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# A GENERALIZED QUASI-RESIDUAL PRINCIPLE IN REGULARIZATION FOR A SOLUTION OF A FINITE SYSTEM OF ILL-POSED EQUATIONS IN BANACH SPACES

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Abstract. In this paper we present a generalized quasi-residual principle to select a value for regularization parameter in the Browder–Tikhonov regularization method, for finding a solution of a system of ill-posed equations involving potential, hemicontinuous and monotone mappings on Banach spaces. An estimate of convergence rates for regularized solution is also established.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let E be a real reflexive Banach space and  $E^*$  be its dual space, which both are assumed to be strictly convex. For the sake of simplicity, norms of E and  $E^*$  are denoted by the symbol  $\|.\|$  and  $\langle x^*, x \rangle$  denotes the value of the linear and continuous functional  $x^* \in E^*$  at the point  $x \in E$ . When  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $E, x_n \to x$  means that  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to x and  $x_n \to x$ means the strong convergence.

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In addition, we assume that E possesses the ES-property: weak convergence and convergence in norms for any sequence in E follow its strong convergence.

Consider the problem of finding a solution for a system of the following equations

$$A_i(x) = f_i, \quad f_i \in E^*, \ i = 0, 1, \dots, N,$$
(1.1)

where N is a fixed positive integer and  $A_i$  is a potential, hemicontinuous and monotone mapping on E, i.e.,  $\mathcal{D}(A_i) \equiv E$  for  $i = 0, 1, \ldots, N$ , and  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ denotes the domain of A. Recall that a mapping A of domain  $\mathcal{D}(A) \subseteq E$  into  $E^*$  is called  $\lambda$ -inverse-strongly monotone, iff

$$\langle A(x) - A(y), x - y \rangle \ge \lambda \|A(x) - A(y)\|^2, \quad \forall \, x, y \in \mathcal{D}(A),$$

where  $\lambda$  is a positive constant.

The examples of inverse-strongly monotone operators in the Banach space setting can see in [3].

A is called monotone, iff A satisfies the following condition

$$\langle A(x) - A(y), x - y \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{D}(A);$$

strictly monotone at a point  $y \in \mathcal{D}(A)$ , iff the equality in the last inequality follows x = y; and potential, iff  $A(x) = \varphi'(x)$ , the Gâteaux derivative of a convex functional  $\varphi(x)$ .

Denote by  $S_i$  the set of solutions for *i*th equation in (1.1). Throughout this paper, we assume that  $S := \bigcap_{i=0}^{N} S_i \neq \emptyset$ . We are specially interested in the situation where the data  $f_i$  is not exactly known, i.e., we have only the approximations  $f_i^{\delta} \in E^*$ , satisfying

$$\|f_i - f_i^{\delta}\| \le \delta, \quad \delta \to 0, \tag{1.2}$$

for i = 0, 1, ..., N.

It is well-known in [1] that each equation in (1.1), in general, is ill-posed, by this we mean that the solutions do not depend continuously on the data  $f_i$ . Consequently, the system of equations (1.1), in general, is ill-posed. Many practical inverse problems are naturally formulated in such a way and some methods are studied for solving (1.1) (see, [4]–[7]). In 2006, to solve (1.1) in the case that  $f_i = \theta$ -the null element in  $E^*$ , and  $A_i$  is a potential, hemicontinuous and monotone mapping on E, in [8], Buong presented the regularization

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method of Browder–Tikhonov type:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_j} A_i^h(x) + \alpha U(x) = \theta,$$
  

$$\mu_0 = 0 < \mu_i < \mu_{i+1} < 1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1,$$
(1.3)

where  $A_i^h$  is a hemicontinuous and monotone approximation for  $A_i$ , U is the normalized duallity mapping of E, i.e.,  $U: E \to 2^{E^*}$ , that satisfies the condition

$$\langle U(x), x \rangle = \|x\| \|U(x)\|$$
 and  $\|U(x)\| = \|x\|$ ,

for all  $x \in E$ , and  $\alpha$  is a regularization parameter, whose value  $\alpha = \alpha(h)$  is selected by the equation  $\tilde{\rho}(\alpha) = \alpha^{-q}h^p$  with  $\tilde{\rho}(\alpha) = \alpha(a_0 + ||x_{\alpha}^h||)$  and  $a_0, q, p$ are some fixed positive constants. Further, in [9] and [10], method (1.3) was modified for the case, when  $A_0$  is a Lipschitz continuous and monotone mapping and the other  $A_i$  is a  $\lambda_i$ -inverse-strongly monotone mapping in Hilbert spaces.

For the stated problem, as in [8], we consider the following equation

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_{i}} (A_{i}(x) - f_{i}^{\delta}) + \alpha U(x - x^{+}) = \theta,$$

$$\mu_{0} = 0 < \mu_{i} < \mu_{i+1} < 1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N - 1,$$
(1.4)

where the initial point  $x^+ \notin S$ . Formulating a procedure to numerically implement (1.4) we can use an explicit method that are similar (27) and (28) in [2].

Clearly, the mapping  $A(.) := \sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_i} (A_i(.) - f_i^{\delta}) + \alpha U$ , for each fixed  $\alpha > 0$ , is hemicontinuous and monotone with  $\mathcal{D}(A) = E$ . Hence, A is maximal monotone (see [1], Theorem 1.4.6). So, equation (1.4) possesses a unique solution  $x_{\alpha}^{\delta}$ , for each  $\alpha > 0$ . By the similar argument, as in [8], we have that if  $\alpha, \delta/\alpha \to 0$  then  $x_{\alpha}^{\delta}$  converges strongly to  $x_0 \in S$ , satisfying

$$\|x_0 - x^+\| = \min_{z \in S} \|z - x^+\|.$$
(1.5)

In this paper, we consider a choice  $\overline{\alpha} = \alpha(\delta)$  by using the principle

$$\rho(\alpha) := \alpha \|x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^+\| = \alpha^{-q} \delta^p, \qquad (1.6)$$

where p, q are some positive constants and estimate convergence rates for  $x_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}$ under the following conditions:

$$|A_0(y) - f_0 - A'_0(x_0)^*(y - x_0)|| \le \tau ||A_0(y) - f_0||, \tag{1.7}$$

for y in some neighbourhood of  $x_0 \in S$ , where  $A'_0(x)$  denotes the derivative of  $A_0$  at  $x \in E$ ,  $A'_0(x)^*$  is the adjoint of  $A'_0(x)$ ,  $\tau$  is some positive constant, and

$$\langle U(x) - U(y), x - y \rangle \ge m_U ||x - y||^s, \quad \forall x, y \in E, \ s \ge 2, \ m_U > 0.$$
 (1.8)

\*Condition (1.7) is called the tangential cone condition and is widely used in the analysis of regularization methods for solving nonlinear ill-posed inverse problems (see [16]).

Note that when  $A_i(x) \equiv f_i$  for i = 1, 2, ..., N, we have  $\rho(\alpha) = ||A_0(x_{\alpha}^{\delta}) - f_0^{\delta}||$ . In addition, if q = 0, then we obtain the residual principle, investigated in Chapter 3 of [1] and therein references. In the case that q > 0, (1.6) is the generalized residual principle, that was first proposed in [11] for linear ill-posed operator equations. Then, it was developed in [12] and [13]. Recently, for nonlinear ill-posed problems involving mappings of monotone type, it was studied in [14, 15], [17]–[20]. So, for the case  $A_i(x) \neq f_i$  with i = 1, 2, ..., N, the principle above is named "generalized quasi-residual one".

#### 2. MAIN RESULTS

First, we have to prove the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let E be a reflexive and strictly convex Banach space with the ES-property and strictly convex  $E^*$ . Let  $\{A_i\}_{i=0}^N$  and  $\{f_i\}_{i=0}^N$  be N+1 potential, hemicontinuous and monotone mappings on E and N+1 elements in  $E^*$  such that the set S of solutions for (1.1) be nonempty. Then, we have:

- (i) The function  $\rho(\alpha)$ , defined in (1.6), is continuous on  $(\alpha_0, +\infty)$ , for each  $\alpha_0 > 0$ .
- (ii) If  $A_N$  is continuous at  $x^+$  and

$$||A_N(x^+) - f_N^{\delta}|| > 0, (2.1)$$

for all  $\delta \geq 0$ , where  $f_N^0 = f_N$ , then

$$\lim_{\alpha \to +\infty} \rho(\alpha) = +\infty.$$

*Proof.* From (1.4) it follows

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_i} \langle A_i(x_{\alpha}^{\delta}) - f_i^{\delta}, x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - z \rangle + \alpha \langle U(x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^+), x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - z \rangle = 0, \quad \forall \ z \in S.$$

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Or,

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_i} \langle A_i(x_\alpha^\delta) - A_i(z) + A_i(z) - f_i + f_i - f_i^\delta, x_\alpha^\delta - z \rangle + \alpha \langle U(x_\alpha^\delta - x^+), x_\alpha^\delta - z \rangle = 0, \quad \forall \ z \in S.$$

$$(2.2)$$

Then, by virtue of (1.2), (2.2) and the monotonicity of  $A_i$ , we have

$$\langle U(x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^{+}), x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - z \rangle \leq \delta \sum_{i=0}^{N} \frac{1}{\alpha^{1-\mu_{i}}} \| x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - z \|, \quad \forall z \in S.$$

$$(2.3)$$

Therefore,

$$\|x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^{+}\|^{2} - \|x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^{+}\| \left[ \|z - x^{+}\| + \delta \sum_{i=0}^{N} \frac{1}{\alpha^{1-\mu_{i}}} \right] - \|z - x^{+}\| \delta \sum_{i=0}^{N} \frac{1}{\alpha^{1-\mu_{i}}} \le 0.$$

and hence,

$$0 \leq \|x_{\alpha}^{0} - x^{+}\| \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \|x^{+} - z\| + \delta \sum_{i=0}^{N} \frac{1}{\alpha^{1-\mu_{i}}} + \sqrt{\left( \|x^{+} - z\| + \delta \sum_{i=0}^{N} \frac{1}{\alpha^{1-\mu_{i}}} \right)^{2} + 4 \|x^{+} - z\| \delta \sum_{i=0}^{N} \frac{1}{\alpha^{1-\mu_{i}}}} \right\}$$

$$\leq \|z - x^{+}\| + \delta \sum_{i=0}^{N} \frac{1}{\alpha^{1-\mu_{i}}} + \left( \delta \sum_{i=0}^{N} \frac{1}{\alpha^{1-\mu_{i}}} \|z - x^{+}\| \right)^{1/2}.$$

$$(2.4)$$

Now, let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be any two numbers in  $(\alpha_0, +\infty)$ . From (1.4), we also have that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_i} (A_i(x_\alpha^{\delta}) - f_i^{\delta}) - \sum_{i=0}^{N} \beta^{\mu_i} (A_i(x_\beta^{\delta}) - f_i^{\delta}) + \alpha U(x_\alpha^{\delta} - x^+) - \beta U(x_\beta^{\delta} - x^+) = 0.$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha \langle U(x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^{+}) - U(x_{\beta}^{\delta} - x^{+}), x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x_{\beta}^{\delta} \rangle + (\alpha - \beta) \langle U(x_{\beta}^{\delta} - x^{+}), x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x_{\beta}^{\delta} \rangle \\ &+ \sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_{i}} \langle A_{i}(x_{\alpha}^{\delta}) - A_{i}(x_{\beta}^{\delta}), x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x_{\beta}^{\delta} \rangle + \sum_{i=0}^{N} (\alpha^{\mu_{i}} - \beta^{\mu_{i}}) \langle A_{i}(x_{\beta}^{\delta}) - f_{i}^{\delta}, x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x_{\beta}^{\delta} \rangle \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The last equality together with the following property of U (see Lemma 1.5.4 in [1]),

$$U(x) - U(y), x - y \ge (\|x\| - \|y\|)^2$$

for any  $x, y \in E$ , implies that

$$(\|x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^{+}\| - \|x_{\beta}^{\delta} - x^{+}\|)^{2} \leq \left[\frac{|\alpha - \beta|}{\alpha_{0}}\|x_{\beta}^{\delta} - x^{+}\| + \sum_{i=1}^{N}\frac{|\alpha^{\mu_{i}} - \beta^{\mu_{i}}|}{\alpha_{0}}\|A_{i}(x_{\beta}^{\delta}) - f_{i}^{\delta}\|\right](\|x_{\alpha}^{\delta}\| + \|x_{\beta}^{\delta}\|).$$

So, from the last inequality and (2.4) with  $\alpha$  replaced by  $\alpha_0$  in its right-hand side, it follows the continuity of  $||x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^+||$  at any  $\beta \in (\alpha_0, +\infty)$ . Thus,  $\rho(\alpha)$  is continuous on  $(\alpha_0, +\infty)$ . Now, again from (1.4), we can write that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_i} (A_i(x_{\alpha}^{\delta}) - A_i(x^+)) + \alpha U(x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^+) = \sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_i} (f_i^{\delta} - A_i(x^+)).$$

Acting on the last equality by  $x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^+$  and using the monotonicity of  $A_i$  and the definition of U, we obtain that

$$||x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^{+}|| \le \sum_{i=0}^{N} \frac{1}{\alpha^{1-\mu_{i}}} ||f_{i}^{\delta} - A_{i}(x^{+})||.$$

Thus,

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$$\lim_{\alpha \to +\infty} \|x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^+\| = 0.$$

Clearly, the conclusion of the Lemma is followed from the last equality,

$$\rho(\alpha) \ge \alpha^{\mu_N} \left[ \|A_N(x_\alpha^\delta) - f_N^\delta\| - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\alpha^{\mu_N - \mu_i}} \|A_i(x_\alpha^\delta) - f_i^\delta\| \right],$$

the continuity of  $A_N$  at  $x^+$ , the local boundedness of  $A_i$  (see [1], Theorem 1.3.16), for i = 0, 1, ..., N, and  $\mu_N > \mu_i$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** Let E,  $A_i$  and  $f_i$  be as in Lemma 2.1. For each p, q,  $\delta > 0$ , there exists at least a value  $\alpha > 0$  such that (1.6) holds.

*Proof.* Clearly, from Lemma 2.1, the function  $\alpha \to \alpha^{1+q} \|x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^{0}\| = \alpha^{q} \rho(\alpha)$  is continuous on  $(\alpha_{0}, +\infty)$  for any  $\alpha_{0} > 0$  and

$$\lim_{\alpha \to +\infty} \alpha^q \rho(\alpha) = +\infty.$$

On the other hand, from (2.4) it follows that

$$\alpha^{q} \rho(\alpha) \leq \alpha^{q+1} \|x^{+}_{,} - z\| + \alpha^{q} \delta \sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_{i}} + \alpha^{q} \left( \alpha \delta \sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_{i}} \|x^{+} - z\| \right)^{1/2}.$$

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For each  $0 < \delta < 1$ , we can choose  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\alpha^{q+1} \|x^{+} - z\|, \ \alpha^{q} \delta \sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_{i}}, \ \alpha^{q} \left(\alpha \delta \sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_{i}} \|x^{+} - z\|\right)^{1/2} < \delta^{p} / 3.$$

So,  $\alpha^q \rho(\alpha) < \delta^p$  for sufficiently small  $\alpha$ . Hence, there exists at least a value  $\overline{\alpha} = \alpha(\delta)$  such that  $\alpha(\delta)^q \rho(\alpha(\delta)) = \delta^p$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let E,  $A_i$  and  $f_i$  be as in Lemma 2.1. Moreover, let any N mappings of the system  $\{A_i\}_{i=0}^N$  be strictly monotone at  $x^+$ . Then,

$$\lim_{\delta \to 0} \alpha(\delta) = 0$$

*Proof.* Without any loss of generality, we assume that  $A_i$  is a strictly monotone mapping at  $x^+$  with i = 0, 1, ..., N-1. We shall prove by supposing that the conclusion is not true. Then, there is a sequence  $\delta_k \to 0$  as  $k \to +\infty$  with

1)  $\overline{\alpha}_k = \alpha(\delta_k) \to C_0$ , some positive constant; or

2)  $\overline{\alpha}_k \to +\infty$ .

In the case 1), from (1.6), is follows that  $C_0^{1+q} \lim_{k \to +\infty} \|x_{\overline{\alpha}_k}^{\delta_k} - x^+\| = 0$ . Next, replacing  $\delta$ ,  $\alpha$  and x in (1.4), respectively, by  $\delta_k$ ,  $\overline{\alpha}_k$  and  $x_{\overline{\alpha}_k}^{\delta_k}$ , and passing  $k \to +\infty$ , we obtain that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N} C_0^{\mu_i}(A_i(x^+) - A_i(z)) = \emptyset, \quad z \in S.$$
(2.5)

Acting on the equality by  $x^+ - z$  and using the monotonicity of  $A_i$  for  $i = 0, 1, \ldots, N$ , and  $C_0 > 0$ , we have

$$\langle A_i(x^+) - A_i(z), x^+ - z \rangle = 0, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N.$$

Since  $A_i$  is strictly monotone at  $x^+$  for  $i = 0, 1, ..., N-1, x^+ \in \bigcap_{i=0}^{N-1} S_i$ . Therefore, from (2.5) it follows that  $x^+ \in S_N$ . Hence,  $x^+ \in S$ , that contradicts the assumption  $x^+ \notin S$ .

In the case 2), also from (1.6), it follows that

$$\lim_{k \to +\infty} \|x_{\overline{\alpha}_k}^{\delta_k} - x^+\| = \lim_{k \to +\infty} \frac{\rho(\overline{\alpha}_k)}{\overline{\alpha}_k} = \lim_{k \to +\infty} \frac{\delta_k^p}{\overline{\alpha}_k^{1+q}} = 0.$$
(2.6)

Again, replacing  $\delta$ ,  $\alpha$  and x in (1.4), respectively, by  $\delta_k$ ,  $\overline{\alpha}_k$  and  $x_{\overline{\alpha}_k}^{\delta_k}$ , we obtain that

$$\overline{\alpha}_{k}^{\mu_{N}} \left[ \|A_{N}(x_{\overline{\alpha}_{k}}^{\delta_{k}}) - f_{N}^{\delta_{k}}\| - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\overline{\alpha}_{k}^{\mu_{N}-\mu_{i}}} \|A_{i}(x_{\overline{\alpha}_{k}}^{\delta_{k}}) - f_{i}^{\delta_{k}}\| \right] - \|A_{0}(x_{\overline{\alpha}_{k}}^{\delta_{k}}) - f_{0}^{\delta_{k}}\| \\ \leq \overline{\alpha}_{k} \|x_{\overline{\alpha}_{k}}^{\delta_{k}} - x^{+}\| = \rho(\overline{\alpha}_{k}) = \overline{\alpha}_{k}^{-q} \delta_{k}^{p}.$$

Tending  $k \to +\infty$  in the last inequality and using (2.6), the local boundedness of  $A_i$ , for  $i = 0, 1, \ldots, N-1$ , the continuity of  $A_N$  at  $x^+$  with condition (2.1), and the fact that  $\overline{\alpha}_k \to +\infty$  and  $\delta_k \to 0$ , we obtain the inequality  $+\infty \leq 0$ , that is impossible. This completes the proof.

**Lemma 2.4.** Let E,  $A_i$  and  $f_i$  be as in Lemma 2.3. If  $q \ge p$ , then

$$\lim_{\delta \to 0} \delta / \alpha(\delta) = 0.$$

*Proof.* It is easy to see that

$$\left[\frac{\delta}{\alpha(\delta)}\right]^p = \left[\delta^p \alpha(\delta)^{-q}\right] \alpha(\delta)^{q-p} = \rho(\alpha(\delta)) \alpha(\delta)^{q-p}.$$

On the other hand, from (2.4) it follows that

$$\rho(\alpha(\delta)) \le \alpha(\delta) \|x^+ - z\| + \delta \sum_{i=0}^N \alpha^{\mu_i}(\delta) + \left(\alpha(\delta)\delta \sum_{i=0}^N \alpha^{\mu_i}(\delta) \|x^+ - z\|\right)^{1/2}.$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{\delta \to 0} \left[ \frac{\delta}{\alpha(\delta)} \right]^p = 0.$$

The lemma is proved.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let E,  $A_i$  and  $f_i$  be as in Lemma 2.3. If 0 , then $<math display="block">\lim_{\delta \to 0} x_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta} = x_0.$ 

*Proof.* It follows from Lemmas 2.3, 2.4 and standard results about convergence of the Browder–Tikhonov regularization method for (1.4) (see [8, 20]).

**Lemma 2.6.** Let E,  $A_i$  and  $f_i$  be as in Lemma 2.3 and let  $0 . Then, there are constants <math>C_1$ ,  $C_2 > 0$  such that, for sufficiently small  $\delta > 0$ , the relation

$$C_1 \le \delta^p \alpha^{-1-q}(\delta) \le C_2$$

holds.

*Proof.* Because of (1.2) and (1.5), we have, for all  $\alpha > 0, f_i^{\delta} \in E^*$ ,

$$\rho(\alpha) = \alpha(\delta) \|x_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta} - x^{+}\|,$$

which together with Lemma 2.5 implies that

$$\lim_{\delta \to 0} \delta^p \alpha^{-1-q}(\delta) = \lim_{\delta \to 0} \alpha^{-1}(\delta)\rho(\alpha(\delta))) = \|x_0 - x^+\| > 0.$$

This implies the conclusion of the lemma.

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**Theorem 2.7.** Let E,  $A_i$  and  $f_i$  be as in Lemma 2.3. In addition, assume that the following conditions hold:

- (i) the duality mapping U satisfies (1.8);
- (ii)  $A_0$  is Fréchet differentiable at some neighbourhood of S with (1.7);
- (iii) there exists an element  $\omega \in E$  such that

$$A'_0(x_0)^*\omega = U(x_0 - x^+), and$$

(iv) the parameter  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta)$  is chosen by (1|6) with q > p.

Then, we have

$$\|x_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta} - x_0\| = O(\delta^{\eta}), \quad \eta = \frac{1}{1+q} \min\left\{ (q-p)/(s-1); \ p\mu_1/s \right\}.$$

*Proof.* From (1.4), (1.8), the monotonicity of  $A_i$  and condition (iii) of the theorem it follows

$$m_{U} \|x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x_{0}\|^{s} \leq \langle U(x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^{+}) - U(x_{0} - x^{+}), x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x_{0} \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_{i}} \langle f_{i}^{\delta} - A_{i}(x_{\alpha}^{\delta}), x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x_{0} \rangle$$

$$+ \langle U(x_{0} - x^{+}), x_{0} - x_{\alpha}^{\delta} \rangle$$

$$\leq \frac{\delta}{\alpha} \sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_{i}} \|x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x_{0}\| + \langle \omega, A_{0}'(x_{0})(x_{0} - x_{\alpha}^{\delta}) \rangle$$

$$\leq \frac{\delta}{\alpha} \sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_{i}} \|x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x_{0}\| + \|\omega\| \|A_{0}'(x_{0})(x_{0} - x_{\alpha}^{\delta})\|.$$
(2.7)

On the other hand, from (1.7), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_{0}'(x_{0})(x_{0} - x_{\alpha}^{\delta})\| \\ &\leq (1+\tau) \|A_{0}(x_{\alpha}^{\delta}) - f_{0}\| \leq (1+\tau) \left[ \|A_{0}(x_{\alpha}^{\delta}) - f_{0}^{\delta}\| + \delta \right] \\ &\leq (1+\tau) \left[ \delta + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_{i}} \|A_{i}(x_{\alpha}^{\delta}) - f_{i}^{\delta}\| + \alpha \|x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^{+}\| \right] \\ &\leq (1+\tau) \left[ \delta \sum_{i=0}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_{i}} + \alpha \|x_{\alpha}^{\delta} - x^{+}\| + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha^{\mu_{i}} \|A_{i}(x_{\alpha}^{\delta}) - A_{i}(x_{0})\| \right]. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\alpha$  is chosen by (1.6), then  $\|x_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta} - x_0\| < c$ , a sufficiently small and positive constant, for sufficiently small  $\delta$ , and  $\alpha(\delta) \leq 1$ . Consequently, we have that  $\alpha^{\mu_i}(\delta) \leq \alpha^{\mu_1}(\delta)$  and  $\|A_i(x_{\alpha(\delta)}) - A_i(x_0)\| \leq C$ , a positive constant, because

 $A_i$  is locally bounded at  $x_0$ . Therefore, from (2.7) and Lemma 2.6, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} n_U \| x_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta} - x_0 \|^{\delta} &\leq (1+N) C_2 \delta^{1-p} \alpha^q(\delta) \| x_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta} - x_0 \| \\ &+ \| \omega \| (1+\tau) \left[ \delta (1+N) + \alpha^{-q}(\delta) \delta^p + CN \alpha^{\mu_1}(\delta) \right] \\ &\leq (1+N) C_2 C_1^{-q/(1+q)} \delta^{\frac{1-p}{1+q}} \| x_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta} - x_0 \| + CN C_1^{-\frac{\mu_1}{1+q}} \delta^{\frac{p\mu_1}{1+q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the implication

$$a, b, c \ge 0, p > q, a^p \le ba^q + c \implies a^p = O(b^{p/(p-q)} + c)$$

we obtain

$$\|x_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta} - x_0\| = O(\delta^{\eta}) \implies a^p = O(b^{p/(p-q)} + c)$$

The theorem is proved.

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