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# A New Parameter Choice Strategy for Lavrentiev Regularization Method for Nonlinear Ill-Posed Equations

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we introduced a new source condition and a new parameter-choice strategy which also gives the known best error estimate. To obtain the results we used the assumptions used in earlier studies. Further, we studied the proposed new parameter-choice strategy and applied it to the method (in the finite-dimensional setting) considered in George and Nair (2017).

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}: D(\mathcal{H}) \subseteq \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{U}$  be a nonlinear monotone operator, i.e.,

$$\langle \mathcal{H}(v) - \mathcal{H}(w), v - w \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall v, w \in D(\mathcal{H}),$$

defined on the real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{U}$ . Here and below  $\langle .,. \rangle$  and  $\|.\|$ , respectively, denote the inner product and corresponding norm in  $\mathcal{U}$ ; B(u,r) and  $\overline{B(u,r)}$ , respectively, denote open and closed ball in  $\mathcal{U}$  with center  $u \in \mathcal{U}$  and radius r > 0. We are concerned with finite dimensional approximation of the ill-posed equation

$$\mathcal{H}(u) = y,\tag{1}$$

which has a solution  $\hat{u}$  for exact data y. However, we have  $y^{\delta} \in \mathcal{U}$  for some  $\delta > 0$ , are the available data, such that

$$\|y - y^{\delta}\| \le \delta. \tag{2}$$

Due to the ill-posedness of (1), one has to apply regularization method to obtain an approximation for  $\hat{u}$ . For (1) with monotone  $\mathcal{H}$ , Lavrentiev regularization (LR) method is widely used (see [1–6]). In (LR) method the solution  $u_{\alpha}^{\delta}$  of the equation

$$\mathcal{H}(u) + \alpha(u - u_0) = y^{\delta},\tag{3}$$

is used as an approximation for  $\hat{u}$ . Here (and below)  $u_0$  is an initial approximation of  $\hat{u}$  with  $||u_0 - \hat{u}|| \le r_0$  for some  $r_0 > 0$ . The solution of (3), with y in place of  $y^{\delta}$  is denoted by  $u_{\alpha}$ , i.e., (cf. [5])

$$\mathcal{H}(u_{\alpha}) + \alpha(u_{\alpha} - u_0) = y. \tag{4}$$

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Let  $u_{\alpha}^{\delta}$  and  $u_{\alpha}$  be as in Equations (3) and (4) , respectively. Then, we have the following inequalities (cf. [5]).

$$||u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}||^{2} \leq \langle u_{0} - \hat{u}, u_{\alpha} - \hat{u} \rangle,$$
  
$$||u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - u_{\alpha}|| \leq \frac{\delta}{\alpha},$$
 (5)

and hence,

$$\|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}^{\delta}\| \leq \|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\| + \frac{\delta}{\alpha} \tag{6}$$

and

$$\|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\| \leq \|\hat{u} - u_0\|. \tag{7}$$

For proving our result, we assume that, either  $\mathcal{H}'(u)$  is self-adjoint or  $\mathcal{H}'(u)$  is positive type, i.e.,

$$\sigma(\mathcal{H}'(u)) \subseteq [0, \infty)$$

and

$$\|(\mathcal{H}'(u)+sI)^{-1}\|\leq \frac{c}{s},\ s>0,\ \text{for some constant }c>0,\ u\in \overline{B(u_0,r)}$$

(see [7]). Here and below  $\mathcal{H}'(u)$  is the Fréchet derivative of  $\mathcal{H}(u)$  (if  $\mathcal{H}'(u)$  is self-adjoint, then c=1).

**Remark 1.** *If*  $\mathcal{H}'(u)$  *is positive type, then* 

$$\|(\mathcal{H}'(u)+sI)^{-1}\mathcal{H}'(u)\| = \|I-s(\mathcal{H}'(u)+sI)^{-1}\| \le 1+c.$$

Further as in [8] (Lemma 2.2) one can prove

$$\|(\mathcal{H}'(u) + sI)^{-1}\mathcal{H}'(u)^{\mu}\| = O(s^{\mu}), \ 0 < u < 1.$$

So, the results in this paper hold for positive type operator  $\mathcal{H}'(u)$  up to a constant. Therefore, for convenience, hereafter we assume  $\mathcal{H}'(.)$  is self-adjoint.

In earlier studies such as [4-6,9,10], the following source condition:

$$u_0 - \hat{u} = \mathcal{H}'(\hat{u})^{\mu_1} z, \ \|z\| \le \rho, \quad 0 < \mu_1 \le 1.$$
 (8)

or

$$u_0 - \hat{u} = \mathcal{H}'(u_0)^{\mu_2} z, \ \|z\| \le \rho, \quad 0 < \mu_2 \le 1$$
 (9)

was used to obtain an estimate for  $\|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\|$ . In fact, if the source condition (8) is satisfied, then, we have [5]

$$\|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\| = O(\alpha^{\mu_1})$$

and if (9) is satisfied, then, we have [2]

$$\|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\| = O(\alpha^{\mu_2}).$$

In this study, we introduce a new source condition,

$$u_0 - \hat{u} = A^{\nu} z, \ \|z\| \le \rho, \quad 0 < \nu \le 1,$$
 (10)

where  $\rho > 0$  and  $A = \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}'(\hat{u} + t(u_0 - \hat{u}))dt$ . We shall use this source condition (10) to obtain a convergence rate for  $\|\hat{u} - u_\alpha\|$  and to introduce a new parameter-choice strategy.

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**Remark 2.** (a) Note that in a posteriori parameter-choice strategy, the regularization parameter  $\alpha$  (depending on  $\delta$  and  $y^{\delta}$ ) is chosen at the time of computing  $u^{\delta}_{\alpha}$  (see [11]). The new source condition (10) is used to choose the parameter  $\alpha$  (depending on  $\delta$  and  $y^{\delta}$ ) and independent of  $\nu$ , before computing  $u^{\delta}_{\alpha}$  (see Section 2) and also it gives the best known convergence order (see Remark 4). This is the innovation of our approach.

(b) Notice that, the operator A and  $A^{\nu}$  are used to obtain an estimate for  $\|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\|$ . In actual computation of the approximation  $u_{n+1,\alpha}^{h,\delta}$  (see Equation (38)) and  $\alpha$  (see Section 4) we do not require the operator A or  $A^{\nu}$ .

The following formula ([12], p. 287) for fractional power of positive type operators  $\mathcal{B}$  is used in our analysis.

$$\mathcal{B}^{z}x = \frac{\sin \pi z}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} \tau^{z} \left[ (\mathcal{B} + \tau I)^{-1}x - \frac{\Theta(\tau)}{\tau}x + \dots + (-1)^{n} \frac{\Theta(\tau)}{\tau^{n}} \mathcal{B}^{n-1}x \right] d\tau$$
$$+ \frac{\sin \pi z}{\pi} \left[ \frac{x}{z} - \frac{\mathcal{B}x}{z-1} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\mathcal{B}^{n-1}x}{z-n+1} \right], \ x \in \mathcal{U},$$

where

$$\Theta(\varsigma) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \le \varsigma \le 1\\ 1 & \text{if } 1 < \varsigma < \infty \end{cases}$$

and z is a complex number such that 0 < Rez < n.

Let  $z = \nu$ , and  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{H}'(.)$ . Then, we have

$$\mathcal{H}'(.)^{\nu} x = \frac{\sin \pi(\nu)}{\pi} \left[ \frac{x}{\nu} + \int_0^{\infty} \tau^{\nu} (\mathcal{H}'(.) + \tau I)^{-1} x d\tau - \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x}{\tau^{1-\nu}} d\tau \right]. \tag{11}$$

Note that, if  $\mathcal{H}'(.)$  is self-adjoint, then, A is self-adjoint. Further, suppose  $\mathcal{H}'(.)$  is positive type, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(A+sI)^{-1}\| &= \|(\int_0^1 \mathcal{H}'(\hat{u}+t(u_0-\hat{u}))dt+sI)^{-1}\| \\ &= \|(\int_0^1 (\mathcal{H}'(\hat{u}+t(u_0-\hat{u}))+sI)dt)^{-1}\| \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \|(\mathcal{H}'(\hat{u}+t(u_0-\hat{u}))+sI)^{-1}\|dt \\ &\leq \frac{c}{s'}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e., *A* is positive type.

Next, we shall prove that (10) implies

$$u_0 - \hat{u} = \begin{cases} \mathcal{H}'(u_0)^{\nu_1} \xi_z, & \|\xi_z\| \le \rho_0 \text{ for } & 0 < \nu_1 < \nu < 1\\ \mathcal{H}'(u_0) \xi_{z_1}, & \|\xi_{z_1}\| \le \rho_1 \text{ for } & \nu = 1, \end{cases}$$
 (12)

for some constants  $\rho_0$  and  $\rho_1$ . For this, we use the standard non-linear assumptions in the literature (cf. [4,13]).

**Assumption 1.** For every  $u, v \in \overline{B(u_0, r)}$  and  $w \in \mathcal{U}$ , there exists  $k_0 > 0$  and an element  $\Phi(u, v, w) \in \mathcal{U}$  with

$$[\mathcal{H}'(u) - \mathcal{H}'(v)]w = \mathcal{H}'(v)\Phi(u, v, w)$$

and

$$\|\Phi(u, v, w)\| \le k_0 \|w\| \|u - v\|.$$

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Suppose (10) holds for  $\nu$  < 1, then

$$\begin{array}{rcl} u_{0} - \hat{u} & = & A^{\nu}z \\ & = & [A^{\nu} - \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{\nu}]z + \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{\nu}z \\ & = & -\frac{\sin\pi(\nu)}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} \tau^{\nu} (\mathcal{H}'(u_{0}) + \tau I)^{-1} (A - \mathcal{H}'(u_{0}))(A + \tau I)^{-1}z d\tau \\ & & + \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{\nu}z, \end{array}$$

so by the definition of A and Assumption 1, we have

$$\begin{array}{lll} u_{0} - \hat{u} & = & [A^{\nu} - \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{\nu}]z + \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{\nu}z \\ & = & -\frac{\sin\pi(\nu)}{\pi}\int_{0}^{\infty}\tau^{\nu}(\mathcal{H}'(u_{0}) + \tau I)^{-1} \\ & & \times \int_{0}^{1}(\mathcal{H}'(\hat{u} + t(u_{0} - \hat{u})) - \mathcal{H}'(u_{0}))dt(A + \tau I)^{-1}zd\tau \\ & & + \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{\nu}z \\ & = & -\frac{\sin\pi(\nu)}{\pi}\int_{0}^{\infty}\tau^{\nu}(\mathcal{H}'(u_{0}) + \tau I)^{-1}\mathcal{H}'(u_{0}) \\ & & \times \int_{0}^{1}\Phi(\hat{u} + t(u_{0} - \hat{u}), u_{0}, (A + \tau I)^{-1}z)dtd\tau + \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{\nu}z \\ & = & \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})[-\frac{\sin\pi(\nu)}{\pi}\int_{0}^{\infty}\tau^{\nu}(\mathcal{H}'(u_{0}) + \tau I)^{-1} \\ & & \times \int_{0}^{1}\Phi(\hat{u} + t(u_{0} - \hat{u}), u_{0}, (A + \tau I)^{-1}z)dtd\tau] + \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{\nu}z \\ & = & \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{\nu_{1}}\xi_{z}, \ \nu_{1} < \nu, \end{array}$$

where  $\xi_z = \mathcal{H}'(u_0)^{1-\nu_1} (-\frac{\sin \pi(\nu)}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \tau^{\nu} (\mathcal{H}'(u_0) + \tau I)^{-1} \int_0^1 \Phi(\hat{u} + t(u_0 - \hat{u}), u_0, (A + \tau I)^{-1} z) dt) d\tau + \mathcal{H}'(u_0)^{\nu-\nu_1} z$ . Further note that

$$\begin{split} \|\xi_{z}\| & \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \| \left( \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{1-\nu_{1}} \tau^{\nu} (\mathcal{H}'(u_{0}) + \tau I)^{-1} \right. \\ & \times \int_{0}^{1} \Phi(\hat{u} + t(u_{0} - \hat{u}), u_{0}, (A + \tau I)^{-1} z) dt \right) d\tau \| + \| \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{\nu-\nu_{1}} z \| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\pi} [\int_{0}^{1} \tau^{\nu} \| \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{1-\nu_{1}} (\mathcal{H}'(u_{0}) + \tau I)^{-1} \| k_{0} \frac{\| u_{0} - \hat{u} \|}{2} \| (A + \tau I)^{-1} z \| d\tau \\ & + \int_{1}^{\infty} \tau^{\nu} \| \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{1-\nu_{1}} (\mathcal{H}'(u_{0}) + \tau I)^{-1} \| k_{0} \frac{\| u_{0} - \hat{u} \|}{2} \| (A + \tau I)^{-1} z \| d\tau ] \\ & + \| \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{\nu-\nu_{1}} \| \rho \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\pi} [\int_{0}^{1} \tau^{\nu-\nu_{1}-1} d\tau k_{0} \frac{\| u_{0} - \hat{u} \|}{2} \| z \| \\ & + \| \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{1-\nu_{1}} \| \int_{1}^{\infty} \tau^{\nu-2} d\tau k_{0} \frac{\| u_{0} - \hat{u} \|}{2} \| z \| ] + \| \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{\nu-\nu_{1}} \| \rho \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{\nu-\nu_{1}} + \frac{\| \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{1-\nu_{1}} \|}{1-\nu} \right] k_{0} \frac{r_{0}}{2} \rho + \| \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})^{\nu-\nu_{1}} \| \rho := \rho_{0}. \end{split}$$

Suppose

$$u_{0} - \hat{u} = Az$$

$$= [A - \mathcal{H}'(u_{0}) + \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})]z$$

$$= [\int_{0}^{1} (\mathcal{H}'(\hat{u} + t(u_{0} - \hat{u})) - \mathcal{H}'(u_{0}))dt + \mathcal{H}'(u_{0})]z$$

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$$= \mathcal{H}'(u_0) \left[ \int_0^1 \Phi(\hat{u} + t(u_0 - \hat{u}), u_0, z) dt + z \right]$$
  
=  $\mathcal{H}'(u_0) \xi_{z_1}$ ,

where  $\xi_{z_1} = \int_0^1 \Phi(\hat{u} + t(u_0 - \hat{u}), u_0, z) dt + z$ . Observe that

$$\|\xi_{z_1}\| \le (k_0 \frac{\|\hat{u} - u_0\|}{2} + 1)\|z\| \le (\frac{k_0 r_0}{2} + 1)\rho = \rho_1.$$

So  $u_0 - \hat{u} = Az$  implies  $u_0 - \hat{u} = \mathcal{H}'(u_0)\xi_{z_1}$ ,  $\|\xi_{z_1}\| \le \rho_1$  i.e., (10) implies (12). Similarly one can show that (10) implies

$$u_0 - \hat{u} = \begin{cases} \mathcal{H}'(\hat{u})^{\nu_1} \xi_z, & \|\xi_z\| \le \rho_2 \text{ for } & 0 < \nu_1 < \nu < 1 \\ \mathcal{H}'(\hat{u}) \xi_{z_1}, & \|\xi_{z_1}\| \le \rho_1 \text{ for } & \nu = 1, \end{cases}$$

for some constant  $\rho_2$ . Throughout the paper, we use the relation (Fundamental Theorem of Integration),

$$\mathcal{H}(u) - \mathcal{H}(x) = \left[ \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}'(x + t(u - x)) dt \right] (u - x)$$

for all x and u in a ball contained in  $D(\mathcal{H})$ .

**Remark 3.** In general, it is believed that (see [5]) a priori parameter-choice strategy is not a good strategy to choose  $\alpha$  since the choice is depending on the unknown  $\nu$ . In this study, we introduce a new parameter-choice strategy which is not depending on unknown  $\nu$  and gives the best known convergence order  $O(\delta^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}})$ .

In some recent papers, the first author and his collaborators considered iterative methods [14,15] for obtaining stable approximate solutions for (3) (see [8,16]). In most of the iterative methods Fréchet derivative of the operator involved is used. In [10], Semenova considered the iterative method defined for fixed  $\alpha$ ,  $\delta$ , by

$$u_{n+1,\alpha}^{\delta} = u_{n,\alpha}^{\delta} - \gamma [\mathcal{H}(u_{n,\alpha}^{\delta}) + \alpha (u_{n,\alpha}^{\delta} - u_0) - y^{\delta}]. \tag{13}$$

Note that, the above iterative method is derivative-free. Convergence analysis in [10] is based on the assumption that  $\mathcal{H}$  is Lipschitz continuous and the Lipschitz constant R satisfies

$$0 < \gamma < \min\left\{\frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha^2 + R^2}\right\},\tag{14}$$

where  $\gamma$  is a constant. Contraction mapping arguments are used to prove the convergence in [10].

In [16], George and Nair considered the method (13), but with  $\beta$  independent on the regularization parameter  $\alpha$  and the Lipschitz constant R, instead of  $\gamma$ . The source condition on  $u_0 - \hat{u}$  in [16] depends on the known  $u_0$  and the analysis in [16] is not based on the contraction mapping arguments as in [10].

The purpose of this paper is threefold: (1) introduce a new source condition, (2) introduce a new parameter-choice strategy, and (3) apply the parameter-choice strategy to the (finite-dimensional setting of the) method in [16].

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we present the error bounds under the source condition (10) and a new parameter-choice strategy. In Section 3, we present the finite dimensional realization of method (13). In Section 4, we present the finite dimensional realization of (10). Section 5 contains the numerical example and the conclusion is given in Section 6.

## 2. Error Bounds under (10) and a New Parameter Choice Strategy

First we obtain an estimate for  $\|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\|$  using (10).

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**Theorem 1.** Let  $\frac{3}{2}k_0r_0 < 1$ , Assumption 1 and (10) be satisfied. Then,

$$\|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\| \le \frac{2 + k_0 r_0}{3 - 2k_0 r_0} \alpha^{\nu} \|z\|.$$

**Proof.** Since  $\mathcal{H}(\hat{u}) = y$  and  $\mathcal{H}(u_{\alpha}) + \alpha (u_{\alpha} - u_{0}) = y$ , we have

$$\mathcal{H}(u_{\alpha}) - \mathcal{H}(\hat{u}) + \alpha (u_{\alpha} - u_0) = 0,$$

i.e.,

$$\mathcal{H}(u_{\alpha}) - \mathcal{H}(\hat{u}) + \alpha (u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}) = \alpha (u_0 - \hat{u}), \tag{15}$$

or

$$(M_{\alpha} + \alpha I) (u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}) = \alpha (u_0 - \hat{u}), \tag{16}$$

where

$$M_{\alpha} = \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}'(\hat{u} + t(u_{\alpha} - \hat{u})) dt.$$

Again (16) can be written as

$$(A_0 + \alpha I)(u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}) = (A_0 - M_{\alpha})(u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}) + \alpha(u_0 - \hat{u}),$$

where  $A_0 = \mathcal{H}'(u_0)$ . Thus, we have

$$u_{\alpha} - \hat{u} = -(A_0 + \alpha I)^{-1} (M_{\alpha} - A_0) (u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}) + \alpha (A_0 + \alpha I)^{-1} (u_0 - \hat{u})$$

$$= -(A_0 + \alpha I)^{-1} \left[ \int_0^1 [\mathcal{H}'(\hat{u} + t (u_{\alpha} - \hat{u})) - \mathcal{H}'(u_0)] \right] (u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}) dt$$

$$+ \alpha (A_0 + \alpha I)^{-1} (u_0 - \hat{u})$$

$$= -(A_0 + \alpha I)^{-1} A_0 \int_0^1 \Phi(\hat{u} + t (u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}), u_0, u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}) dt$$

$$+ \alpha (A_0 + \alpha I)^{-1} (u_0 - \hat{u})$$

and hence

$$||u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}|| \leq k_{0} \left[ \frac{||u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}||}{2} + ||\hat{u} - u_{0}||\right] ||u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}|| + ||\alpha (A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1} (u_{0} - \hat{u})||$$

$$\leq \frac{3}{2} k_{0} r_{0} ||u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}|| + \alpha ||(A + \alpha I)^{-1} (u_{0} - \hat{u})|| \text{ by (7)}$$

$$+ \alpha ||[(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1} - (A + \alpha I)^{-1}] (u_{0} - \hat{u})||$$

$$\leq \frac{3}{2} k_{0} r_{0} ||u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}|| + \alpha ||(A + \alpha I)^{-1} (u_{0} - \hat{u})||$$

$$+ ||(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1} (A - A_{0})\alpha (A + \alpha I)^{-1} (u_{0} - \hat{u})||$$

$$\leq \frac{3}{2} k_{0} r_{0} ||u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}|| + \alpha ||(A + \alpha I)^{-1} (u_{0} - \hat{u})||$$

$$+ ||A_{0} (A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \Phi(\hat{u} + t(u_{0} - \hat{u}), u_{0}, \alpha(A + \alpha I)^{-1} (u_{0} - \hat{u})) dt||$$

$$\leq \frac{3}{2} k_{0} r_{0} ||u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}|| + \alpha ||(A + \alpha I)^{-1} (u_{0} - \hat{u})||$$

$$+ \frac{k_{0} r_{0}}{2} ||\alpha (A + \alpha I)^{-1} (u_{0} - \hat{u})||$$

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i.e.,

$$\left(1 - \frac{3}{2}k_{0}r_{0}\right) \|u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}\| \leq \left(1 + \frac{k_{0}r_{0}}{2}\right) \|\alpha (A + \alpha I)^{-1} (u_{0} - \hat{u})\| 
\frac{2 - 3k_{0}r_{0}}{2 + k_{0}r_{0}} \|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\| \leq \|\alpha (A + \alpha I)^{-1} A^{\nu} z\| \text{ by (10)} 
\leq \sup_{\lambda \in \sigma(A)} \left|\frac{\alpha \lambda^{\nu}}{\lambda + \alpha}\right| \|z\| 
\leq \alpha^{\nu} \|z\|.$$
(17)

**Theorem 2.** Suppose Assumption 1 and (10) hold. Then,

$$\|u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u}\| \le \max\{1, \frac{2 + k_0 r_0}{3 - 2k_0 r_0} \|z\|\} (\frac{\delta}{\alpha} + \alpha^{\nu}).$$

In particular, if  $\alpha = \delta^{\frac{1}{\nu+1}}$ , then

$$||u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u}|| = O\left(\delta^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}}\right).$$

**Proof.** Follows from (6) and Theorem 1.  $\Box$ 

**Remark 4.** Note that the best value for  $\frac{\delta}{\alpha} + \alpha^{\nu}$  is attained when  $\frac{\delta}{\alpha} = \alpha^{\nu}$ , i.e.,  $\alpha = \delta^{\frac{1}{\nu+1}}$ , and in this case the optimal order is  $O\left(\delta^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}}\right)$ . However, the above choice of  $\alpha$  is depending on the unknown  $\nu$ . In view of this, our aim is to choose  $\alpha$  (not depending on  $\nu$ ), so that we obtain  $\|u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u}\| = O\left(\delta^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}}\right)$ .

A New Parameter Choice Strategy

For  $u \in \mathcal{U}$ , define

$$\phi(\alpha, u) := \|\alpha^2 (A_0 + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_0) - u)\|, \tag{18}$$

where  $A_0 = \mathcal{H}'(u_0)$ .

**Theorem 3.** For each  $u \in \mathcal{U}$ , and  $\alpha > 0$  the function  $\alpha \to \phi(\alpha, u)$  is continuous, monotonically increasing and

$$\lim_{\alpha \to 0} \phi(\alpha, u) = 0$$
 and  $\lim_{\alpha \to \infty} \phi(\alpha, u) = \|\mathcal{H}(u_0) - u\|$ .

Proof. Note that

$$\phi(\alpha, u)^2 = \int_0^{\|A_0\|} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\lambda + \alpha}\right)^4 d\|E_\lambda(\mathcal{H}(u_0) - u)\|^2,$$

where  $E_{\lambda}$  is the spectral family of  $A_0$ . Note that for each  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$\alpha \longrightarrow \left(\frac{\alpha}{\lambda + \alpha}\right)^4$$

is strictly increasing and satisfies  $\lim_{\alpha \longrightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\lambda + \alpha}\right)^4 = 0$  and  $\lim_{\alpha \longrightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\lambda + \alpha}\right)^4 = 1$ . Hence, by Dominated Convergence Theorem  $\phi(\alpha, u)$  is strictly increasing, continuous,  $\lim_{\alpha \to 0} \phi(\alpha, u) = 0$  and  $\lim_{\alpha \to \infty} \phi(\alpha, u) = \|\mathcal{H}(u_0) - u\|$ .  $\square$ 

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In addition to (2), we assume that

$$c\delta \le \|\mathcal{H}(u_0) - y^\delta\|,\tag{19}$$

for some c > 1. The following theorem is a consequence of the intermediate value theorem.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $y^{\delta}$  satisfies (2) and (19). Then,

$$\phi(\alpha, y^{\delta}) = c\delta \tag{20}$$

has a unique solution  $\alpha$ .

Next, we shall show that if  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta, u_0)$  satisfies (10) and (20) hold, then  $\|\hat{u} - u_\alpha\|$  =  $O(\delta^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}})$ . Our proof is based on the following moment inequality for positive type operator B (see [12], p. 290)

$$||B^{u} x|| \le ||B^{v} x||^{\frac{u}{v}} ||x||^{1-\frac{u}{v}}, \quad 0 \le u \le v.$$
(21)

**Theorem 5.** Let  $\frac{3}{2}k_0r_0 < 1$ , Assumption 1 and (10) be satisfied. Let  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta, u_0)$  be the solution of (20). Then,

$$\|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\| \leq O(\delta^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}}).$$

**Proof.** By taking  $B = \alpha (A + \alpha I)^{-1} A$  and  $x = \alpha^{1-\nu} (A + \alpha I)^{-(1-\nu)} z$  in (17) and then using (21) with  $u = \nu$ ,  $v = 1 + \nu$ , we have

$$\frac{2 - 3k_{0}r_{0}}{2 + k_{0}r_{0}} \|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\| \leq \|B^{\nu} x\| 
\leq \|B^{1+\nu} x\|^{\frac{\nu}{1+\nu}} \|x\|^{\frac{1}{1+\nu}} 
= \|\alpha^{2} (A + \alpha I)^{-2} A^{1+\nu} z\|^{\frac{\nu}{1+\nu}} \|z\|^{\frac{1}{1+\nu}} 
= \|\alpha^{2} (A + \alpha I)^{-2} A (u_{0} - \hat{u})\|^{\frac{\nu}{1+\nu}} \|z\|^{\frac{1}{1+\nu}} 
= \|\alpha^{2} (A + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y)\|^{\frac{\nu}{1+\nu}} \|z\|^{\frac{1}{1+\nu}} 
\leq (\|\alpha^{2} (A + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})\| 
+ \|\alpha^{2} (A + \alpha I)^{-2} (y^{\delta} - y)\|^{\frac{\nu}{1+\nu}} \|z\|^{\frac{1}{1+\nu}} 
= (\mathcal{B}_{1} + \delta)^{\frac{\nu}{1+\nu}} \|z\|^{\frac{1}{1+\nu}}$$
(22)

where  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \|\alpha^2 (A + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_0) - y^{\delta})\|$  and we used the inequality,

$$\|\alpha^2 (A + \alpha I)^{-2} (y^{\delta} - y)\| \le \delta.$$

We have,

$$\mathcal{B}_{1} = \|\alpha^{2} (A + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})\| 
= \|\alpha^{2} [(A + \alpha I)^{-2} - (A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2}] (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta}) 
+ \alpha^{2} (A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})\| 
\leq \|\alpha^{2} [(A + \alpha I)^{-2} - (A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2}] (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})\| 
+ \|\alpha^{2} (A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})\| 
=: \mathcal{D}_{1} + \phi(\alpha, y^{\delta})$$
(23)

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where  $\mathcal{D}_1 = \|\alpha^2[(A + \alpha I)^{-2} - (A_0 + \alpha I)^{-2}](\mathcal{H}(u_0) - y^{\delta})\|$ . Let  $w = \alpha^2(A_0 + \alpha I)^{-2}(\mathcal{H}(u_0) - y^{\delta})$ . Note that,

$$\mathcal{D}_{1} = \|\alpha^{2}[(A+\alpha I)^{-2} - (A_{0}+\alpha I)^{-2}](\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})\|$$

$$= \|(A+\alpha I)^{-2}[A_{0}^{2} - A^{2} + 2\alpha(A_{0} - A)]w\|$$

$$= \|(A+\alpha I)^{-2}[(A+A_{0}) + 2\alpha I](A_{0} - A)w\|$$

$$= \|(A+\alpha I)^{-2}[A_{0} - A + 2A + 2\alpha I](A_{0} - A)w\|$$

$$= \|[(A+\alpha I)^{-1}(A_{0} - A)]^{2}w + 2(A+\alpha I)^{-1}(A_{0} - A)w\|$$

$$\leq (\|\Gamma\|^{2} + 2\|\Gamma\|)\|w\| = (\|\Gamma\|^{2} + 2\|\Gamma\|)\phi(\alpha, y^{\delta}), \tag{24}$$

where  $\Gamma = (A + \alpha I)^{-1}(A_0 - A)$ . By Assumption 1, we obtain

$$\begin{split} \|\Gamma x\| & \leq \|[(A+\alpha I)^{-1} - (A_0 + \alpha I)^{-1}](A_0 - A)x\| \\ & + \|(A_0 + \alpha I)^{-1}(A_0 - A)x\| \\ & = \|(A_0 + \alpha I)^{-1}[A_0 - A](A + \alpha I)^{-1}(A_0 - A)x\| \\ & + \|(A_0 + \alpha I)^{-1}(A_0 - A)x\| \\ & \leq \|(A_0 + \alpha I)^{-1}A_0 \\ & \times \int_0^1 \Phi(\hat{u} + t(u_0 - \hat{u}), u_0, (A + \alpha I)^{-1}(A_0 - A)x)dt\| \\ & + \|(A_0 + \alpha I)^{-1}A_0 \int_0^1 \Phi((\hat{u} + t(u_0 - \hat{u}), u_0, x)dt\| \\ & \leq \frac{k_0 r_0}{2} \|\Gamma x\| + \frac{k_0 r_0}{2} \|x\|, \end{split}$$

i.e.,

$$(1 - \frac{k_0 r_0}{2}) \|\Gamma x\| \le k_0 r_0 \|x\|, \tag{25}$$

and hence

$$\mathcal{B}_1 \le \left[ \frac{2k_0 r_0}{2 - k_0 r_0} \left( \frac{2k_0 r_0}{2 - k_0 r_0} + 2 \right) + 1 \right] \phi(\alpha, y^{\delta}) = O(\delta). \tag{26}$$

The result now follows from (23)–(26).  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 6.** Suppose Assumption 1 and (10) hold and if  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta, u_0)$  is chosen as a solution of (20). Then,

$$\frac{\delta}{\alpha} = O\left(\delta^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}}\right).$$

**Proof.** By (20), we have

$$c\delta = \|\alpha^{2} (A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})\|$$

$$\leq \|\alpha^{2} (A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y)\|$$

$$+ \|\alpha^{2} (A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2} (y - y^{\delta}))\|$$

$$\leq \|\alpha^{2} (A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y)\| + \delta,$$

so

$$(c-1)\delta \leq \|\alpha^{2} \left[ (A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2} - (A + \alpha I)^{-2} \right] (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y) \|$$

$$+ \|\alpha^{2} (A + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y) \|$$

$$= \|(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2} \left[ (A + \alpha I)^{2} - (A_{0} + \alpha I)^{2} \right]$$

$$\times \alpha^{2} (A + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y) \|$$

$$+ \|\alpha^{2} (A + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y) \|. \tag{27}$$

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Let  $w_1 = \alpha^2 (A + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_0) - y)$ . Then, similar to (24), we have

$$(c_1 - 1)\delta \le (\|\Gamma_1\|^2 + 2\|\Gamma_1\| + 1)\|w_1\|, \tag{28}$$

where  $\Gamma_1 = (A_0 + \alpha I)^{-1} (A - A_0)$ . Note that,

$$\|\Gamma_{1}x\| = \|(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1}(A - A_{0})x\|$$

$$= \|(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1}A_{0}\int_{0}^{1}\Phi(\hat{u} + t(u_{0} - \hat{u}), u_{0}, x)dt\|$$

$$\leq \frac{k_{0}}{2}\|u_{0} - \hat{u}\|\|x\|$$

$$\leq \frac{k_{0}r_{0}}{2}\|x\|,$$

so

$$\|\Gamma_1\| \le \frac{k_0 r_0}{2}.\tag{29}$$

Therefore, by (10), (28) and (29), we have

$$(c-1)\delta \le \left[ \left( \frac{k_0 r_0}{2} \right)^2 + k_0 r_0 + 1 \right] \|w_1\|$$

$$= \left[ \left( \frac{k_0 r_0}{2} \right)^2 + k_0 r_0 + 1 \right] \|\alpha^2 (A + \alpha I)^{-2} A (u_0 - \hat{u})\|$$

$$= \left[ \left( \frac{k_0 r_0}{2} \right)^2 + k_0 r_0 + 1 \right] \|\alpha^2 (A + \alpha I)^{-2} A^{1+\nu} z\|$$

$$\le \left[ \left( \frac{k_0 r_0}{2} \right)^2 + k_0 r_0 + 1 \right] \|\alpha^2 (A + \alpha I)^{-1} A^{\nu} z\|$$

$$\le \left[ \left( \frac{k_0 r_0}{2} \right)^2 + k_0 r_0 + 1 \right] \alpha^{1+\nu} \|z\|,$$

or

$$\alpha^{1+\nu} \ge \frac{c-1}{\left[ (\frac{k_0 r_0}{2})^2 + k_0 r_0 + 1 \right] \|z\|} \delta. \tag{30}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\delta}{\alpha} = \delta^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}} \left( \frac{\delta}{\alpha^{\nu+1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\nu+1}} = O(\delta^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}}).$$

Combining Theorems 5 and 6, we obtain:

**Theorem 7.** Let Assumption 1 and (10) be satisfied and let  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta, u_0)$  be the solution of (20). Then,

$$||u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u}|| = O(\delta^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}}).$$

In [16], the following estimates was given (see [16], Theorem 2.3)

$$\|u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - u_{n,\alpha}^{\delta}\| \le kq_{\alpha}^{n},\tag{31}$$

where  $q_{\alpha} = 1 - \beta \alpha$  and  $k \ge r_0 + 1$  with  $\beta = \frac{1}{\beta_0 + \alpha}$ ,  $\beta_0 \ge \|\mathcal{H}'(u)\|$ ,  $\forall u \in \overline{B(u, 2(r_0 + 1))}$ . Suppose

$$n_{\alpha,\delta} := \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \alpha q_{\alpha}^n \leq \delta\}.$$

**Theorem 8.** Let Assumption 1 and (10) be satisfied and let  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta, u_0)$  be the solution of (20). Then,

$$||u_{n_{\alpha,\delta},\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u}|| = O(\delta^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}}).$$

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**Proof.** Follows from the inequality

$$||u_{n_{\alpha,\delta},\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u}|| \le ||u_{n_{\alpha,\delta},\alpha}^{\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{\delta}|| + ||u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u}||,$$

Equation (31), Theorems 6 and 7.  $\Box$ 

## 3. Finite Dimensional Realization of (13)

Consider a family  $\{P_h\}_{h>0}$  of orthogonal projections of  $\mathcal{U}$  onto the range  $R(P_h)$  of  $P_h$ . Let there exists  $b_0 > 0$  such that

$$||(I-P_h)\hat{u}|| := b_h \le b_0,$$

and let

$$r \ge 2(2r_0 + \max\{\|\hat{u}\|, 1\} + b_h)$$
 with  $r_0 := \|\hat{u} - u_0\|$ .

We assume that;

- (i)  $B(P_h u_0, r) \subseteq D(\mathcal{H})$ ,
- (ii) there exists  $\beta_0 > 0$  such that

$$||P_h \mathcal{H}'(u)P_h|| \le \beta_0 \ \forall \ u \in \overline{B(P_h u_0, r)}. \tag{32}$$

(iii) there exists  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that

$$\|\mathcal{H}'(u)(I-P_h)\| := \varepsilon_h(u) \le \varepsilon_h \le \varepsilon_0 \ \forall \ u \in \overline{B(P_h u_0, r)}. \tag{33}$$

**Remark 5.** (a) Suppose  $\mathcal{H}'(u)$  is self-adjoint for  $u \in \overline{B(P_h u_0, r)}$ . Then,  $\|\mathcal{H}'(u)(I - P_h)\|$  =  $\|(I - P_h)\mathcal{H}'(u)\|$ , and by Assumption 1, we have  $\mathcal{H}'(u)v = \mathcal{H}'(P_h u_0)(v + \varphi(u, P_h u_0, v))$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{H}'(u)(I-P_h)v\| &= \|(I-P_h)\mathcal{H}'(P_hu_0)(v+\varphi(u,P_hu_0,v))\| \\ &\leq \|(I-P_h)\mathcal{H}'(P_hu_0)\|[\|v\|+k_0\|u-P_hu_0\|\|v\|] \\ &\leq (1+k_0r)\|(I-P_h)\mathcal{H}'(P_hu_0)\|\|v\|, \end{aligned}$$

so,  $\|\mathcal{H}'(u)(I-P_h)\| \le (1+k_0r)\|(I-P_h)\mathcal{H}'(P_hu_0)\|$ . Therefore, in this case, we can take,  $\varepsilon_h = (1+k_0r)\|(I-P_h)\mathcal{H}'(P_hu_0)\|$ .

(b) Suppose,  $\mathcal{H}'(u)$  is not self-adjoint for  $u \in \overline{B(P_h u_0, r)}$ . In this case, under the additional assumption (see [17])

$$\mathcal{H}'(u) = R_u \mathcal{H}'(P_h u_0), \ u \in \overline{B(P_h u_0, r)}$$

with  $||I - R_u|| \le C_R ||u - P_h u_0||$ , we have

$$||\mathcal{H}'(u)(I - P_h)|| = ||R_u \mathcal{H}'(P_h u_0)(I - P_h)||$$

$$\leq ||R_u|| ||\mathcal{H}'(P_h u_0)(I - P_h)||$$

$$\leq (1 + C_R r) ||\mathcal{H}'(P_h u_0)(I - P_h)||.$$

Therefore, in this case, we can take,  $\varepsilon_h = (1 + C_R r) \|\mathcal{H}'(P_h u_0)(I - P_h)\|$ .

From now on, we assume  $\delta \in (0, d]$  and  $\alpha \in [\delta + \varepsilon_h, a)$  with  $a > d + \varepsilon_0$ . First we shall prove that

$$(P_h \mathcal{H} P_h)(u) + \alpha P_h(u - u_0) = P_h \gamma^{\delta}$$
(34)

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has a unique solution  $u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} \in R(P_h)$ , under the assumption

$$R(P_h) \subseteq D(\mathcal{H}).$$
 (35)

**Proposition 1.** Suppose (35) holds. Then (34) has a unique solution  $u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}$  in  $B(P_hu_0,r)$  for all  $u_0 \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $y^{\delta} \in \mathcal{U}$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\mathcal{H}$  is monotone, we have

$$\langle (P_h \mathcal{H} P_h)(u) - (P_h \mathcal{H} P_h)(v), u - v \rangle = \langle \mathcal{H}(P_h(u)) - \mathcal{H}(P_h(v)), P_h(u) - P_h(v) \rangle \ge 0,$$

so  $P_h\mathcal{H}P_h$  is monotone and  $D(P_h\mathcal{H}P_h)=\mathcal{U}$ . Hence by Minty–Browder Theorem(see [18,19]), Equation (34) has a unique solution  $u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}$  for all  $u_0\in\mathcal{U}$  and  $y^{\delta}\in\mathcal{U}$ .

Next, we shall prove that  $u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} \in B(P_h u_0, r)$ . Note that by (34), we have

$$P_h \mathcal{H}(P_h u_\alpha^{h,\delta}) + \alpha P_h(u_\alpha^{h,\delta} - \hat{u}) - P_h \mathcal{H}(\hat{u}) = P_h(y^\delta - y) + \alpha P_h(u_0 - \hat{u}). \tag{36}$$

Let  $M = \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}'(\hat{u} + t(P_h u_\alpha^{h,\delta} - \hat{u})) dt$ . Then by (36), we have

$$P_h M(P_h u_\alpha^{h,\delta} - \hat{u}) + \alpha P_h(u_\alpha^{h,\delta} - \hat{u}) = P_h(y^\delta - y) + \alpha P_h(u_0 - \hat{u}).$$

or

$$(P_h M P_h + \alpha I)(u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - P_h \hat{u}) = P_h(y^{\delta} - y) + \alpha P_h(u_0 - \hat{u}) + P_h M (I - P_h) \hat{u}.$$

So, we have

$$\|u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - P_{h}\hat{u}\| = \|(P_{h}MP_{h} + \alpha I)^{-1} \times [\alpha P_{h}(u_{0} - \hat{u}) + P_{h}(y^{\delta} - y) + (P_{h}M(I - P_{h}))(\hat{u})]\|$$

$$\leq \|P_{h}(u_{0} - \hat{u})\| + \frac{\|P_{h}(y^{\delta} - y)\|}{\alpha} + \frac{\|P_{h}M(I - P_{h})\|\|\hat{u}\|}{\alpha}$$

$$\leq r_{0} + \frac{\delta}{\alpha} + \frac{\varepsilon_{h}\|\hat{u}\|}{\alpha}$$

and hence

$$\|u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - P_{h}u_{0}\| \leq \|u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - P_{h}\hat{u}\| + \|P_{h}(\hat{u} - u_{0})\|$$

$$\leq 2r_{0} + \max\{\|\hat{u}\|, 1\} \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_{h}}{\alpha}$$

$$\leq 2r_{0} + \max\{\|\hat{u}\|, 1\} < r,$$
(37)

i.e.,  $u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} \in B(P_h u_0, r)$ .  $\square$ 

**The method:** The rest of this section,  $\mathcal{H}'(u)$ ,  $u \in \overline{B(P_h u_0, r)}$  is assumed to be positive self-adjoint operator. We consider the sequence  $\{u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta}\}$  defined iteratively by

$$u_{n+1,\alpha}^{h,\delta} = u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - \beta P_h [FP_h(u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta}) + \alpha (u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_0) - y^{\delta}]$$
 (38)

where

$$u_{0,\alpha}^{h,\delta} = P_h u_0$$
 and  $\beta := \frac{1}{\beta_0 + a}$ .

Note that if  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \{u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta}\}$  exists, then the limit is the solution  $u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}$  of (34).

**Theorem 9.** Let  $\delta \in (0,d]$ ,  $\alpha \in [\delta + \varepsilon_h, a)$ ,  $u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}$  and  $u_{\alpha}^{\delta}$  are solutions of (3) and (34), respectively. Then

$$\|u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}-u_{\alpha}^{\delta}\|\leq \|\hat{u}\|\frac{\varepsilon_{h}}{\alpha}+b_{h}+2\|u_{\alpha}^{\delta}-\hat{u}\|.$$

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**Proof.** Note that by (3), we have

$$P_h \mathcal{H}(u_\alpha^\delta) + \alpha P_h(u_\alpha^\delta - u_0) = P_h y^\delta. \tag{39}$$

Therefore, by (34) and (39), we have

$$P_h(\mathcal{H}(u_\alpha^{h,\delta}) - \mathcal{H}(u_\alpha^{\delta})) + \alpha P_h(u_\alpha^{h,\delta} - u_\alpha^{\delta}) = 0.$$
 (40)

Let  $T_h := \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}'(u_\alpha^\delta + t(u_\alpha^{h,\delta} - u_\alpha^\delta))dt$ . Then by (40), we have

$$P_h T_h (u_\alpha^{h,\delta} - u_\alpha^{\delta}) + \alpha P_h (u_\alpha^{h,\delta} - u_\alpha^{\delta}) = 0$$

or

$$P_h T_h P_h (u_\alpha^{h,\delta} - u_\alpha^\delta) + \alpha P_h (u_\alpha^{h,\delta} - u_\alpha^\delta) = P_h T_h (I - P_h) u_\alpha^\delta. \tag{41}$$

Notice that

$$\|u_{\alpha}^{\delta} + t(u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{\delta}) - P_{h}u_{0}\| = \|(1-t)(u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u} + \hat{u} - P_{h}u_{0}) + t(u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - P_{h}u_{0})\|$$

$$= \|(1-t)[(u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u}) + (I - P_{h})\hat{u} + P_{h}(\hat{u} - u_{0})]$$

$$+ t(u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - P_{h}u_{0})\|$$

$$\leq (1-t)[\|u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u}\| + \|(I - P_{h})\hat{u}\| + \|P_{h}(\hat{u} - u_{0})\|]$$

$$+ \|t(u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - P_{h}u_{0})\|$$

$$\leq (1-t)[\|u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u}\| + b_{h} + r_{0}] + t\|u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - P_{h}u_{0}\|$$

$$\leq (1-t)[(\frac{\delta}{\alpha} + 2r_{0}) + b_{h}] + t(2r_{0} + \max\{1, \|\hat{u}\|\})$$

$$\text{by (7) and (37)}$$

$$\leq r,$$

that is  $u_{\alpha}^{\delta} + t(u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{\delta}) \in B(P_h u_0, r)$ . So,  $P_h T_h P_h$  is self-adjoint and hence by (41),

$$\|u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - P_{h}u_{\alpha}^{\delta}\| = \|(P_{h}T_{h}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-1}P_{h}T_{h}(I - P_{h})u_{\alpha}^{\delta}\|$$

$$\leq \frac{\|P_{h}T_{h}(I - P_{h})u_{\alpha}^{\delta}\|}{\alpha}$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon_{h}}{\alpha}\|u_{\alpha}^{\delta}\|$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon_{h}}{\alpha}(\|\hat{u}\| + \|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}^{\delta}\|)$$
(42)

and

$$\|(I - P_h)u_{\alpha}^{\delta}\| \le \|(I - P_h)\hat{u}\| + \|u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u}\|. \tag{43}$$

Since  $\frac{\varepsilon_h}{\alpha} \le 1$ , by (42) and (43), we have

$$||u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{\delta}|| \leq ||u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - P_{h}u_{\alpha}^{\delta}|| + ||(I - P_{h})u_{\alpha}^{\delta}||$$
$$\leq ||\hat{u}|| \frac{\varepsilon_{h}}{\alpha} + b_{h} + 2||u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u}||.$$

**Remark 6.** If  $\alpha b_h \leq \delta + \varepsilon_h$  and  $\alpha = (\delta + \varepsilon_h)^{\frac{1}{\nu+1}}$ , then by Theorems 2 and 9, we have

$$||u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - \hat{u}|| = O((\delta + \varepsilon_h)^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}}).$$

**Theorem 10.** Let  $\delta \in (0,d]$  and  $\alpha \in [\delta + \varepsilon_h, a)$ . Then,  $\{u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta}\} \in \overline{B(P_h u_0, r)}$  and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} = u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}$ . Further

$$||u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta}-u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}|| \leq \kappa q_{\alpha,h}^n$$

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where  $q_{\alpha,h} := 1 - \beta \alpha$ ,  $\kappa \ge 2r_0 + \max\{1, \|\hat{u}\|\}$  and  $\beta := 1/(\beta_0 + a)$ .

**Proof.** We shall show the following using induction;

- (1a)  $u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} \in \overline{B(P_h u_0, r)}$ ,
- (1b) the operator

$$A_n^h := \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}'(u_\alpha^{h,\delta} + t(u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_\alpha^{h,\delta}))dt$$

is positive self-adjoint, well defined and

(1c) 
$$\|u_{n+1,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}\| \le (1 - \beta\alpha) \|u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}\| \ \forall n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Clearly,  $u_{0,\alpha}^{h,\delta} = P_h u_0 \in \overline{B(P_h u_0, r)}$ . Furthermore, we have by Proposition 1,  $u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} \in \overline{B(P_h u_0, r)}$ , so by (32),  $A_0^h$  is a well defined and positive self-adjoint operator with  $\|P_h A_0^h P_h\| \le \beta_0$ . So (1a) and (1b) hold for n = 0.

Note that

$$u_{1,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} = u_{0,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - \beta P_h [\mathcal{H}(u_{0,\alpha}^{h,\delta}) - \mathcal{H}(u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}) + \alpha (u_{0,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta})].$$

Since,

$$\mathcal{H}(u_{0,\alpha}^{h,\delta}) - \mathcal{H}(u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}) = \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}'(u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} + t(u_{0,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}))(u_{0,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta})dt = A_0^h(u_{0,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta})$$

we have

$$u_{1,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} = [I - \beta(P_h A_0^h P_h + \alpha I)](u_{0,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta})]. \tag{44}$$

Since  $P_h A_0^h P_h$  is a positive self-adjoint operator (cf. [20]),

$$||I - \beta(P_h A_0^h P_h + \alpha I)|| = \sup_{\|u\|=1} |\langle [(1 - \beta \alpha)I - \beta P_h A_0^h P_h] u, u \rangle|$$
$$= \sup_{\|u\|=1} |(1 - \beta \alpha) - \beta \langle P_h A_0^h P_h u, u \rangle|$$

and since  $||P_h A_0^h P_h|| \le \beta_0$  and  $\beta = 1/(\beta_0 + a)$ , we have

$$0 \le \beta \langle P_h A_0^h P_h u, u \rangle \le \beta \|P_h A_0^h P_h\| \le \beta \beta_0 < 1 - \beta \alpha \ \forall \alpha \in (0, a).$$

Therefore,

$$||I - \beta(P_h A_0^h P_h + \alpha I)|| \le 1 - \beta \alpha.$$

Thus, by (44), we have

$$||u_{1,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}|| \leq (1 - \beta\alpha)||u_{0,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}|| \leq q_{\alpha,h}||P_h u_0 - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}||.$$

Therefore, we have

$$||u_{1,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}|| \le q_{\alpha,h}(2r_0 + \max\{1, ||\hat{u}||\}), \text{ by } (37) = \kappa q_{\alpha,h}.$$

and

$$||u_{1,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - P_h u_0|| \leq ||u_{1,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}|| + ||u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - P_h u_0||$$
  
$$\leq 2||P_h u_0 - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}|| \leq 2(2r_0 + \max\{1, ||\hat{u}||\}) \leq r.$$

Thus,  $u_{1,\alpha}^{h,\delta} \in \overline{B(P_hu_0,r)}$ . So, for n=0, (1a)–(1c) hold. The induction for (1a)–(1c) is completed, if we simply replace  $u_{1,\alpha}^{h,\delta}, u_{0,\alpha}^{h,\delta}$  in the preceding arguments with  $u_{n+1,\alpha}^{h,\delta}, u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta}$ , respectively. The result now follows from (1c).  $\square$ 

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**Theorem 11.** Let  $\delta \in (0, d]$ ,  $\alpha \in (\delta + \varepsilon_h, a]$  with  $d + \varepsilon_0 < a$ . Let  $u_\alpha^\delta$  and  $u_\alpha$  be solutions of (3) and (4), respectively. For  $\delta \in (0, d]$  and  $\alpha \in [\delta + \varepsilon_h, a)$ , let  $\{u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta}\}$  be as in (38). Let

$$n_{\alpha,\delta} := \min\{m \in \mathbb{N} : \alpha \, q_{\alpha,h}^m \le \delta + \varepsilon_h\} \tag{45}$$

and

$$\alpha b_h < \delta + \varepsilon_h$$
.

Then,

$$\|u_{n_{\alpha,\delta},\alpha}^{h,\delta} - \hat{u}\| = (\kappa + 1 + \max\{\|\hat{u}\|, 3\}) \Big(\|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\| + \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\alpha}\Big). \tag{46}$$

**Proof.** By Theorems 9 and 10, we have

$$\|u_{n_{\alpha,\delta},\alpha}^{h,\delta} - \hat{u}\| \leq \|u_{n_{\alpha,\delta},\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}\| + \|u_{\alpha}^{h,\delta} - u_{\alpha}^{\delta}\| + \|u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u}\|$$

$$\leq \kappa q_{\alpha,h}^{n} + \frac{\varepsilon_{h}}{\alpha} \|\hat{u}\| + b_{h} + 3\|u_{\alpha}^{\delta} - \hat{u}\|$$

$$\leq \kappa q_{\alpha,h}^{n} + \frac{\varepsilon_{h}}{\alpha} \|\hat{u}\| + b_{h} + 3(\frac{\delta}{\alpha} + \|u_{\alpha} - \hat{u}\|)$$

$$\leq (\kappa + 1 + \max\{3, \|\hat{u}\|\}) (\|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\| + \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_{h}}{\alpha}). \tag{48}$$

Here, we used the fact that  $q_{\alpha,h}^n \leq \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\alpha}$  for  $n = n_{\alpha,\delta}$  and  $b_h \leq \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\alpha}$ . Thus, we obtain the required estimate in the theorem.

Finite dimensional realization of (20) is considered next.

# 4. Finite Dimensional Realization of the a New Parameter Choice Strategy (20)

For  $u \in \mathcal{U}$ , define

$$\phi^{h}(\alpha, u) := \|\alpha^{2} (P_{h} A_{0} P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2} P_{h} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - u)\|. \tag{49}$$

The proof of the next theorem is similar to that of Theorem 3, so the proof is omitted.

**Theorem 12.** For each  $u \in \mathcal{U}$ , the function  $\alpha \to \phi^h(\alpha, u)$  for  $\alpha > 0$ , defined in (49), is continuous, monotonically increasing and

$$\lim_{\alpha \to 0} \phi^h(\alpha, u) = 0, \quad \lim_{\alpha \to \infty} \phi^h(\alpha, u) = \|P_h(\mathcal{H}(u_0) - u)\|.$$

In addition to (2), we assume that

$$c_1 \delta + d_1 \varepsilon_h < \|P_h(\mathcal{H}(u_0) - \nu^{\delta})\|, \tag{50}$$

for some  $c_1 > 1$  and  $d_1 > \frac{k_0 r_0^2}{2} + r_0$ . The proof of the following theorem follows from the intermediate value theorem.

**Theorem 13.** If  $y^{\delta}$  satisfies (2) and (50). Then,

$$\phi^h(\alpha, y^{\delta}) = c_1 \delta + d_1 \varepsilon_h \tag{51}$$

has a unique solution  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta, h, u_0)$ .

Next, we shall show that if  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta, h, u_0)$  satisfies (51), then  $\|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\| = O((\delta + \varepsilon_h)^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}})$ . Our proof is based on the moment inequality (21).

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**Theorem 14.** Let Assumption 1 and (10) be satisfied and let  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta, h, u_0)$  satisfies (51). Then,

$$\|\hat{u} - u_{\alpha}\| \leq O((\delta + \varepsilon_h)^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}}).$$

**Proof.** By (24), the result follows once we prove  $||w|| = O(\delta + \varepsilon_h)$ . This can be seen as follows,

$$||w|| = ||\alpha^{2}(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})||$$

$$\leq ||\alpha^{2}[(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2} - (P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha P_{h})^{-2}](\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})||$$

$$+||\alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2}P_{h}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})||$$

$$\leq ||\alpha^{2}(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2}[(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha P_{h})^{2} - (A_{0} + \alpha I)^{2}]$$

$$\times (P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha P_{h})^{-2}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})|| + c_{1}\delta + d_{1}\varepsilon_{h}$$

$$= ||\alpha^{2}(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2}[(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h})^{2} + 2\alpha P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} - (A_{0}^{2} + 2\alpha A_{0}) + \alpha^{2}(P_{h} - I)]$$

$$\times (P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha P_{h})^{-2}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})|| + c_{1}\delta + d_{1}\varepsilon_{h}$$

$$= ||\alpha^{2}(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2}[(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + A_{0})(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} - A_{0}) + 2\alpha(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} - A_{0})]$$

$$\times (P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha P_{h})^{-2}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})|| + c_{1}\delta + d_{1}\varepsilon_{h}$$

$$= ||\alpha^{2}(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-2}[(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} - A_{0}) + 2(A_{0} + \alpha I)]$$

$$\times (P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} - A_{0})(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} - A_{0}) + 2(A_{0} + \alpha I)]$$

$$\times (P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} - A_{0})(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha P_{h})^{-2}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})|| + c_{1}\delta + d_{1}\varepsilon_{h}$$

$$= ||[(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} - A_{0})]^{2} + 2(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} - A_{0})]$$

$$\times \alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha P_{h})^{-2}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})|| + c_{1}\delta + d_{1}\varepsilon_{h}$$

$$= ||[(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} - A_{0}P_{h} + A_{0}P_{h} - A_{0})]^{2}$$

$$+2(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} - A_{0}P_{h} + A_{0}P_{h} - A_{0})]$$

$$\times \alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha P_{h})^{-2}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})|| + c_{1}\delta + d_{1}\varepsilon_{h}$$

$$= ||[(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} - A_{0}P_{h})]^{2} + 2(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} - A_{0}P_{h})]$$

$$\times \alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha P_{h})^{-2}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})|| + c_{1}\delta + d_{1}\varepsilon_{h}$$

$$\leq ||[(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1}(P_{h} - I)A_{0}P_{h}]^{2} + 2(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1}((P_{h} - I)A_{0}P_{h})]$$

$$\times \alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha P_{h})^{-2}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})|| + c_{1}\delta + d_{1}\varepsilon_{h}$$

$$\leq (||A_{0} + \alpha I|^{-1}(P_{h} - I)A_{0}P_{h}|^{2} + 2(A_{0} + \alpha I)^{-1}((P_{h} - I)A_{0}P_{h})|$$

$$\times \alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha P_{h})^{-2}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})|| + c_{1}\delta + d_{1}\varepsilon_{h}$$

$$\leq (||A_{0}$$

where, we used  $(P_h - I)P_h = 0$ . Next, we shall show that  $\frac{\varepsilon_h}{\alpha}$  is bounded. Note that,

$$c_{1}\delta + d_{1}\varepsilon_{h} = \|\alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2} P_{h}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})\|$$

$$\leq \|\alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2} P_{h}(y - y^{\delta})\|$$

$$+ \|\alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2} P_{h}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y)\|$$

$$\leq \delta + \|\alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2} P_{h}A(u_{0} - \hat{u})\|$$

$$\leq \delta + \|\alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2} P_{h}(A - A_{0})(u_{0} - \hat{u})\|$$

$$+ \|\alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2} P_{h}A_{0}(u_{0} - \hat{u})\|$$

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$$= \delta + \|\alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2}P_{h}A_{0}\int_{0}^{1}\Phi(\hat{u} + t(u_{0} - \hat{u}), u_{0}, u_{0} - \hat{u})\|$$

$$+ \|\alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2}P_{h}A_{0}[P_{h} + I - P_{h}])(u_{0} - \hat{u})\|$$

$$\leq \delta + \|\alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha)^{-2}P_{h}A_{0}[P_{h} + I - P_{h}]\int_{0}^{1}\Phi(\hat{u} + t(u_{0} - \hat{u}), u_{0}, u_{0} - \hat{u})\|$$

$$+ \|\alpha^{2}(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2}P_{h}A_{0}[P_{h} + I - P_{h}])(u_{0} - \hat{u})\|$$

$$\leq \delta + (\alpha + \|A_{0}(I - P_{h})\|)\|\int_{0}^{1}\Phi(\hat{u} + t(u_{0} - \hat{u}), u_{0}, u_{0} - \hat{u})dt\|$$

$$+ (\alpha + \|A_{0}(I - P_{h})\|)\|u_{0} - \hat{u}\|$$

$$\leq \delta + (\alpha + \varepsilon_{h})\frac{k_{0}}{2}\|u_{0} - \hat{u}\|^{2}$$

$$+ (\alpha + \varepsilon_{h})\|u_{0} - \hat{u}\|$$

$$\leq \delta + (\frac{k_{0}r_{0}^{2}}{2} + r_{0})\varepsilon_{h} + (\frac{k_{0}r_{0}^{2}}{2} + r_{0})\alpha$$

so, we have

$$(d_1 - (\frac{k_0 r_0^2}{2} + r_0))\varepsilon_h < (c_1 - 1)\delta + (d_1 - (\frac{k_0 r_0^2}{2} + r_0))\varepsilon_h \le (\frac{k_0 r_0^2}{2} + r_0)\alpha$$

and hence

$$\frac{\varepsilon_h}{\alpha} \le \frac{\frac{k_0 r_0^2}{2} + r_0}{d_1 - (\frac{k_0 r_0^2}{2} + r_0)} := C_{r_0}.$$
 (53)

Now, the result follows from (52) and (53).  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 15.** Suppose Assumption 1 and (10) hold and if  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta, h, u_0)$  is chosen as a solution of (51). Then,

$$\frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\alpha} = O\Big((\delta + \varepsilon_h)^{\frac{\nu}{\nu + 1}}\Big).$$

**Proof.** By (51), we have

$$c_{1}\delta + d_{1}\varepsilon_{h} = \|\alpha^{2} (P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2}P_{h}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y^{\delta})\|$$

$$\leq \|\alpha^{2} (P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2}P_{h}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y)\|$$

$$+ \|\alpha^{2} (P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2}P_{h}(y - y^{\delta}))\|$$

$$\leq \|\alpha^{2} (P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2}P_{h}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y)\| + \delta,$$

so

$$(c_{1}-1)\delta + d_{1}\varepsilon_{h} \leq \|\alpha^{2} (P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-2} P_{h}(\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y)\|$$

$$\leq \|\alpha^{2} \left[ (P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha P_{h})^{-2} - (A + \alpha I)^{-2} \right] (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y)\|$$

$$+ \|\alpha^{2} (A + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y)\|$$

$$= \|(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha P_{h})^{-2} \left[ P_{h}(A + \alpha I)^{2} - (P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{2} \right]$$

$$\times \alpha^{2} (A + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y)\|$$

$$+ \|\alpha^{2} (A + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_{0}) - y)\|. \tag{54}$$

Let  $w_1 = \alpha^2 (A + \alpha I)^{-2} (\mathcal{H}(u_0) - y)$ . Then, similar to (24), we have

$$(c_1 - 1)\delta + d_1\varepsilon_h \le (\|\Gamma_2\|^2 + 2\|\Gamma_2\| + 1)\|w_1\|,\tag{55}$$

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where  $\Gamma_2 = (P_h A_0 P_h + \alpha I)^{-1} (P_h A - P_h A_0 P_h)$ . Note that,

$$\begin{split} \|\Gamma_{2}x\| &= \|(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-1}[P_{h}(A - A_{0}) + P_{h}A_{0}(I - P_{h})]x\| \\ &\leq \|(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-1}[P_{h}(A - A_{0})x\| + \|(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-1}P_{h}A_{0}(I - P_{h})]x\| \\ &= \|(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-1}[P_{h}A_{0}\int_{0}^{1}\Phi(\hat{u} + t(u_{0} - \hat{u}), u_{0}, x)dt\| \\ &+ \|(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-1}P_{h}A_{0}(I - P_{h})]x\| \\ &= \|(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-1}[P_{h}A_{0}[P_{h} + I - P_{h})]\int_{0}^{1}\Phi(\hat{u} + t(u_{0} - \hat{u}), u_{0}, x)dt\| \\ &+ \|(P_{h}A_{0}P_{h} + \alpha I)^{-1}P_{h}A_{0}(I - P_{h})]x\| \\ &\leq \left[(1 + \frac{\varepsilon_{h}}{\alpha})\frac{k_{0}}{2}\|u_{0} - \hat{u}\| + \frac{\varepsilon_{h}}{\alpha}\right]\|x\| \\ &\leq \left[(1 + C_{r_{0}})\frac{k_{0}}{2}r_{0} + C_{r_{0}}\right]\|x\|, \end{split}$$

so

$$\|\Gamma_2\| \le \left[ (1 + C_{r_0}) \frac{k_0}{2} r_0 + C_{r_0} \right] := C_{\Gamma_2}.$$
 (56)

Therefore, by (10), (55) and (56), we have

$$\begin{split} (c_1-1)\delta + d_1\varepsilon_h &< \left[C_{\Gamma_2}^2 + 2C_{\Gamma_2} + 1\right] \|w_1\| \\ &= \left[C_{\Gamma_2}^2 + 2C_{\Gamma_2} + 1\right] \|\alpha^2 (A + \alpha I)^{-2} A (u_0 - \hat{u})\| \\ &= \left[C_{\Gamma_2}^2 + 2C_{\Gamma_2} + 1\right] \|\alpha^2 (A + \alpha I)^{-2} A^{1+\nu} z\| \\ &\leq \left[C_{\Gamma_2}^2 + 2C_{\Gamma_2} + 1\right] \|\alpha^2 (A + \alpha I)^{-1} A^{\nu} z\| \\ &\leq \left[C_{\Gamma_2}^2 + 2C_{\Gamma_2} + 1\right] \|\alpha^{1+\nu} \|z\|, \end{split}$$

or

$$\alpha^{1+\nu} \ge \frac{\min\{c_1 - 1, d_1\}}{\left[C_{\Gamma_2}^2 + 2C_{\Gamma_2} + 1\right] \|z\|} (\delta + \varepsilon_h). \tag{57}$$

Thus

$$\frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\alpha} = (\delta + \varepsilon_h)^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}} \left( \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\alpha^{\nu+1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\nu+1}} = O((\delta + \varepsilon_h)^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}}).$$

By combining Theorems 11, 14 and 15, we have the following Theorem.

**Theorem 16.** Suppose Assumption 1 and (10) hold and if  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta, h, u_0)$  is chosen as a solution of (51). Then

$$||u_{n_{\alpha,\delta},\alpha}^{h,\delta}-\hat{u}||=O((\delta+\varepsilon_h)^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}}).$$

**Remark 7.** Note that in the proposed method a system of equation is solved to obtain the parameter  $\alpha$  and used it for computing  $u_{n_{\alpha,\delta},\alpha}^{h,\delta}$ . Whereas in the classical discrepancy principle one has to compute  $\alpha$  and  $u_{n_{\alpha,\delta},\alpha}^{h,\delta}$  in each iteration step. This is an advantage of our proposed approach.

# 5. Numerical Examples

The following steps are involved in the computation of  $u_{n_{\alpha,\delta},\alpha}^{h,\delta}$ . Step I Compute  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta,h,u_0) =: \alpha(\delta,\epsilon_h)$  satisfying (51) Step II Choose n such that  $q_{\alpha,h}^n = (1 - \beta\alpha(\delta,\epsilon_h))^n \leq \frac{\delta + \epsilon_h}{\alpha(\delta,\epsilon_h)}$ .

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Step III Compute  $u_{n_{\alpha,\delta},\alpha}^{h,\delta}$  using (38).

To compute  $u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta}$ , consider a sequence  $(V_m)$ , of finite dimensional subspaces, where  $V_m = span\{v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_{m+1}\}$  with  $v_i, i = 1, 2, \ldots, m+1$  as the linear splines (in a uniform grid of m+1 points in [0,1]), so that dimension  $V_m = m+1$ . Since  $u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} \in V_m$ ,  $u_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} = \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \lambda_i^{(n)} v_i$ ,  $\lambda_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \ldots m+1$  are some scalars. Then, from (38), we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \lambda_i^{(n+1)} v_i = \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \lambda_i^{(n)} v_i - \beta P_m \left[ \mathcal{H} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \lambda_i^{(n)} v_i \right) + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} (\lambda_i^{(n)} - \lambda_i^{(0)}) v_i - y^{\delta} \right],$$
 (58)

where  $P_m := P_{h_m}$  is the projection on to  $V_m$  with  $h_m = \frac{1}{m}$ . In this case one can prove as in [21] that  $\|\mathcal{H}'(u)(I - P_m)\| = O(\frac{1}{m^2})$ . So we have taken  $\varepsilon_{h_m} = \frac{1}{m^2}$  in our computation. Since  $P_m \mathcal{H}(\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \lambda_i^{(n)} v_i) \in V_m$ ,  $P_m y^{\delta} \in V_m$ , we approximate

$$P_m \mathcal{H}(\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \lambda_i^{(n)} v_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \mathcal{H}(\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \lambda_i^{(n)} v_i)(t_i) v_i, \ P_m y^{\delta} = \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} y^{\delta}(t_i) v_i,$$

where  $t_i$ ,  $i=1,2,\ldots,m+1$  are grid points. So  $\lambda^{(n+1)}=(\lambda_1^{(n+1)},\lambda_2^{(n+1)},\ldots,\lambda_{m+1}^{(n+1)})^T$  satisfies (58), if  $\lambda^{(n+1)}$  satisfies the equation

$$Q[\lambda^{(n+1)} - \lambda^{(n)}] = Q\beta[Y^{\delta} - (\mathcal{H}_h + \alpha(\lambda^{(n)} - \lambda^{(0)})],$$

where

$$Q = (\langle v_i, v_j \rangle)_{i,j}, i, j = 1, 2, \dots m + 1,$$
  
$$Y^{\delta} = (y^{\delta}(t_1), y^{\delta}(t_2), \dots y^{\delta}(t_{m+1}))^T,$$

and

$$\mathcal{H}_h = (\mathcal{H}(\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \lambda_i^{(n)} v_i)(t_1), \mathcal{H}(\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \lambda_i^{(n)} v_i)(t_2), \dots, \mathcal{H}(\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \lambda_i^{(n)} v_i)(t_{m+1}))^T.$$

To compute the  $\alpha$  satisfying (51), we follow the following steps:

Let  $z = (P_m A_0 P_m + \alpha I)^{-2} P_m (\mathcal{H}(u_0) - y^{\delta})$ , Then  $z \in V_m$ , so  $z = \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \xi_i v_i$  for some scalars  $\xi_i$ , i = 1, 2, ..., m+1. Note that  $(P_m A_0 P_m + \alpha I)^2 z = P_m (\mathcal{H}(u_0) - y^{\delta})$  or  $(P_m A_0 P_m + \alpha I) Z = P_m (\mathcal{H}(u_0) - y^{\delta})$ , where  $Z = (P_m A_0 P_m + \alpha I) z$ .

Since  $Z \in V_m$ , we have  $Z = \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \varsigma_i v_i$ . Further  $\varsigma = (\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \dots, \varsigma_{m+1})^T$  and  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{m+1})^T$  satisfies the equations

$$(M + \alpha Q)\varsigma = QB$$

and

$$(M + \alpha Q)\xi = Q\varsigma,$$

respectively, where

$$M = (\langle A_0 v_i, v_i \rangle)_{i,i}, i, j = 1, 2, \dots m + 1$$

and

$$B = ((\mathcal{H}(u_0) - y^{\delta})(t_1), (\mathcal{H}(u_0) - y^{\delta})(t_2), \dots, (\mathcal{H}(u_0) - y^{\delta})(t_{m+1}))^T.$$

We compute  $\alpha$  in (51), using Newton's method as follows. Let  $f(\alpha) = \alpha^4 ||z||^2 - (c_1 \delta + d_1 \varepsilon_h)^2$ . Then

$$f'(\alpha) = 4\alpha^3 ||z||^2 + 4\alpha^4 \langle z, ZZ \rangle,$$

where  $ZZ = (P_m A_0 P_m + \alpha I)^{-3} P_m (\mathcal{H}(u_0) - y^{\delta})$ . Let  $ZZ = \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \Theta_i v_i$ . The  $\Theta = (\Theta_1, \Theta_2, \dots, \Theta_{m+1})^T$  satisfies the equation

$$(M + \alpha Q)\Theta = Q\xi.$$

So,

$$f(\alpha) = \alpha^4 \xi^T Q \xi - (c_1 \delta + d_1 \varepsilon_h)^2$$

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and

$$f'(\alpha) = 4\alpha^3 \xi^T Q \xi + 4\alpha^4 \xi^T Q \Theta.$$

Then, using Newton's iteration we compute the  $(k+1)^{th}$  iterate as;  $\alpha_{k+1} = \alpha_k - \frac{f(\alpha)}{f'(\alpha)}$ . In our computation, we stop the iterate when  $\alpha_{k+1} - \alpha_k \le 10^{-5}$ .

We consider a simple one dimensional example studied in [5,7,22,23] to illustrate our results in the previous sections. We also compare our computational results with that adaptive method considered in [16,24]. Let us briefly explain the adaptive method considered in [16]. Choose  $\alpha_0 = \delta + \epsilon_h$ ,  $\alpha_j = \varrho^j \alpha_0$ . For each j find  $n_j$  such that  $n_j = \min\{i : j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  $q_{\alpha,h}^i \leq \frac{1}{\varrho^i} \}.$  Then, find k such that

$$k := \max\{i : \|u_{n_i,\delta,\alpha_i}^{h,\delta} - u_{n_j,\delta,\alpha_j}^{h,\delta}\| \le 4\frac{1}{\rho^j}, j = 0, 1, \dots, i - 1\}.$$

Choose,  $\alpha = \alpha_k$  as the regularization parameter.

**Example 1.** Let c > 0 be a constant. Consider the inverse problem of identifying the distributed growth law  $u(t), t \in (0,1)$ , in the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = u(t)y(t), \ y(0) = c, \ t \in (0,1)$$
 (59)

from the noisy data  $y^{\delta}(t) \in L^{2}(0,1)$ . One can reformulate the above problem as an (ill-posed) operator equation  $\mathcal{H}(u) = y$  with

$$[\mathcal{H}(u)](t) = ce^{\int_0^t u(\theta)d\theta}, \ u \in L^2(0,1), \ t \in (0,1).$$
 (60)

Then  $\mathcal{H}'$  is given by

$$[\mathcal{H}'(u)h](t) = [\mathcal{H}(u)](t) \int_0^t h(\theta)d\theta. \tag{61}$$

It is proved in [7], that  $\mathcal{H}'$  is positive type (sectorial) and spectrum of  $\mathcal{H}'(u)$  is the singleton set  $\{0\}$ . Further it is proved in [5] that  $\mathcal{H}'$  satisfies Assumption 1 and that  $\hat{u} - u_0 \in R(\mathcal{H}'(\hat{u}))$ provided  $u^* := \hat{u} - u_0 \in H^1(0,1)$  and  $u^*(0) = 0$ . Now since  $\hat{u} - u_0 = \mathcal{H}'(\hat{u})w$ , we have

$$\begin{split} [\hat{u} - u_0](t) &= [\mathcal{H}(\hat{u})](t) \int_0^t w(\theta) d\theta \\ &= ce^{\int_0^t \hat{u}(\theta) d\theta} \int_0^t w(\theta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{\int_0^1 ce^{\int_0^t [\hat{u} + \tau(u_0 - \hat{u})](\theta) d\theta} d\tau \int_0^t w(\theta) d\theta}{\int_0^1 e^{\int_0^t [\tau(u_0 - \hat{u})](\theta) d\theta} d\tau} \\ &= [A\bar{w}](t), \end{split}$$

where  $\bar{w} = \frac{w}{\int_0^1 e^{\int_0^t [\tau(u_0-\hat{u})](\theta)d\theta} d\tau}$ . This shows the source condition (10) is satisfied. For our computation

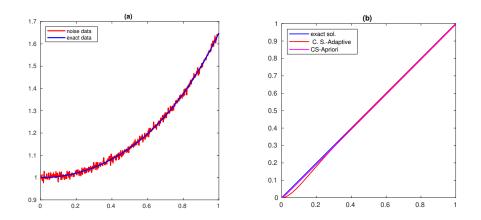
we have taken  $\hat{u}(t) = t$ ,  $u_0(t) = 0$  and  $y(t) = e^{\frac{t^2}{2}}$ . In Table 1, we present the relative error  $E_{\alpha} = \frac{\|u_{n_{\alpha},\delta,\alpha}^{h,\delta}-\hat{u}\|}{\|u_{n_{\alpha},\delta,\alpha}^{h,\delta}\|}$ , and  $\alpha$  values using a new method (51) and adaptive method considered in [16] for different values of  $\delta$  and n. Furthermore, we provide computational time (CT) for both the methods mentioned above. The relative error obtained for our a new method (51) is lesser than that the adaptive method in [16] for various  $\delta$  values. As the relative error decreases the accuracy of reconstruction increases.

The solutions obtained for different  $\delta$  values ( $\delta = 0.01, 0.001, 0.0001$ ) for n = 500 are shown in Figures 1–3, respectively, and for n=1000 and  $\delta=0.01,0.001,0.0001$  are shown in Figures Mathematics **2022**, 10, 3365 21 of 24

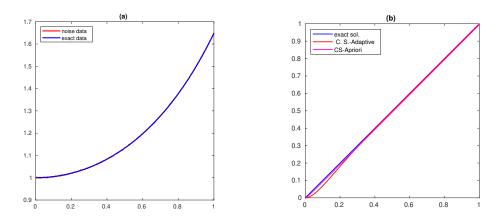
4–6, respectively. The exact and noisy data are shown in subfigure (a) of these figures and the computed solution is shown in subfigure(b) (C.S-A priori denotes the figure corresponding to the method (51)). The computed solution for the new method is closer to the actual solution.

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Method		n = 500			n = 1000			
		$\delta = 0.01$	$\delta = 0.001$	$\delta = 0.0001$	$\delta = 0.01$	$\delta = 0.001$	$\delta = 0.0001$	
(51)	α	$4.283954 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.283969 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.283972 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.602506 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.602505 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.602536 \times 10^{-3}$	
	$E_{lpha}$	$1.225477 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.225481 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.225482 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.036919 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.036919 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.036927 \times 10^{-2}$	
	CT	$3.764950 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.286400 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.355110 \times 10^{-1}$	1.879650	1.870468	1.802014	
Adaptive method	α	$1.040604 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.040604 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.040604 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.040604 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.040604 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.040604 \times 10^{-8}$	
	$E_{\alpha}$	$2.182110 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.173007 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.172918 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.183745 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.174636 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.174546 \times 10^{-2}$	
in [16]	CT	$1.246600 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.159500 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.501330 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.352600 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.191300 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.252000 \times 10^{-3}$	

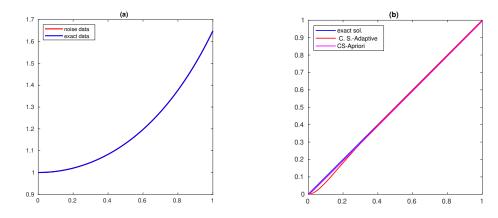


**Figure 1.** (a) data and (b) Solution with  $\delta = 0.01$  and n = 500.

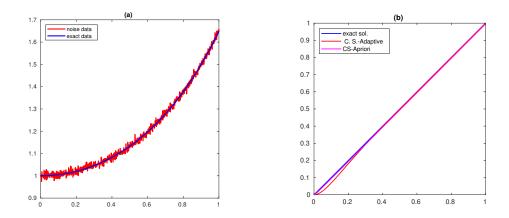


**Figure 2.** (a) data and (b) Solution with  $\delta = 0.001$  and n = 500.

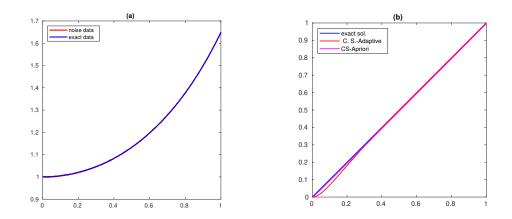
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**Figure 3.** (a) data and (b) Solution with  $\delta = 0.0001$  and n = 500.

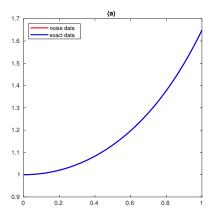


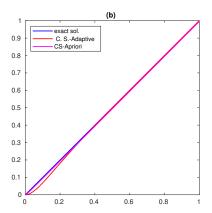
**Figure 4.** (a) data and (b) Solution with  $\delta = 0.01$  and n = 1000.



**Figure 5.** (a) data and (b) Solution with  $\delta = 0.001$  and n = 1000.

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**Figure 6.** (a) data and (b) Solution with  $\delta = 0.0001$  and n = 1000.

#### 6. Conclusions

We introduced a new source condition and a new parameter-choice strategy. The proposed a new parameter-choice strategy is independent of the unknown parameter  $\nu$  and it provides the optimal order  $O(\delta^{\frac{\nu}{\nu+1}})$ , for  $0 \le \nu \le 1$ .

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