = \text{even}, \\ x_n + \alpha_n (x_n - x_{n-1}), & n = \text{odd.} \end{cases}$$

**Step 2.** Compute  $y_n = P_C(w_n - \lambda_n A w_n)$ . If  $w_n = y_n$  or  $Ay_n = 0$ , then stop. Otherwise, go to **Step 3**.

**Step 3.** Compute  $u_n = P_{T_n}(w_n - \lambda_n A y_n)$ , where  $T_n := \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid \langle w_n - \lambda_n A w_n - \lambda_n$ 

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$$\begin{split} y_n, x - y_n \rangle &\leq 0 \}. \\ \textbf{Step 4. Compute } x_{n+1} = (1 - \theta) x_n + \theta u_n. \text{ Update} \\ \lambda_{n+1} &= \begin{cases} \min \left\{ \mu \frac{\|w_n - y_n\|^2 + \|u_n - y_n\|^2}{2\langle Aw_n - Ay_n, u_n - y_n \rangle}, \lambda_n + \xi_n \right\}, & \text{if } \langle Aw_n - Ay_n, u_n - y_n \rangle > 0, \\ \lambda_n + \xi_n, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \end{split}$$

and set n := n + 1 and return **Step 1**.

Algorithm 4.2. Given  $l, \mu \in (0, 1), \gamma > 0, \alpha \in [0, 1]$ , and  $\theta \in (0, \frac{1}{3})$ . Choose initial values  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathcal{H}$  and set n := 1. Step 1. Compute

$$w_n = \begin{cases} x_n, & n = \text{even}, \\ x_n + \alpha_n (x_n - x_{n-1}), & n = \text{odd.} \end{cases}$$

**Step 2.** Compute  $y_n = P_C(w_n - \lambda_n A w_n)$ , where  $\lambda_n := \gamma l^{m_n}$  and  $m_n$  is the smallest nonnegative integer m satisfying  $\gamma l^m ||Aw_n - Ay_n|| \le \mu ||w_n - y_n||$ . If  $w_n = y_n$  or  $Ay_n = 0$ , then stop. Otherwise, go to **Step 3**.

**Step 3.** Compute  $u_n = P_{T_n}(w_n - \lambda_n A y_n)$ , where  $T_n := \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid \langle w_n - \lambda_n A w_n - y_n, x - y_n \rangle \leq 0\}$ .

**Step 4.** Compute  $x_{n+1} = (1 - \theta)x_n + \theta u_n$  and set n := n + 1 and return **Step 1**.

Similarly, the corresponding convergence theorems are given below and verified with the lemmas and proofs in Section 3.

**Theorem 4.3.** Assume that Conditions (A1), (A2), and (A3) hold. The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 4.1 converges weakly to a point in VI(C, A).

*Proof.* Let  $x^* \in VI(C, A)$ . From  $x_{n+1}$  and (2.1), we have

(4.1) 
$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 &= (1-\theta) \|x_n - x^*\|^2 + \theta \|u_n - x^*\|^2 - \theta (1-\theta) \|x_n - u_n\|^2 \\ &= (1-\theta) \|x_n - x^*\|^2 + \theta \|u_n - x^*\|^2 - \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Further, it follows from Lemma 3.6 that

(4.2) 
$$||u_n - x^*||^2 \le ||w_n - x^*||^2 - \left(1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_{n+1}}\right) (||w_n - y_n||^2 + ||u_n - y_n||^2).$$

Applying (4.2) to (4.1), we obtain

(4.3) 
$$\|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 \leq (1-\theta) \|x_n - x^*\|^2 + \theta \|w_n - x^*\|^2 \\ - \theta \Big(1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_{n+1}}\Big) \Pi_n - \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\|^2,$$

where  $\Pi_n = \|w_n - y_n\|^2 + \|u_n - y_n\|^2$ . Setting n := 2n + 1 yields  $\|x_{2n+2} - x^*\|^2 \le (1-\theta) \|x_{2n+1} - x^*\|^2 + \theta \|w_{2n+1} - x^*\|^2$ 

(4.4) 
$$-\theta \left(1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n+1}}{\lambda_{2n+2}}\right) \Pi_{2n+1} - \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \|x_{2n+2} - x_{2n+1}\|^2.$$

In addition, using the definition of  $w_n$  and setting n := 2n in (4.3), we have

(4.5) 
$$\begin{aligned} \|w_{2n+1} - x^*\|^2 \\ = (1+\alpha)\|x_{2n+1} - x^*\|^2 - \alpha\|x_{2n} - x^*\|^2 + \alpha(1+\alpha)\|x_{2n+1} - x_{2n}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

(4.6)  
$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{2n+1} - x^*\|^2 &\leq (1-\theta) \|x_{2n} - x^*\|^2 + \theta \|w_{2n} - x^*\|^2 \\ &- \theta \Big(1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{\lambda_{2n+1}}\Big) \Pi_{2n} - \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \|x_{2n+1} - x_{2n}\|^2 \\ &= \|x_{2n} - x^*\|^2 - \theta \Big(1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{\lambda_{2n+1}}\Big) \Pi_{2n} - \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \|x_{2n+1} - x_{2n}\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

So, (4.5) and (4.6) are applied to (4.4) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{2n+2} - x^*\|^2 \\ \leq & (1+\theta\alpha) \|x_{2n+1} - x^*\|^2 - \theta\alpha \|x_{2n} - x^*\|^2 + \theta\alpha(1+\alpha) \|x_{2n+1} - x_{2n}\|^2 \\ & - \theta \Big( 1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n+1}}{\lambda_{2n+2}} \Big) \Pi_{2n+1} - \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \|x_{2n+2} - x_{2n+1}\|^2 \\ \leq & \|x_{2n} - x^*\|^2 - \Big( \frac{(1-\theta)(1+\theta\alpha)}{\theta} - \theta\alpha(1+\alpha) \Big) \|x_{2n+1} - x_{2n}\|^2 \\ & - (1+\theta\alpha)\theta \Big( 1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{\lambda_{2n+1}} \Big) \Pi_{2n} - \theta \Big( 1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n+1}}{\lambda_{2n+2}} \Big) \Pi_{2n+1} - \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \|x_{2n+2} - x_{2n+1}\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.5,  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ ,  $\mu \in (0,1)$  and  $\theta \in (0,\frac{1}{3})$ , we obtain  $\frac{(1-\theta)(1+\theta\alpha)}{\theta} - \theta\alpha(1+\alpha) > 0$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \left(1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n+1}}{\lambda_{2n+2}}\right) = 1 - \mu > 0$ , and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \left(1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{\lambda_{2n+1}}\right) = 1 - \mu > 0$ . In other words, there exists a nonnegative integer  $N_0$  such that  $1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{\lambda_{2n+1}} > 0$  and  $1 - \mu \frac{\lambda_{2n+2}}{\lambda_{2n+2}} > 0$  for all  $n \ge N_0$ . Then,  $||x_{2n+2} - x^*|| \le ||x_{2n} - x^*||$ ,  $n \ge N_0$ , which implies that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_{2n} - x^*||$  exists and  $\{x_{2n}\}$  is bounded. In addition, similar to the proofs of Lemma 3.8 and Theorem 3.9, it is easy to see that  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 4.1 converges weakly to a point in VI(C, A).

**Theorem 4.4.** Assume that Conditions (A1), (A2<sup>†</sup>), and (A3) hold. The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 4.2 converges weakly to a point in VI(C, A).

*Proof.* Fix  $x^* \in VI(C, A)$ . It follows from Lemma 3.10 that

(4.7) 
$$||u_n - x^*||^2 \le ||w_n - x^*||^2 - (1 - \mu)(||w_n - y_n||^2 + ||u_n - y_n||^2).$$

Further, (4.7) is merged into (4.1), we have

(4.8)  
$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_{n+1} - x^*\|^2 \\ \leq & (1-\theta)\|x_n - x^*\|^2 + \theta \|w_n - x^*\|^2 - \theta (1-\mu)\Psi_n - \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Psi_n = ||w_n - y_n||^2 + ||u_n - y_n||^2$ . Let n := 2n + 1 and n := 2n. We obtain

(4.9) 
$$\|x_{2n+2} - x^*\|^2 \leq (1-\theta) \|x_{2n+1} - x^*\|^2 + \theta \|w_{2n+1} - x^*\|^2 \\ - \theta (1-\mu) \Psi_{2n+1} - \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \|x_{2n+2} - x_{2n+1}\|^2$$

and

(4.10) 
$$||x_{2n+1} - x^*||^2 \le ||x_{2n} - x^*||^2 - \theta(1-\mu)\Psi_{2n} - \frac{1-\theta}{\theta}||x_{2n+1} - x_{2n}||^2.$$

So, (4.5) and (4.10) are applied to (4.9) to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{2n+2} - x^*\|^2 \\ \leq (1+\theta\alpha) \|x_{2n+1} - x^*\|^2 - \theta\alpha \|x_{2n} - x^*\|^2 + \theta\alpha(1+\alpha) \|x_{2n+1} - x_{2n}\|^2 \\ - \theta(1-\mu)\Psi_{2n+1} - \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \|x_{2n+2} - x_{2n+1}\|^2 \\ \leq \|x_{2n} - x^*\|^2 - \left(\frac{(1-\theta)(1+\theta\alpha)}{\theta} - \theta\alpha(1+\alpha)\right) \|x_{2n+1} - x_{2n}\|^2 \\ - (1+\theta\alpha)\theta(1-\mu)\Psi_{2n} - \theta(1-\mu)\Psi_{2n+1} - \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \|x_{2n+2} - x_{2n+1}\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.5,  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\mu \in (0, 1)$  and  $\theta \in (0, \frac{1}{3})$ , we have  $\frac{(1-\theta)(1+\theta\alpha)}{\theta} - \theta\alpha(1+\alpha) > 0$  and  $1 - \mu > 0$ . Hence,  $||x_{2n+2} - x^*|| \le ||x_{2n} - x^*||$ ,  $n \ge 1$ , which implies that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_{2n} - x^*||$  exists and  $\{x_{2n}\}$  is bounded. Naturally, using the proofs as in Lemma 3.12 and Theorem 3.13, we obtain that  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 4.2 converges weakly to a point in VI(C, A).

# 5. Some significant remarks

**Remark 5.1.** In Algorithms 3.1 and 4.1, the adaptive stepsize sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$  has two remarkable characteristics. First, the selected stepsize in a large number of existing algorithms is usually a fixed constant or a non-increasing sequence. However, the stepsize  $\{\lambda_n\}$  in our algorithms is generated adaptively and can be increased with the number of iterations. The other is to insert a summable nonnegative real numbers sequence  $\{\xi_n\}$  into the calculation of  $\{\lambda_n\}$ . In fact, the limit of such a sequence  $\{\xi_n\}$  is equal to 0 as  $n \to \infty$ , which means that this sequence is nonincreasing if n is large enough.

Derived from Remark 5.1, the following cases can be used as a minor modification or a special case of  $\{\lambda_n\}$  in Algorithms 3.1 and 4.1.

**Case 1**: The adaptive stepsize sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is updated in the following form

$$\lambda_{n+1} = \begin{cases} \min\left\{\frac{\mu \|w_n - y_n\|}{\|Aw_n - Ay_n\|}, \lambda_n + \xi_n\right\}, & \text{if } Aw_n \neq Ay_n, \\ \lambda_n + \xi_n, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

From Liu and Yang [15], the same conclusion as Lemma 3.5 is obtained, i.e., the sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$  has the property that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \lambda_n = \lambda$  with  $\lambda \in [\min\{\frac{\mu}{L}, \lambda_1\}, \lambda_1 + \xi]$  and  $\xi = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \xi_n$ . Meanwhile, using the same method in [29], Lemma 3.6 is still valid for such a stepsize sequence. Further, the conclusions in Theorems 3.9 and 4.3 are still obtained.

**Case 2:** For  $\{\lambda_n\}$  defined in Algorithm 3.1 and Case 1, if  $\xi_n \equiv 0$ , then  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is converted to a non-increasing stepsize sequence with a lower bound  $\min\{\frac{\mu}{L}, \lambda_1\}$ , which directly indicates that the limit of  $\{\lambda_n\}$  exists. The sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$  in this case is also widely used in iterative algorithms to solve VI. For more information, see the literatures [12,29,30]. Naturally, the same weak convergence is proved when such stepsize sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is added to Algorithms 3.1 and 4.1.

**Case 3**: In Algorithms 3.1 and 4.1,  $\{\lambda_n\}$  is a constant sequence, i.e.,  $\lambda_n \equiv \lambda$  with  $\lambda > 0$ . Inevitably, the Lipschitz constant L of the involved mapping A must

be known. In this case, our results can be still established under the following circumstances.

- $\lambda \in (0, \frac{1}{L})$  and  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [0, \alpha] \subset [0, \frac{1-\lambda L}{2})$  in Algorithm 3.1;  $\lambda \in (0, \frac{1}{L})$  in Algorithm 4.1.

**Remark 5.2.** Two different types of stepsize selection in our algorithms have different characteristics. The first one is  $\{\lambda_n\}$  in Algorithms 3.1 and 4.1 as described in Remark 5.1, and the other is the Armijo line-search rule in Algorithms 3.2 and 4.2, which is to find a suitable stepsize in each iteration (for this reason, the projection value  $y_n$  will be repeatedly calculated until  $\lambda_n$  is found). It is worth noting that under the Armijo line-search rule, mapping A only needs to satisfy uniformly continuity that is a weaker condition of the L-Lipschitz continuous mapping.

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