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# Variational Inequalities Approaches to Minimization Problems with Constraints of Generalized Mixed Equilibria and Variational Inclusions

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**Abstract:** Multistep composite implicit and explicit extragradient-like schemes are presented for solving the minimization problem with the constraints of variational inclusions and generalized mixed equilibrium problems. Strong convergence results of introduced schemes are given under suitable control conditions.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space and  $\emptyset \neq C \subset H$  be a closed convex set. Let  $\mathcal{A} : C \rightarrow H$  be a nonlinear operator. Let us consider the variational inequality problem (VIP) which aims to find  $x^* \in C$  verifying

$$\langle \mathcal{A}x^*, x - x^* \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in C. \quad (1)$$

We denote the solution set of VIP (1) by  $VI(C, \mathcal{A})$ .

In [1], Korpelevich suggested an extragradient method for solving VIP (1). Korpelevich's method has been studied by many authors, see e.g., references [2–13] and references therein. In 2011, Ceng, Ansari and Yao [14] considered the following algorithm

$$u_{k+1} = P_C[\alpha_k \gamma V u_k + (I - \alpha_k \mu F) T u_k], \quad \forall k \geq 0. \quad (2)$$

They showed that  $\{u_k\}$  strongly converges to  $x^\dagger \in \text{Fix}(T)$  which solves the following VIP

$$\langle (\mu F - \gamma V)x^\dagger, x^\dagger - \tilde{x} \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall \tilde{x} \in \text{Fix}(T). \quad (3)$$

Ceng, Guu and Yao [15] presented a composite implicit scheme

$$x_t = (I - \theta_t \mathcal{B})Tx_t + \theta_t[Tx_t - t(\mu FTx_t - \gamma Vx_t)], \tag{4}$$

and another composite explicit scheme

$$\begin{cases} y_n = (I - \alpha_n \mu F)Tx_n + \alpha_n \gamma Vx_n, \\ x_{n+1} = (I - \beta_n \mathcal{B})Tx_n + \beta_n y_n, \quad \forall n \geq 0. \end{cases} \tag{5}$$

Ceng, Guu and Yao proved that  $\{x_t\}$  and  $\{x_n\}$  converge strongly to the same point  $x^\dagger \in \text{Fix}(T)$ , which solves the following VIP

$$\langle (\mathcal{B} - I)x^\dagger, x^\dagger - \tilde{x} \rangle \leq 0, \quad \forall \tilde{x} \in \text{Fix}(T). \tag{6}$$

In [2], Peng and Yao considered the generalized mixed equilibrium problem (GMEP) which aims to find  $x^\dagger \in C$  verifying

$$\varphi(y) - \varphi(x^\dagger) + \Theta(x^\dagger, y) + \langle \mathcal{A}x^\dagger, y - x^\dagger \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \tag{7}$$

where  $\varphi : C \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is a real-valued function and  $\Theta : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is a bifunction. The set of solutions of GMEP (7) is denoted by  $\text{GMEP}(\Theta, \varphi, \mathcal{A})$ .

It is clear that GMEP (7) includes optimization problems, VIP and Nash equilibrium problems as special cases.

**Special cases:**

(i) Letting  $\varphi = 0$ , GMEP (7) reduces to find  $x^\dagger \in C$  verifying

$$(GEP) : \quad \Theta(x^\dagger, y) + \langle \mathcal{A}x^\dagger, y - x^\dagger \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C,$$

which was studied in [13,16].

(ii) Letting  $\mathcal{A} = 0$ , GMEP (7) reduces to find  $x^\dagger \in C$  verifying

$$(MEP) : \quad \Theta(x^\dagger, y) + \varphi(y) - \varphi(x^\dagger) \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C,$$

which was considered in [17].

(iii) Letting  $\varphi = 0$  and  $\mathcal{A} = 0$ , GMEP (7) reduces to find  $x^\dagger \in C$  verifying

$$(EP) : \quad \Theta(x^\dagger, y) \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C,$$

which was discussed in [18,19].

GMEP (7) has been discussed extensively in the literature; see e.g., [6,7,20–32].

Now, we consider the minimization problem (CMP):

$$\min_{x \in C} f(x), \tag{8}$$

where  $f : C \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is a convex and continuously Fréchet differentiable functional. Use  $\Xi$  to denote the set of minimizers of CMP (8).

For solving (8), an efficient algorithm is the gradient-projection algorithm (GPA) which is defined by: for given the initial guess  $x_0$ ,

$$z_{k+1} := P_C(z_k - \mu \nabla f(z_k)), \quad \forall k \geq 0, \tag{9}$$

or a general form,

$$z_{n+1} := P_C(z_k - \mu_k \nabla f(z_k)), \quad \forall k \geq 0. \tag{10}$$

It is known that  $S := P_C(I - \lambda \nabla f)$  is a contractive operator if  $\nabla f$  is  $\alpha$ -strongly monotone and  $L$ -Lipschitz and  $0 < \lambda < \frac{2\alpha}{L^2}$ . In this case, GPA (9) has strong convergence.

Recall that the variational inclusion problem is to find a point  $x \in C$  verifying

$$0 \in Bx + Rx. \tag{11}$$

where  $B : C \rightarrow H$  is a single-valued mapping and  $R$  is a multivalued mapping with  $D(R) = C$ . Use  $I(B, R)$  to denote the solution set of (11).

Taking  $B = 0$  in (11), it reduces to the problem introduced by Rockafellar [33]. Let  $R : D(R) \subset H \rightarrow 2^H$  be a maximal monotone operator. The resolvent operator  $J_{R,\lambda} : H \rightarrow \overline{D(R)}$  is defined by  $J_{R,\lambda} = (I + \lambda R)^{-1}$ ,  $\forall x \in H$ . In [34], Huang considered problem (11) under the assumptions that  $B$  is strongly monotone Lipschitz operator and  $R$  is maximal monotone. Zeng, Guu and Yao [35] discussed problem (11) under more general cases. Related work, please refer to [36,37] and the references therein.

In the present paper, we introduce two composite schemes for finding a solution of the CMP (8) with the constraints of finitely many GMEPs and finitely many variational inclusions for maximal monotone and inverse strongly monotone mappings in a real Hilbert space  $H$ . Strong convergence of the suggested algorithms are given. Our theorems complement, develop and extend the results obtained in [6,15,38], having as background [39–46].

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $H$ . Recall that the metric projection  $P_C : H \rightarrow C$  is defined by  $\|x - P_C x\| = \inf_{y \in C} \|x - y\| =: d(x, C)$ . A mapping  $A : H \rightarrow H$  is called strongly positive if  $\langle Ax, x \rangle \geq \tilde{\gamma} \|x\|^2$ ,  $\forall x \in H$  for  $\tilde{\gamma} > 0$ . A mapping  $F : C \rightarrow H$  is called Lipschitz if  $\|Fx - Fy\| \leq L \|x - y\|$ ,  $\forall x, y \in C$  for some  $L \geq 0$ .  $F$  is called nonexpansive if  $L = 1$  and it is called contractive provided  $L \in [0, 1)$ .

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $x \in H$  and  $z \in C$ . Then, the following hold*

- $z = P_C x \Leftrightarrow \langle x - z, z - x^\dagger \rangle \geq 0, \forall x^\dagger \in C;$
- $z = P_C x \Leftrightarrow \|x - z\|^2 + \|x^\dagger - z\|^2 \leq \|x - x^\dagger\|^2, \forall x^\dagger \in C;$
- $\langle P_C x - P_C x^\dagger, x - x^\dagger \rangle \geq \|P_C x - P_C x^\dagger\|^2, \forall x^\dagger \in H.$

**Definition 1.** *A mapping  $F : C \rightarrow H$  is called*

- *monotone if  $\langle Fx - Fx^\dagger, x - x^\dagger \rangle \geq 0, \forall x, x^\dagger \in C;$*
- *$\eta$ -strongly monotone if  $\langle Fx - Fx^\dagger, x - x^\dagger \rangle \geq \eta \|x - x^\dagger\|^2, \forall x, y \in C$  for some  $\eta > 0;$*
- *$\alpha$ -inverse-strongly monotone (ism) if  $\langle Fx - Fx^\dagger, x - x^\dagger \rangle \geq \alpha \|Fx - Fx^\dagger\|^2, \forall x, x^\dagger \in C$  for some  $\alpha > 0.$*   
*In this case, we have for all  $u, u^\dagger \in C,$*

$$\|(I - \mu F)u - (I - \mu F)u^\dagger\|^2 \leq \|u - u^\dagger\|^2 + \mu(\mu - 2\alpha)\|Fu - Fu^\dagger\|^2, \tag{12}$$

where  $\mu > 0$  is a constant.

**Definition 2.** *A mapping  $T : H \rightarrow H$  is called firmly nonexpansive if  $2T - I$  is nonexpansive. Thus,  $T$  is firmly nonexpansive iff  $T = \frac{1}{2}(I + S)$ , where  $S : H \rightarrow H$  is nonexpansive.*

Let  $\Theta : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a bifunction satisfying the following assumptions:

- (A1)  $\Theta(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in C;$
- (A2)  $\Theta(x, x^\dagger) + \Theta(x^\dagger, x) \leq 0$  for all  $x, x^\dagger \in C;$
- (A3) for  $x, x^\dagger, y \in C, \limsup_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \Theta(ty + (1-t)x, x^\dagger) \leq \Theta(x, x^\dagger);$
- (A4)  $\Theta(x, \cdot)$  is convex and lower semicontinuous for each  $x \in C.$

Let  $\varphi : C \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a lower semicontinuous and convex function satisfying the following conditions:

(B1) for each  $x \in H$  and  $r > 0$ , there exists a bounded subset  $D_x \subset C$  and  $y_x \in C$  such that for any  $z \in C \setminus D_x$ ,

$$\Theta(z, y_x) + \varphi(y_x) - \varphi(z) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y_x - z, z - x \rangle < 0;$$

(B2)  $C$  is a bounded set.

Let  $r > 0$ . Define a mapping  $T_r^{(\Theta, \varphi)} : H \rightarrow C$  by the following form: for any  $x \in H$ ,

$$T_r^{(\Theta, \varphi)}(x) := \{x^\dagger \in C : \Theta(x^\dagger, y) + \varphi(y) - \varphi(x^\dagger) + \frac{1}{r} \langle x^\dagger - x, y - x^\dagger \rangle \geq 0, \forall y \in C\}.$$

If  $\varphi \equiv 0$ , then  $T_r^\Theta(x) := \{x^\dagger \in C : \Theta(x^\dagger, y) + \frac{1}{r} \langle x^\dagger - x, y - x^\dagger \rangle \geq 0, \forall y \in C\}$ .

**Proposition 2 ([17]).** Let a bifunction  $\Theta : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  satisfying assumptions (A1)–(A4). Let a convex function  $\varphi : C \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a proper lower semi-continuous. Assume conditions (B1) or (B2) holds. Then, we have

- $\forall x \in H, T_r^{(\Theta, \varphi)}(x) \neq \emptyset$  is single-valued;
- $T_r^{(\Theta, \varphi)}$  is firmly nonexpansive;
- $\text{Fix}(T_r^{(\Theta, \varphi)}) = \text{MEP}(\Theta, \varphi)$ ;
- $\text{MEP}(\Theta, \varphi)$  is convex and closed;
- $\forall s, t > 0, \|T_s^{(\Theta, \varphi)} z^\dagger - T_t^{(\Theta, \varphi)} z^\dagger\|^2 \leq \frac{s-t}{s} \langle T_s^{(\Theta, \varphi)} z^\dagger - T_t^{(\Theta, \varphi)} z^\dagger, T_s^{(\Theta, \varphi)} z^\dagger - z^\dagger \rangle$  for  $z^\dagger \in H$ .

**Proposition 3 ([41]).** We have the following conclusions:

- A mapping  $T$  is nonexpansive iff the complement  $I - T$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ism.
- If a mapping  $T$  is  $\alpha$ -ism, then  $\gamma T$  is  $\frac{\alpha}{\gamma}$ -ism where  $\gamma > 0$ .
- A mapping  $T$  is averaged iff the complement  $I - T$  is  $\alpha$ -ism for some  $\alpha > 1/2$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $E$  be a real inner product space. Then,

$$\|x + x^\dagger\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2 + 2\langle x^\dagger, x + x^\dagger \rangle, \forall x, x^\dagger \in E.$$

**Lemma 2.** In a real Hilbert space  $H$ , we have the following results

- $\|x - x^\dagger\|^2 = \|x\|^2 - 2\langle x - x^\dagger, x^\dagger \rangle - \|x^\dagger\|^2, \forall x, x^\dagger \in H$ ;
- $\|\lambda x + \gamma x^\dagger\|^2 = \lambda\|x\|^2 + \gamma\|x^\dagger\|^2 - \lambda\gamma\|x - x^\dagger\|^2, \forall x, x^\dagger \in H$  and  $\lambda, \gamma \in [0, 1]$  with  $\lambda + \gamma = 1$ ;
- $\{u_n\} \subset H$  is a sequence satisfying  $u_n \rightharpoonup x$ . Then,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n - x^\dagger\|^2 = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n - x\|^2 + \|x - x^\dagger\|^2, \forall x^\dagger \in H.$$

**Lemma 3 ([45]).** Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space and  $\emptyset \neq C \subset H$  be a closed convex set. Let  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a  $k$ -strictly pseudocontractive mapping. Then,

- $\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \frac{1+k}{1-k} \|x - y\|, \forall x, y \in C$ .
- $I - T$  is demiclosed at 0.
- $\text{Fix}(T)$  of  $T$  is closed and convex.

**Lemma 4 ([39]).** Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space and  $\emptyset \neq C \subset H$  be a closed convex set. Let  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a  $k$ -strictly pseudocontractive mapping. Then,

$$\|\gamma(x - x^\dagger) + \mu(Tx - Tx^\dagger)\| \leq (\gamma + \mu)\|x - x^\dagger\|, \forall x, x^\dagger \in C,$$

where  $\gamma \geq 0$  and  $\mu \geq 0$  with  $(\gamma + \mu)k \leq \gamma$ .

Let  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive operator and the operator  $F : C \rightarrow H$  be  $\kappa$ -Lipschitzian and  $\eta$ -strongly monotone. Define an operator  $T^\lambda : C \rightarrow H$  by  $T^\lambda x := Tx - \lambda\mu F(Tx)$ ,  $\forall x \in C$ , where  $\lambda \in (0, 1]$  and  $\mu > 0$  are two constants.

**Lemma 5** ([42]). Let  $0 < \mu < \frac{2\eta}{\kappa^2}$ . Then, for  $\forall x, y \in C$ , we have  $\|T^\lambda x - T^\lambda y\| \leq (1 - \lambda\tau)\|x - y\|$ , where  $\tau = 1 - \sqrt{1 - \mu(2\eta - \mu\kappa^2)}$ .

**Lemma 6** ([46]). Let  $\{a_n\} \subset [0, +\infty)$ ,  $\{\omega_n\} \subset [0, 1]$ ,  $\{\delta_n\}$  and  $\{r_n\} \subset [0, +\infty)$  be four sequences. If

- (i)  $\sum_{n=0}^\infty \omega_n = \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty r_n < \infty$ ;
- (ii) either  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n \leq 0$  or  $\sum_{n=0}^\infty \omega_n |\delta_n| < \infty$ ;
- (iii)  $a_{n+1} \leq (1 - \omega_n)a_n + \omega_n \delta_n + r_n, \forall n \geq 0$ .

Then,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .

**Lemma 7** ([44]). Let bounded linear operator  $A : H \rightarrow H$  be  $\tilde{\gamma}$ -strongly positive. Then,  $\|I - \rho A\| \leq 1 - \rho\tilde{\gamma}$  provided  $0 < \rho \leq \|A\|^{-1}$ .

Let LIM be a Banach limit. Then, we have following properties:

- $a_n \leq c_n, n \geq 1 \Rightarrow \text{LIM}_n a_n \leq \text{LIM}_n c_n$ ;
- $\text{LIM}_n a_{n+N} = \text{LIM}_n a_n$ , where  $N$  is a fixed positive integer;
- $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq \text{LIM}_n a_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n, \forall \{a_n\} \in l^\infty$ .

**Lemma 8** ([40]). Assume that the sequence  $\{s_n\} \in l^\infty$  satisfy  $\text{LIM}_n s_n \leq M$ , where  $M$  is a constant. If  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (s_{n+1} - s_n) \leq 0$ , then  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \leq M$ .

Let the operator  $R : D(R) \subset H \rightarrow 2^H$  be maximal monotone. Let  $\lambda, \mu > 0$  be two constants.

**Lemma 9** ([43]). There holds the resolvent identity

$$J_{R,\lambda} x = J_{R,\mu} \left( \frac{\mu}{\lambda} x + \left(1 - \frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right) J_{R,\lambda} x \right), \forall x \in H.$$

**Remark 1.** The resolvent has the following property

$$\|J_{R,\lambda} x - J_{R,\mu} x^\dagger\| \leq \|x - x^\dagger\| + |\lambda - \mu| \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} \|J_{R,\lambda} x - x^\dagger\| + \frac{1}{\mu} \|x - J_{R,\mu} x^\dagger\| \right), \forall x, x^\dagger \in H. \quad (13)$$

**Lemma 10** ([34,35]).  $J_{R,\lambda}$  satisfies

$$\langle J_{R,\lambda} x - J_{R,\lambda} y, x - y \rangle \geq \|J_{R,\lambda} x - J_{R,\lambda} y\|^2, \forall x, y \in H.$$

### 3. Main Results

Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space and  $\emptyset \neq C \subset H$  be a closed convex set. In what follows, we assume:  $f : C \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is a convex functional with gradient  $\nabla f$  being  $L$ -Lipschitz, the operator  $F : C \rightarrow H$  is  $\eta$ -strongly monotone and  $\kappa$ -Lipschitzian,  $R_i : C \rightarrow 2^H$  is a maximal monotone mapping and  $B_i : C \rightarrow H (i = 1, \dots, N)$  is  $\eta_i$ -ism,  $\Theta_j : C \times C \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  satisfies (A1)–(A4),  $\varphi_j : C \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  is a proper convex and lower semicontinuous satisfying (B1) or (B2), and  $A_j : C \rightarrow H$  is  $\mu_j$ -ism for each  $j = 1, \dots, M$ ;

$V : C \rightarrow H$  is a nonexpansive mapping and  $A : H \rightarrow H$  is a  $\tilde{\gamma}$ -strongly positive bounded linear operator such  $1 < \tilde{\gamma} < 2, 0 < \mu < \frac{2\eta}{\kappa^2}$  and  $0 \leq \gamma < \tau$  with  $\tau = 1 - \sqrt{1 - \mu(2\eta - \mu\kappa^2)}$ ;

$P_C(I - \lambda_t \nabla f) = s_t I + (1 - s_t)T_t$  where  $T_t$  is nonexpansive,  $s_t = \frac{2-\lambda_t L}{4} \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  and  $\lambda_t : (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, \frac{2}{L})$  with  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \lambda_t = \frac{2}{L}$ ;

The operator  $\Lambda_t^N : C \rightarrow C$  is defined by  $\Lambda_t^N x = J_{R_N, \lambda_{N,t}}(I - \lambda_{N,t} B_N) \cdots J_{R_1, \lambda_{1,t}}(I - \lambda_{1,t} B_1)x, t \in (0, 1)$ , for  $\{\lambda_{i,t}\} \subset [a_i, b_i] \subset (0, 2\eta_i), i = 1, \dots, N$ ;

The operator  $\Lambda_n^N : C \rightarrow C$  is defined by  $\Lambda_n^N x = J_{R_N, \lambda_{N,n}}(I - \lambda_{N,n} B_N) \cdots J_{R_1, \lambda_{1,n}}(I - \lambda_{1,n} B_1)x$  with  $\{\lambda_{i,n}\} \subset [a_i, b_i] \subset (0, 2\eta_i)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{i,n} = \lambda_i$ , for each  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ;

The operator  $\Delta_t^M : C \rightarrow C$  is defined by  $\Delta_t^M x = T_{r_{M,t}}^{(\Theta_M, \varphi_M)}(I - r_{M,t} A_M) \cdots T_{r_{1,t}}^{(\Theta_1, \varphi_1)}(I - r_{1,t} A_1)x, t \in (0, 1)$ , for  $\{r_{j,t}\} \subset [c_j, d_j] \subset (0, 2\mu_j), j = 1, \dots, M$ ;

The operator  $\Delta_n^M : C \rightarrow C$  is defined by  $\Delta_n^M x = T_{r_{M,n}}^{(\Theta_M, \varphi_M)}(I - r_{M,n} A_M) \cdots T_{r_{1,n}}^{(\Theta_1, \varphi_1)}(I - r_{1,n} A_1)x$  with  $\{r_{j,n}\} \subset [c_j, d_j] \subset (0, 2\mu_j)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_{j,n} = r_j$ , for each  $j = 1, \dots, M$ ;

$$\Omega := \bigcap_{j=1}^M \text{GMEP}(\Theta_j, \varphi_j, A_j) \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^N \text{I}(B_i, R_i) \cap \Xi \neq \emptyset;$$

$$\{\alpha_n\} \subset [0, 1], \{s_n\} \subset (0, \min\{\frac{1}{2}, \|A\|^{-1}\}) \text{ and } \{s_t\}_{t \in (0, \min\{1, \frac{2-\tau}{\tau-\gamma}\})} \subset (0, \min\{\frac{1}{2}, \|A\|^{-1}\}).$$

Next, set

$$\Lambda_t^i = J_{R_i, \lambda_{i,t}}(I - \lambda_{i,t} B_i) J_{R_{i-1}, \lambda_{i-1,t}}(I - \lambda_{i-1,t} B_{i-1}) \cdots J_{R_1, \lambda_{1,t}}(I - \lambda_{1,t} B_1), \forall t \in (0, 1),$$

$$\Lambda_n^i = J_{R_i, \lambda_{i,n}}(I - \lambda_{i,n} B_i) J_{R_{i-1}, \lambda_{i-1,n}}(I - \lambda_{i-1,n} B_{i-1}) \cdots J_{R_1, \lambda_{1,n}}(I - \lambda_{1,n} B_1), \forall n \geq 0,$$

$$\Delta_t^j = T_{r_{j,t}}^{(\Theta_j, \varphi_j)}(I - r_{j,t} A_j) T_{r_{j-1,t}}^{(\Theta_{j-1}, \varphi_{j-1})}(I - r_{j-1,t} A_{j-1}) \cdots T_{r_{1,t}}^{(\Theta_1, \varphi_1)}(I - r_{1,t} A_1), \forall t \in (0, 1),$$

and

$$\Delta_n^j = T_{r_{j,n}}^{(\Theta_j, \varphi_j)}(I - r_{j,n} A_j) T_{r_{j-1,n}}^{(\Theta_{j-1}, \varphi_{j-1})}(I - r_{j-1,n} A_{j-1}) \cdots T_{r_{1,n}}^{(\Theta_1, \varphi_1)}(I - r_{1,n} A_1), \forall n \geq 0,$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, M$  and  $i = 1, \dots, N, \Lambda_t^0 = \Lambda_n^0 = I$  and  $\Delta_t^0 = \Delta_n^0 = I$ .

By Proposition 3,  $\lambda \nabla f$  is  $\frac{1}{\lambda L}$ -ism for  $\lambda > 0$ . In addition, hence,  $I - \lambda \nabla f$  is  $\frac{\lambda L}{2}$ -averaged. It is clear that  $P_C(I - \lambda_t \nabla f)$  is  $\frac{2+\lambda_t L}{4}$ -averaged for each  $\lambda_t \in (0, \frac{2}{L})$ . Thus,  $P_C(I - \lambda_t \nabla f) = s_t I + (1 - s_t)T_t$ , where  $T_t$  is nonexpansive and  $s_t := s_t(\lambda_t) = \frac{2-\lambda_t L}{4} \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  for each  $\lambda_t \in (0, \frac{2}{L})$ . Similarly, for each  $n \geq 0, P_C(I - \lambda_n \nabla f)$  is  $\frac{2+\lambda_n L}{4}$ -averaged for each  $\lambda_n \in (0, \frac{2}{L})$  and  $P_C(I - \lambda_n \nabla f) = s_n I + (1 - s_n)T_n$ . Please note that  $\text{Fix}(T_t) = \text{Fix}(T_n) = \Xi$ . Since  $\{\lambda_{i,t}\} \subset [a_i, b_i] \subset (0, 2\eta_i)$ , by (12) and Lemma 10, we deduce

$$\|\Lambda_t^N x - \Lambda_t^N y\| = \|J_{R_N, \lambda_{N,t}}(I - \lambda_{N,t} B_N) \Lambda_t^{N-1} x - J_{R_N, \lambda_{N,t}}(I - \lambda_{N,t} B_N) \Lambda_t^{N-1} y\| \leq \|x - y\|.$$

On the other hand, since  $\{r_{i,t}\} \subset [c_i, d_i] \subset (0, 2\mu_i)$ , according to (12) and Proposition 2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_t^M x - \Delta_t^M y\| &= \|T_{r_{M,t}}^{(\Theta_M, \varphi_M)}(I - r_{M,t} A_M) \Delta_t^{M-1} x - T_{r_{M,t}}^{(\Theta_M, \varphi_M)}(I - r_{M,t} A_M) \Delta_t^{M-1} y\| \\ &\leq \|(I - r_{M,t} A_M) \Delta_t^{M-1} x - (I - r_{M,t} A_M) \Delta_t^{M-1} y\| \\ &\leq \|x - y\|. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we present the following net  $\{x_t\}_{t \in (0, \min\{1, \frac{2-\tau}{\tau-\gamma}\})}$ :

$$\begin{cases} u_t = T_{r_{M,t}}^{(\Theta_M, \varphi_M)}(I - r_{M,t} A_M) T_{r_{M-1,t}}^{(\Theta_{M-1}, \varphi_{M-1})}(I - r_{M-1,t} A_{M-1}) \cdots T_{r_{1,t}}^{(\Theta_1, \varphi_1)}(I - r_{1,t} A_1)x_t, \\ v_t = J_{R_N, \lambda_{N,t}}(I - \lambda_{N,t} B_N) J_{R_{N-1}, \lambda_{N-1,t}}(I - \lambda_{N-1,t} B_{N-1}) \cdots J_{R_1, \lambda_{1,t}}(I - \lambda_{1,t} B_1)u_t, \\ x_t = P_C[(I - s_t A)T_t v_t + s_t[Vx_t - t(\mu F V x_t - \gamma T_t v_t)]]. \end{cases} \tag{14}$$

We prove the strong convergence of  $\{x_t\}$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$  to a point  $\tilde{x} \in \Omega$  which solves

$$\langle (A - V)\tilde{x}, p - \tilde{x} \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall p \in \Omega. \tag{15}$$

Let  $x_0 \in C$ , define a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  as follows

$$\begin{cases} u_n = T_{r_{M,n}}^{(\Theta_M, \varphi_M)}(I - r_{M,n}A_M)T_{r_{M-1,n}}^{(\Theta_{M-1}, \varphi_{M-1})}(I - r_{M-1,n}A_{M-1}) \cdots T_{r_{1,n}}^{(\Theta_1, \varphi_1)}(I - r_{1,n}A_1)x_n, \\ v_n = J_{R_N, \lambda_{N,n}}(I - \lambda_{N,n}B_N)J_{R_{N-1}, \lambda_{N-1,n}}(I - \lambda_{N-1,n}B_{N-1}) \cdots J_{R_1, \lambda_{1,n}}(I - \lambda_{1,n}B_1)u_n, \\ y_n = \alpha_n \gamma T_n v_n + (I - \alpha_n \mu F) V x_n, \\ x_{n+1} = P_C[(I - s_n A) T_n v_n + s_n y_n], \quad \forall n \geq 0. \end{cases} \tag{16}$$

We will show the convergence of  $\{x_n\}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  to  $\bar{x} \in \Omega$ , which solves (15).

Now, for  $t \in (0, \min\{1, \frac{2-\bar{\gamma}}{\tau-\bar{\gamma}}\})$ , and  $s_t \in (0, \min\{\frac{1}{2}, \|A\|^{-1}\})$ , let  $Q_t : C \rightarrow C$  be defined by  $Q_t x = P_C[(I - s_t A) T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M x + s_t [Vx - t(\mu F V x - \gamma T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M x)]]$ ,  $\forall x \in C$ . By Lemmas 5 and 7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q_t x - Q_t y\| &\leq \|(I - s_t A) T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M x - (I - s_t A) T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M y\| \\ &\quad + s_t \|((I - t\mu F) V x + t\gamma T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M x) - ((I - t\mu F) V y + t\gamma T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M y)\| \\ &\leq (1 - s_t \bar{\gamma}) \|x - y\| + s_t [(1 - t\tau) \|x - y\| + t\gamma \|x - y\|] \\ &= [1 - s_t (\bar{\gamma} - 1 + t(\tau - \gamma))] \|x - y\|. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to check that  $0 < 1 - s_t (\bar{\gamma} - 1 + t(\tau - \gamma)) < 1$ . Therefore,  $Q_t : C \rightarrow C$  is contraction and  $Q_t$  has a unique fixed point, denoted by  $x_t$ .

**Proposition 4.** Let  $\{x_t\}$  be defined via (14). Then

- (i)  $\{x_t\}$  is bounded for  $t \in (0, \min\{1, \frac{2-\bar{\gamma}}{\tau-\bar{\gamma}}\})$ ;
- (ii)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|x_t - T_t x_t\| = 0$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|x_t - \Lambda_t^N x_t\| = 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|x_t - \Delta_t^M x_t\| = 0$  provided  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \lambda_t = \frac{2}{\bar{\gamma}}$ ;
- (iii)  $x_t, s_t, \lambda_{i,t}, r_{j,t}$  are locally Lipschitzian.

**Proof.** (i) Pick up  $p \in \Omega$ . Noting that  $\text{Fix}(T_i) = \Xi$ ,  $\Lambda_t^i p = p$  and  $\Delta_t^j p = p$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$  and  $j \in \{1, \dots, M\}$ , by the nonexpansivity of  $T_t, \Lambda_t^i$  and  $\Delta_t^j$  and Lemmas 5 and 7 we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_t - p\| &\leq \|(I - s_t A) T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M x_t - (I - s_t A) T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M p\| + s_t \|(I - t\mu F) V x_t + t\gamma T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M x_t - A p\| \\ &\leq s_t \|(I - t\mu F) V x_t - (I - t\mu F) V p + t(\gamma T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M x_t - \mu F V p) + V p - A p\| \\ &\quad + (1 - s_t \bar{\gamma}) \|T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M x_t - T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M p\| \\ &\leq [1 - s_t (\bar{\gamma} - 1 + t(\tau - \gamma))] \|x_t - p\| + s_t (t \|(\gamma I - \mu F V) p\| + \|(V - A) p\|). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\|x_t - p\| \leq \frac{\|(V - A) p\| + \|(\gamma I - \mu F V) p\|}{\bar{\gamma} - 1}.$$

Hence  $\{x_t\}$  is bounded and so are  $\{Vx_t\}, \{u_t\}, \{v_t\}, \{T_t v_t\}$  and  $\{FVx_t\}$ .

(ii) From (14), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_t - T_t v_t\| &= \|P_C[(I - s_t A) T_t v_t + s_t ((I - t\mu F) V x_t + t\gamma T_t v_t)] - P_C T_t v_t\| \\ &\leq s_t \|Vx_t - A T_t v_t\| + t \|\gamma T_t v_t - \mu F V x_t\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

From (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_t - p\|^2 &\leq \|\Lambda_t^i u_t - p\|^2 \\ &= \|J_{R_i, \lambda_{i,t}}(I - \lambda_{i,t} B_i) \Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - J_{R_i, \lambda_{i,t}}(I - \lambda_{i,t} B_i) p\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x_t - p\|^2 + \lambda_{i,t} (\lambda_{i,t} - 2\eta_i) \|B_i \Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - B_i p\|^2, \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_t - p\|^2 &\leq \|\Delta_t^j x_t - p\|^2 \\ &= \|T_{r_{j,t}}^{(\Theta_j, \varphi_j)}(I - r_{j,t}A_j)\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - T_{r_{j,t}}^{(\Theta_j, \varphi_j)}(I - r_{j,t}A_j)p\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x_t - p\|^2 + r_{j,t}(r_{j,t} - 2\mu_j)\|A_j\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - A_jp\|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Simple calculations show that

$$\begin{aligned} x_t - p &= x_t - w_t + (I - s_tA)(T_tv_t - T_tp) + s_t[(I - t\mu F)Vx_t - (I - t\mu F)Vp \\ &\quad + t\gamma(T_tv_t - T_tp) + t(\gamma I - \mu FV)p] + s_t(V - A)p, \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

where  $w_t = (I - s_tA)T_tv_t + s_t(t\gamma T_tv_t + (I - t\mu F)Vx_t)$ . Then, by the nonexpansivity of  $T_t$ , Proposition 1, and Lemmas 5 and 7, from (18)–(20) we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_t - p\|^2 &\leq \langle (I - s_tA)(T_tv_t - T_tp), x_t - p \rangle + s_t[\langle (I - t\mu F)Vx_t - (I - t\mu F)Vp, x_t - p \rangle \\ &\quad + t\gamma\langle (T_tv_t - T_tp), x_t - p \rangle + t\langle (\gamma I - \mu FV)p, x_t - p \rangle] + s_t\langle (V - A)p, x_t - p \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - s_t(\bar{\gamma} - t\gamma))\frac{1}{2}[\|x_t - p\|^2 + r_{j,t}(r_{j,t} - 2\mu_j)\|A_j\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - A_jp\|^2 \\ &\quad + \lambda_{i,t}(\lambda_{i,t} - 2\eta_i)\|B_i\Lambda_t^{i-1}u_t - B_ip\|^2 + \|x_t - p\|^2] + s_t[(1 - t\tau)\|x_t - p\|^2 \\ &\quad + t\|(\gamma I - \mu FV)p\|\|x_t - p\|] + s_t\|(V - A)p\|\|x_t - p\| \\ &\leq \|x_t - p\|^2 - \frac{1 - s_t(\bar{\gamma} - t\gamma)}{2}[r_{j,t}(2\mu_j - r_{j,t})\|A_j\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - A_jp\|^2 + \lambda_{i,t}(2\eta_i - \lambda_{i,t}) \\ &\quad \times \|B_i\Lambda_t^{i-1}u_t - B_ip\|^2] + s_t(t\|(\gamma I - \mu FV)p\| + \|(V - A)p\|)\|x_t - p\|, \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

which together with  $\{\lambda_{i,t}\} \subset [a_i, b_i] \subset (0, 2\eta_i), i = 1, \dots, N$  and  $\{r_{j,t}\} \subset [c_j, d_j] \subset (0, 2\mu_j), j = 1, \dots, M$ , implies that

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1 - s_t(\bar{\gamma} - t\gamma)}{2}[c_j(2\mu_j - d_j)\|A_j\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - A_jp\|^2 + a_i(2\eta_i - b_i)\|B_i\Lambda_t^{i-1}u_t - B_ip\|^2] \\ &\leq \frac{1 - s_t(\bar{\gamma} - t\gamma)}{2}[r_{j,t}(2\mu_j - r_{j,t})\|A_j\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - A_jp\|^2 + \lambda_{i,t}(2\eta_i - \lambda_{i,t})\|B_i\Lambda_t^{i-1}u_t - B_ip\|^2] \\ &\leq s_t(t\|(\gamma I - \mu FV)p\| + \|(V - A)p\|)\|x_t - p\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} s_t = 0$  and  $\{x_t\}$  is bounded, we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|B_i\Lambda_t^{i-1}u_t - B_ip\| = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|A_j\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - A_jp\| = 0 \ (i \in \{1, \dots, N\}, j \in \{1, \dots, M\}). \tag{22}$$

According to Proposition 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_t^j x_t - p\|^2 &\leq \langle (I - r_{j,t}A_j)\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - (I - r_{j,t}A_j)p, \Delta_t^j x_t - p \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}(\|\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - p\|^2 + \|\Delta_t^j x_t - p\|^2 - \|\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - \Delta_t^j x_t - r_{j,t}(A_j\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - A_jp)\|^2), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_t^j x_t - p\|^2 &\leq \|\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - p\|^2 - \|\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - \Delta_t^j x_t - r_{j,t}(A_j\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - A_jp)\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x_t - p\|^2 - \|\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - \Delta_t^j x_t\|^2 + 2r_{j,t}\|\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - \Delta_t^j x_t\|\|A_j\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - A_jp\|. \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Also, by Lemma 10, we obtain that for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$



$$\begin{aligned} \|\Lambda_t^i u_t - p\|^2 &\leq \langle (I - \lambda_{i,t} B_i) \Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - (I - \lambda_{i,t} B_i) p, \Lambda_t^i u_t - p \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\|(I - \lambda_{i,t} B_i) \Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - (I - \lambda_{i,t} B_i) p\|^2 + \|\Lambda_t^i u_t - p\|^2 \\ &\quad - \|(I - \lambda_{i,t} B_i) \Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - (I - \lambda_{i,t} B_i) p - (\Lambda_t^i u_t - p)\|^2) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (\|u_t - p\|^2 + \|\Lambda_t^i u_t - p\|^2 - \|\Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - \Lambda_t^i u_t - \lambda_{i,t} (B_i \Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - B_i p)\|^2), \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Lambda_t^i u_t - p\|^2 &\leq \|u_t - p\|^2 - \|\Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - \Lambda_t^i u_t - \lambda_{i,t} (B_i \Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - B_i p)\|^2 \\ &\leq \|u_t - p\|^2 - \|\Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - \Lambda_t^i u_t\|^2 + 2\lambda_{i,t} \|\Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - \Lambda_t^i u_t\| \|B_i \Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - B_i p\|. \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Thus, utilizing Lemma 1, from (21), (23) and (24) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_t - p\|^2 &\leq (1 - s_t(\bar{\gamma} - t\gamma)) \frac{1}{2} (\|\Lambda_t^i u_t - p\|^2 + \|x_t - p\|^2) + s_t \|(V - A)p\| \|x_t - p\| \\ &\quad + s_t [(1 - t\tau) \|x_t - p\|^2 + t \|(\gamma I - \mu FV)p\| \|x_t - p\|] \\ &\leq (1 - s_t(\bar{\gamma} - t\gamma)) \frac{1}{2} [\|x_t - p\|^2 - \|\Delta_t^{j-1} x_t - \Delta_t^j x_t\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2r_{j,t} \|\Delta_t^{j-1} x_t - \Delta_t^j x_t\| \|A_j \Delta_t^{j-1} x_t - A_j p\| - \|\Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - \Lambda_t^i u_t\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\lambda_{i,t} \|\Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - \Lambda_t^i u_t\| \|B_i \Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - B_i p\| + \|x_t - p\|^2] \\ &\quad + s_t [(1 - t\tau) \|x_t - p\|^2 + t \|(\gamma I - \mu FV)p\| \|x_t - p\|] + s_t \|(V - A)p\| \|x_t - p\| \\ &\leq \|x_t - p\|^2 - \frac{1 - s_t(\bar{\gamma} - t\gamma)}{2} (\|\Delta_t^{j-1} x_t - \Delta_t^j x_t\|^2 + \|\Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - \Lambda_t^i u_t\|^2) \\ &\quad + r_{j,t} \|\Delta_t^{j-1} x_t - \Delta_t^j x_t\| \|A_j \Delta_t^{j-1} x_t - A_j p\| + \lambda_{i,t} \|\Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - \Lambda_t^i u_t\| \|B_i \Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - B_i p\| \\ &\quad + s_t (t \|(\gamma I - \mu FV)p\| + \|(V - A)p\|) \|x_t - p\|, \end{aligned}$$

which together with  $\{\lambda_{i,t}\} \subset [a_i, b_i] \subset (0, 2\eta_i)$  and  $\{r_{j,t}\} \subset [c_j, d_j] \subset (0, 2\mu_j)$ , leads to

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1 - s_t(\bar{\gamma} - t\gamma)}{2} (\|\Delta_t^{j-1} x_t - \Delta_t^j x_t\|^2 + \|\Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - \Lambda_t^i u_t\|^2) \\ &\leq d_j \|\Delta_t^{j-1} x_t - \Delta_t^j x_t\| \|A_j \Delta_t^{j-1} x_t - A_j p\| + b_i \|\Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - \Lambda_t^i u_t\| \|B_i \Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - B_i p\| \\ &\quad + s_t (t \|(\gamma I - \mu FV)p\| + \|(V - A)p\|) \|x_t - p\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} s_t = 0$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|A_j \Delta_t^{j-1} x_t - A_j p\| = 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|B_i \Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - B_i p\| = 0$  (due to (22)), we deduce from the boundedness of  $\{x_t\}$ ,  $\{\Lambda_t^i u_t\}$  and  $\{\Delta_t^j x_t\}$  that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|\Lambda_t^{i-1} u_t - \Lambda_t^i u_t\| = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|\Delta_t^{j-1} x_t - \Delta_t^j x_t\| = 0. \tag{25}$$

Hence we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_t - u_t\| &\leq \|\Delta_t^0 x_t - \Delta_t^1 x_t\| + \|\Delta_t^1 x_t - \Delta_t^2 x_t\| + \dots + \|\Delta_t^{M-1} x_t - \Delta_t^M x_t\| \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_t - v_t\| &\leq \|\Lambda_t^0 u_t - \Lambda_t^1 u_t\| + \|\Lambda_t^1 u_t - \Lambda_t^2 u_t\| + \dots + \|\Lambda_t^{N-1} u_t - \Lambda_t^N u_t\| \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

So, taking into account that  $\|x_t - v_t\| \leq \|x_t - u_t\| + \|u_t - v_t\|$ , we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|x_t - v_t\| = 0. \tag{28}$$

In the meantime, from the nonexpansivity of  $T_t$  and  $\Lambda_t^N$ , it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_t - T_t x_t\| &\leq \|x_t - T_t v_t\| + \|T_t v_t - T_t x_t\| \\ &\leq \|x_t - T_t v_t\| + \|v_t - x_t\|, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_t - \Lambda_t^N x_t\| &\leq \|x_t - \Lambda_t^N u_t\| + \|\Lambda_t^N u_t - \Lambda_t^N x_t\| \\ &\leq \|x_t - v_t\| + \|u_t - x_t\|. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, from (17), (26) and (28) we immediately deduce that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|x_t - T_t x_t\| = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|x_t - \Lambda_t^N x_t\| = 0. \tag{29}$$

(iii) Since  $\nabla f$  is  $\frac{1}{L}$ -ism,  $P_C(I - \lambda_t \nabla f)$  is nonexpansive for  $\lambda_t \in (0, \frac{2}{L})$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_C(I - \lambda_t \nabla f)v_{t_0}\| &\leq \|P_C(I - \lambda_t \nabla f)v_{t_0} - P_C(I - \lambda_t \nabla f)p\| + \|p\| \\ &\leq \|v_{t_0}\| + 2\|p\|. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\{P_C(I - \lambda_t \nabla f)v_{t_0}\}$  is bounded. Also, observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_t v_{t_0} - T_{t_0} v_{t_0}\| &\leq \frac{4L|\lambda_{t_0} - \lambda_t| \|P_C(I - \lambda_t \nabla f)v_{t_0}\|}{(2 + \lambda_t L)(2 + \lambda_{t_0} L)} + \frac{4L|\lambda_t - \lambda_{t_0}|}{(2 + \lambda_t L)(2 + \lambda_{t_0} L)} \|v_{t_0}\| \\ &\quad + \frac{4(2 + \lambda_t L) \|P_C(I - \lambda_t \nabla f)v_{t_0} - P_C(I - \lambda_{t_0} \nabla f)v_{t_0}\|}{(2 + \lambda_t L)(2 + \lambda_{t_0} L)} \\ &\leq |\lambda_t - \lambda_{t_0}| [L \|P_C(I - \lambda_t \nabla f)v_{t_0}\| + 4 \|\nabla f(v_{t_0})\| + L \|v_{t_0}\|] \\ &\leq \tilde{M} |\lambda_t - \lambda_{t_0}|, \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

where  $\sup_t \{L \|P_C(I - \lambda_t \nabla f)v_{t_0}\| + 4 \|\nabla f(v_{t_0})\| + L \|v_{t_0}\|\} \leq \tilde{M}$  for some  $\tilde{M} > 0$ . So, by (30), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_t v_t - T_{t_0} v_{t_0}\| &\leq \|T_t v_t - T_t v_{t_0}\| + \|T_t v_{t_0} - T_{t_0} v_{t_0}\| \\ &\leq \|v_t - v_{t_0}\| + \tilde{M} |\lambda_t - \lambda_{t_0}| \\ &\leq \|v_t - v_{t_0}\| + \frac{4\tilde{M}}{L} |s_t - s_{t_0}|. \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

Utilizing (12) and (13), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|v_t - v_{t_0}\| &\leq \|J_{R_N, \lambda_{N,t}}(I - \lambda_{N,t}B_N)\Lambda_t^{N-1}u_t - J_{R_N, \lambda_{N,t_0}}(I - \lambda_{N,t_0}B_N)\Lambda_t^{N-1}u_t\| \\
 &\quad + \|J_{R_N, \lambda_{N,t}}(I - \lambda_{N,t}B_N)\Lambda_t^{N-1}u_t - J_{R_N, \lambda_{N,t_0}}(I - \lambda_{N,t_0}B_N)\Lambda_{t_0}^{N-1}u_{t_0}\| \\
 &\leq \|(I - \lambda_{N,t}B_N)\Lambda_t^{N-1}u_t - (I - \lambda_{N,t_0}B_N)\Lambda_t^{N-1}u_t\| \\
 &\quad + \|(I - \lambda_{N,t_0}B_N)\Lambda_t^{N-1}u_t - (I - \lambda_{N,t_0}B_N)\Lambda_{t_0}^{N-1}u_{t_0}\| + |\lambda_{N,t} - \lambda_{N,t_0}| \\
 &\quad \times \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_{N,t}}\|J_{R_N, \lambda_{N,t}}(I - \lambda_{N,t_0}B_N)\Lambda_t^{N-1}u_t - (I - \lambda_{N,t_0}B_N)\Lambda_{t_0}^{N-1}u_{t_0}\|\right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\lambda_{N,t_0}}\|(I - \lambda_{N,t_0}B_N)\Lambda_t^{N-1}u_t - J_{R_N, \lambda_{N,t_0}}(I - \lambda_{N,t_0}B_N)\Lambda_{t_0}^{N-1}u_{t_0}\|\right) \\
 &\leq |\lambda_{N,t} - \lambda_{N,t_0}|(\|B_N\Lambda_t^{N-1}u_t\| + \widehat{M}) + \|\Lambda_t^{N-1}u_t - \Lambda_{t_0}^{N-1}u_{t_0}\| \\
 &\leq \widetilde{M}_0 \sum_{i=1}^N |\lambda_{i,t} - \lambda_{i,t_0}| + \|u_t - u_{t_0}\|,
 \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sup_t \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda_{i,t}} \|J_{R_i, \lambda_{i,t}}(I - \lambda_{i,t_0}B_i)\Lambda_t^{i-1}u_t - (I - \lambda_{i,t_0}B_i)\Lambda_{t_0}^{i-1}u_{t_0}\| \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\lambda_{i,t_0}} \|(I - \lambda_{i,t_0}B_i)\Lambda_t^{i-1}u_t - J_{R_i, \lambda_{i,t_0}}(I - \lambda_{i,t_0}B_i)\Lambda_{t_0}^{i-1}u_{t_0}\| \right\} \leq \widehat{M},
 \end{aligned}$$

for some  $\widehat{M} > 0$  and  $\sup_t \{\sum_{i=1}^N \|B_i\Lambda_t^{i-1}u_t\| + \widehat{M}\} \leq \widetilde{M}_0$  for some  $\widetilde{M}_0 > 0$ . Also, utilizing Proposition 2, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|u_t - u_{t_0}\| &\leq \|T_{r_{M,t}}^{(\Theta_M, \varphi_M)}(I - r_{M,t}B_M)\Delta_t^{M-1}x_t - T_{r_{M,t_0}}^{(\Theta_M, \varphi_M)}(I - r_{M,t}B_M)\Delta_t^{M-1}x_t\| \\
 &\quad + \|T_{r_{M,t_0}}^{(\Theta_M, \varphi_M)}(I - r_{M,t}B_M)\Delta_t^{M-1}x_t - T_{r_{M,t_0}}^{(\Theta_M, \varphi_M)}(I - r_{M,t_0}B_M)\Delta_t^{M-1}x_t\| \\
 &\quad + \|(I - r_{M,t_0}B_M)\Delta_t^{M-1}x_t - (I - r_{M,t_0}B_M)\Delta_{t_0}^{M-1}x_{t_0}\| \\
 &\leq |r_{M,t} - r_{M,t_0}|[\|B_M\Delta_t^{M-1}x_t\| + \frac{1}{r_{M,t}}\|T_{r_{M,t}}^{(\Theta_M, \varphi_M)}(I - r_{M,t}B_M)\Delta_t^{M-1}x_t \\
 &\quad - (I - r_{M,t}B_M)\Delta_t^{M-1}x_t\|] + \dots + \|\Delta_t^0x_t - \Delta_{t_0}^0x_{t_0}\| \\
 &\quad + |r_{1,t} - r_{1,t_0}|[\|B_1\Delta_t^0x_t\| + \frac{1}{r_{1,t}}\|T_{r_{1,t}}^{(\Theta_1, \varphi_1)}(I - r_{1,t}B_1)\Delta_t^0x_t - (I - r_{1,t}B_1)\Delta_t^0x_t\|] \\
 &\leq \widetilde{M}_1 \sum_{j=1}^M |r_{j,t} - r_{j,t_0}| + \|x_t - x_{t_0}\|,
 \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

where  $\widetilde{M}_1 > 0$  is a constant and

$$\sum_{j=1}^M [\|B_j\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t\| + \frac{1}{r_{j,t}}\|T_{r_{j,t}}^{(\Theta_j, \varphi_j)}(I - r_{j,t}B_j)\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t - (I - r_{j,t}B_j)\Delta_t^{j-1}x_t\|] \leq \widetilde{M}_1.$$

In terms of (31)–(33), we calculate

$$\|T_t v_t - T_{t_0} v_{t_0}\| \leq \|x_t - x_{t_0}\| + \widetilde{M}_1 \sum_{j=1}^M |r_{j,t} - r_{j,t_0}| + \widetilde{M}_0 \sum_{i=1}^N |\lambda_{i,t} - \lambda_{i,t_0}| + \frac{4\widetilde{M}}{L} |s_t - s_{t_0}|,$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|x_t - x_{t_0}\| &\leq \|(I - s_t A)T_t v_t + s_t((I - t\mu F)Vx_t + t\gamma T_t v_t) - (I - s_{t_0} A)T_{t_0} v_{t_0} \\
 &\quad - s_{t_0}((I - t_0\mu F)Vx_{t_0} + t_0\gamma T_{t_0} v_{t_0})\| \\
 &\leq |s_t - s_{t_0}| \|A\| \|T_t v_t\| + (1 - s_{t_0} \tilde{\gamma}) \|T_t v_t - T_{t_0} v_{t_0}\| + t_0 \gamma \|T_t v_t - T_{t_0} v_{t_0}\| \\
 &\quad + |s_t - s_{t_0}| [\|Vx_t\| + t(\gamma \|T_t v_t\| + \mu \|FVx_t\|)] + s_{t_0} [(\gamma \|T_t v_t\| + \mu \|FVx_t\|)|t - t_0| \\
 &\quad + (1 - t_0 \tau) \|x_t - x_{t_0}\|] \\
 &\leq (1 - s_{t_0}(\tilde{\gamma} - 1 + t_0(\tau - \gamma))) (\|x_t - x_{t_0}\| + \tilde{M}_1 \sum_{j=1}^M |r_{j,t} - r_{j,t_0}| + \tilde{M}_0 \sum_{i=1}^N |\lambda_{i,t} - \lambda_{i,t_0}| \\
 &\quad + \frac{4\tilde{M}}{L} |s_t - s_{t_0}|) + |s_t - s_{t_0}| [\|A\| \|T_t v_t\| + \|Vx_t\| + t(\gamma \|T_t v_t\| + \mu \|FVx_t\|)] \\
 &\quad + s_{t_0} (\gamma \|T_t v_t\| + \mu \|FVx_t\|) |t - t_0|.
 \end{aligned}$$

This immediately implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|x_t - x_{t_0}\| &\leq \frac{\|A\| \|T_t v_t\| + \|Vx_t\| + t(\gamma \|T_t v_t\| + \mu \|FVx_t\|) + \frac{4\tilde{M}}{L} |s_t - s_{t_0}|}{s_{t_0}(\tilde{\gamma} - 1 + t_0(\tau - \gamma))} |s_t - s_{t_0}| \\
 &\quad + \frac{\gamma \|T_t v_t\| + \mu \|FVx_t\|}{\tilde{\gamma} - 1 + t_0(\tau - \gamma)} |t - t_0| + \frac{\tilde{M}_1}{s_{t_0}(\tilde{\gamma} - 1 + t_0(\tau - \gamma l))} \sum_{j=1}^M |r_{j,t} - r_{j,t_0}| \\
 &\quad + \frac{\tilde{M}_0}{s_{t_0}(\tilde{\gamma} - 1 + t_0(\tau - \gamma l))} \sum_{i=1}^N |\lambda_{i,t} - \lambda_{i,t_0}|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $s_t, \lambda_{i,t}, r_{j,t}$  are locally Lipschitzian, we conclude that  $x_t$  is locally Lipschitzian.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.** Assume that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} s_t = 0$ . Then,  $x_t$  defined by (14) converges strongly to  $\tilde{x} \in \Omega$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ , which solves (15).

**Proof.** Let  $\tilde{x}$  be the unique solution of (15). Let  $p \in \Omega$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_t - p &= x_t - w_t + s_t[(I - t\mu F)Vx_t - (I - t\mu F)Vp + t\gamma(T_t v_t - T_t p) + t(\gamma I - \mu FV)p] \\
 &\quad + (I - s_t A)(T_t v_t - T_t p) + s_t(V - A)p,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $w_t = (I - s_t A)T_t v_t + s_t((I - t\mu F)Vx_t + t\gamma T_t v_t)$ . Then, by Proposition 1 and the nonexpansivity of  $T_t$ , we obtain from (18) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|x_t - p\|^2 &\leq \langle (I - s_t A)(T_t v_t - T_t p), x_t - p \rangle + s_t [\langle (I - t\mu F)Vx_t - (I - t\mu F)Vp, x_t - p \rangle \\
 &\quad + t\gamma \langle T_t v_t - T_t p, x_t - p \rangle + t \langle (\gamma I - \mu FV)p, x_t - p \rangle] + s_t \langle (V - A)p, x_t - p \rangle \\
 &\leq (1 - s_t \tilde{\gamma}) \|v_t - p\| \|x_t - p\| + s_t [(1 - t\tau) \|x_t - p\|^2 \\
 &\quad + t\gamma \|v_t - p\| \|x_t - p\| + t \langle (\gamma I - \mu FV)p, x_t - p \rangle] + s_t \langle (V - A)p, x_t - p \rangle \\
 &\leq [1 - s_t((\tilde{\gamma} - 1) + t(\tau - \gamma))] \|x_t - p\|^2 + \langle (V - A)p, x_t - p \rangle + s_t (t \langle (\gamma I - \mu FV)p, x_t - p \rangle).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\|x_t - p\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{\tilde{\gamma} - 1 + t(\tau - \gamma)} (\langle (V - A)p, x_t - p \rangle + t \langle (\gamma I - \mu FV)p, x_t - p \rangle). \tag{34}$$

It follows that  $x_{t_n} \rightarrow x^*$ , where  $\{t_n\} \in (0, \min\{1, \frac{2-\tilde{\gamma}}{\tau-\tilde{\gamma}}\})$  such that  $t_n \rightarrow 0$ . By Proposition 4, we get  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{t_n} - T_{t_n} x_{t_n}\| = 0$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|P_C(I - \lambda_{t_n} \nabla f)x_{t_n} - x_{t_n}\| &= \|s_{t_n} x_{t_n} + (1 - s_{t_n}) T_{t_n} x_{t_n} - x_{t_n}\| \\
 &\leq \|T_{t_n} x_{t_n} - x_{t_n}\|,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $s_{t_n} = \frac{2-\lambda_{t_n}L}{4} \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  for  $\lambda_{t_n} \in (0, \frac{2}{L})$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_C(I - \frac{2}{L}\nabla f)x_{t_n} - x_{t_n}\| &\leq \|(I - \frac{2}{L}\nabla f)x_{t_n} - (I - \lambda_{t_n}\nabla f)x_{t_n}\| + \|P_C(I - \lambda_{t_n}\nabla f)x_{t_n} - x_{t_n}\| \\ &\leq (\frac{2}{L} - \lambda_{t_n})\|\nabla f(x_{t_n})\| + \|T_{t_n}x_{t_n} - x_{t_n}\|. \end{aligned}$$

By the boundedness of  $\{x_{t_n}\}$ ,  $s_{t_n} \rightarrow 0$  ( $\Leftrightarrow \lambda_{t_n} \rightarrow \frac{2}{L}$ ) and  $\|T_{t_n}x_{t_n} - x_{t_n}\| \rightarrow 0$ , we deduce

$$\|x^* - P_C(I - \frac{2}{L}\nabla f)x^*\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{t_n} - P_C(I - \frac{2}{L}\nabla f)x_{t_n}\| = 0.$$

Therefore,  $x^* \in VI(C, \nabla f) = \Xi$ .

Furthermore, from (25), (26) and (28), we have that  $\Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n} \rightarrow x^*$ ,  $\Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n} \rightarrow x^*$ ,  $u_{t_n} \rightarrow x^*$  and  $v_{t_n} \rightarrow x^*$ . First, we prove that  $x^* \in \cap_{m=1}^N I(B_m, R_m)$ . Please note that  $R_m + B_m$  is maximal monotone. Let  $(v, g) \in G(R_m + B_m)$ , i.e.,  $g - B_m v \in R_m v$ . Noting that  $\Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n} = J_{R_m, \lambda_{m,t_n}}(I - \lambda_{m,t_n} B_m) \Lambda_{t_n}^{m-1} u_{t_n}$ ,  $m \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ , we have

$$\Lambda_{t_n}^{m-1} u_{t_n} - \lambda_{m,t_n} B_m \Lambda_{t_n}^{m-1} u_{t_n} \in (I + \lambda_{m,t_n} R_m) \Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n},$$

that is,

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_{m,t_n}} (\Lambda_{t_n}^{m-1} u_{t_n} - \Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n} - \lambda_{m,t_n} B_m \Lambda_{t_n}^{m-1} u_{t_n}) \in R_m \Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n}.$$

According to the monotonicity of  $R_m$ , we have

$$\langle v - \Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n}, g - B_m v - \frac{1}{\lambda_{m,t_n}} (\Lambda_{t_n}^{m-1} u_{t_n} - \Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n} - \lambda_{m,t_n} B_m \Lambda_{t_n}^{m-1} u_{t_n}) \rangle \geq 0$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v - \Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n}, g \rangle &\geq \langle v - \Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n}, B_m v + \frac{1}{\lambda_{m,t_n}} (\Lambda_{t_n}^{m-1} u_{t_n} - \Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n} - \lambda_{m,t_n} B_m \Lambda_{t_n}^{m-1} u_{t_n}) \rangle \\ &\geq \langle v - \Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n}, B_m \Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n} - B_m \Lambda_{t_n}^{m-1} u_{t_n} \rangle + \langle v - \Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n}, \frac{1}{\lambda_{m,t_n}} (\Lambda_{t_n}^{m-1} u_{t_n} - \Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n}) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\|\Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n} - \Lambda_{t_n}^{m-1} u_{t_n}\| \rightarrow 0$  (due to (25)) and  $\|B_m \Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n} - B_m \Lambda_{t_n}^{m-1} u_{t_n}\| \rightarrow 0$ , we deduce from  $\Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n} \rightarrow x^*$  and  $\{\lambda_{m,t_n}\} \subset [a_m, b_m] \subset (0, 2\eta_m)$  that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle v - \Lambda_{t_n}^m u_{t_n}, g \rangle = \langle v - x^*, g \rangle \geq 0.$$

By the maximal monotonicity of  $B_m + R_m$ , we derive  $0 \in (R_m + B_m)x^*$ , i.e.,  $x^* \in I(B_m, R_m)$ . Thus,  $x^* \in \cap_{m=1}^N I(B_m, R_m)$ . Next we prove that  $x^* \in \cap_{j=1}^M \text{GMPEP}(\Theta_j, \varphi_j, A_j)$ . Since  $\Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n} = T_{r_{j,t_n}}^{(\Theta_j, \varphi_j)}(I - r_{j,t_n} A_j) \Delta_{t_n}^{j-1} x_{t_n}$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, M\}$ , we have

$$\Theta_j(\Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n}, y) + \varphi_j(y) - \varphi_j(\Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n}) + \langle A_j \Delta_{t_n}^{j-1} x_{t_n}, y - \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n} \rangle + \langle y - \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n}, \frac{\Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n} - \Delta_{t_n}^{j-1} x_{t_n}}{r_{j,t_n}} \rangle \geq 0.$$

By (A2), we have

$$\varphi_j(y) - \varphi_j(\Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n}) + \langle A_j \Delta_{t_n}^{j-1} x_{t_n}, y - \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n} \rangle + \langle y - \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n}, \frac{\Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n} - \Delta_{t_n}^{j-1} x_{t_n}}{r_{j,t_n}} \rangle \geq \Theta_j(y, \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n}).$$

Let  $y \in C$  and  $t \in (0, 1]$ . Set  $z_t = ty + (1 - t)x^*$ . Thus,  $z_t \in C$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle z_t - \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n}, A_j z_t \rangle &\geq \varphi_j(\Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n}) - \varphi_j(z_t) + \langle z_t - \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n}, A_j z_t - A_j \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n} \rangle + \Theta_j(z_t, \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n}) \\ &\quad + \langle z_t - \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n}, A_j \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n} - A_j \Delta_{t_n}^{j-1} x_{t_n} \rangle - \langle z_t - \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n}, \frac{\Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n} - \Delta_{t_n}^{j-1} x_{t_n}}{r_{j,t_n}} \rangle. \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

By (25), we have  $\|A_j \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n} - A_j \Delta_{t_n}^{j-1} x_{t_n}\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Please note that  $\langle z_t - \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n}, A_j z_t - A_j \Delta_{t_n}^j x_{t_n} \rangle \geq 0$ . Then,

$$\langle z_t - x^*, A_j z_t \rangle \geq \varphi_j(x^*) - \varphi_j(z_t) + \Theta_j(z_t, x^*). \tag{36}$$

Applying (A1), (A4) and (36), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \Theta_j(z_t, z_t) + \varphi_j(z_t) - \varphi_j(z_t) \\ &\leq t[\Theta_j(z_t, y) + \varphi_j(y) - \varphi_j(z_t)] + (1 - t)t\langle y - x^*, A_j z_t \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$0 \leq \Theta_j(z_t, y) + \varphi_j(y) - \varphi_j(z_t) + (1 - t)\langle y - x^*, A_j z_t \rangle.$$

Thus,

$$0 \leq \Theta_j(x^*, y) + \varphi_j(y) - \varphi_j(x^*) + \langle y - x^*, A_j x^* \rangle.$$

So,  $x^* \in \text{GMEP}(\Theta_j, \varphi_j, A_j)$  and  $x^* \in \bigcap_{j=1}^M \text{GMEP}(\Theta_j, \varphi_j, A_j)$ . Therefore,  $x^* \in \bigcap_{j=1}^M \text{GMEP}(\Theta_j, \varphi_j, A_j) \cap \bigcap_{m=1}^N \text{I}(B_m, R_m) \cap \Xi =: \Omega$ .

Next, we prove that  $x_t \rightarrow \tilde{x}$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . First, let us assert that  $x^*$  is a solution of the VIP (15). As a matter of fact, since  $x_t = x_t - w_t + (I - s_t A)T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M x_t + s_t((I - t\mu F)Vx_t + t\gamma T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M x_t)$ , we have

$$x_t - T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M x_t = x_t - w_t + s_t(V - A)T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M x_t + s_t(Vx_t - VT_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M x_t + t(\gamma T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M x_t - \mu FVx_t)).$$

Since  $T_t, \Lambda_t^N$  and  $\Delta_t^M$  are nonexpansive mappings,  $I - T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M$  is monotone. By the monotonicity of  $I - T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \langle (I - T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M)x_t - (I - T_t \Lambda_t^N \Delta_t^M)p, x_t - p \rangle \\ &\leq s_t \langle (V - A)T_t v_t - (V - A)x_t, x_t - p \rangle + s_t \langle Vx_t - VT_t v_t, x_t - p \rangle \\ &\quad + s_t \langle (V - A)x_t, x_t - p \rangle + s_t t \langle (\gamma T_t v_t - \mu FVx_t), x_t - p \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (A - V)x_t, x_t - p \rangle &\leq \|(V - A)T_t v_t - (V - A)x_t\| \|x_t - p\| + \|Vx_t - VT_t v_t\| \|x_t - p\| \\ &\quad + t \|\gamma T_t v_t - \mu FVx_t\| \|x_t - p\| \\ &\leq (2 + \|A\|) \|T_t v_t - x_t\| \|x_t - p\| + t(\gamma \|T_t v_t\| + \mu \|FVx_t\|) \|x_t - p\|. \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

Now, replacing  $t$  in (37) with  $t_n$  and noticing the boundedness of  $\{\gamma \|T_{t_n} v_{t_n}\| + \mu \|FVx_{t_n}\|\}$  and the fact that  $(V - A)T_{t_n} v_{t_n} - (V - A)x_{t_n} \rightarrow 0$ , we deduce

$$\langle (A - V)x^*, x^* - p \rangle \leq 0.$$

Thus,  $x^* \in \Omega$  is a solution of (15); hence  $x^* = \tilde{x}$  by uniqueness. Consequently,  $x_t \rightarrow \tilde{x}$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** Assume that the sequences  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [0, 1]$  and  $\{s_n\} \subset (0, \frac{1}{2})$  satisfy: (C1)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 0$ . Let the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  be defined by (16). Then  $\text{LIM}_n \langle (A - V)\tilde{x}, \tilde{x} - x_n \rangle \leq 0$ , where  $\tilde{x} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} x_t$  and  $x_t$  is defined by

$$x_t = P_C[(I - s_t A)T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t + s_t(Vx_t - t(\mu FVx_t - \gamma T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t))], \tag{38}$$

where  $T, \Lambda^N, \Delta^M : C \rightarrow C$  are defined by  $Tx = P_C(I - \frac{2}{L}\nabla f)x$ ,  $\Lambda^N x = J_{R_N, \lambda_N}(I - \lambda_N B_N) \cdots J_{R_1, \lambda_1}(I - \lambda_1 B_1)x$  and  $\Delta^M x = T_{r_M}^{(\Theta_M, \varphi_M)}(I - r_M A_M) \cdots T_{r_1}^{(\Theta_1, \varphi_1)}(I - r_1 A_1)x$  for  $\lambda_i \in [a_i, b_i] \subset (0, 2\eta_i), i = 1, \dots, N$  and  $r_j \in [c_j, d_j] \subset (0, 2\mu_j), j = 1, \dots, M$ .

**Proof.** We assume, without loss of generality, that  $0 < s_n \leq \|A\|^{-1}$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Let  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} x_t = \tilde{x}$  and  $\tilde{x}$  is the unique solution of (15). By Proposition 4, we deduce that the nets  $\{x_t\}, \{Vx_t\}, \{\Delta^M x_t\}, \{\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t\}$  and  $\{FVx_t\}$  are bounded.

Let  $p \in \Omega$ . Then  $T_n p = p, \Lambda_n^N p = p$  and  $\Delta_n^M p = p$ . Applying Lemmas 5 and 7, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - p\| &\leq s_n[(1 - \alpha_n \tau)\|x_n - p\| + \alpha_n \gamma \|v_n - p\| + \alpha_n \|(\gamma I - \mu FV)p\|] \\ &\quad + (1 - s_n \tilde{\gamma})\|v_n - p\| + s_n \|(V - A)p\| \\ &\leq s_n[(1 - \alpha_n \tau)\|x_n - p\| + \alpha_n \gamma \|x_n - p\| + \alpha_n \|(\gamma I - \mu FV)p\|] \\ &\quad + s_n \|(V - A)p\| + (1 - s_n \tilde{\gamma})\|x_n - p\| \\ &\leq \max\left\{\frac{\|(V - A)p\| + \|(\gamma I - \mu FV)p\|}{\tilde{\gamma} - 1}, \|x_n - p\|\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

By induction

$$\|x_n - p\| \leq \max\left\{\frac{\|(V - A)p\| + \|(\gamma I - \mu FV)p\|}{\tilde{\gamma} - 1}, \|x_0 - p\|\right\}, \quad \forall n \geq 0.$$

Thus,  $\{x_n\}, \{u_n\}, \{v_n\}, \{T_n v_n\}, \{FVx_n\}, \{Vx_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are all bounded. By (C1), we obtain

$$\|x_{n+1} - T_n v_n\| \leq \|(I - s_n A)T_n v_n + s_n y_n - T_n v_n\| = s_n \|y_n - AT_n v_n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

By (31), we also have

$$\|T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_n - T_n \Lambda_n^N \Delta_n^M x_n\| \leq \|\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_n - \Lambda_n^N \Delta_n^M x_n\| + \widehat{M} \left| \frac{2}{L} - \lambda_n \right|, \tag{39}$$

where  $\sup_{n \geq 0} \{L\|P_C(I - \frac{2}{L}\nabla f)v_n\| + 4\|\nabla f(v_n)\| + L\|v_n\|\} \leq \widehat{M}$  for some  $\widehat{M} > 0$ . According to (32), we have

$$\|\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_n - \Lambda_n^N \Delta_n^M x_n\| \leq \widehat{M}_0 \sum_{i=1}^N |\lambda_i - \lambda_{i,n}| + \|\Delta^M x_n - \Delta_n^M x_n\|, \tag{40}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{n \geq 0} \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \|J_{R_i, \lambda_i}(I - \lambda_{i,n} B_i)\Lambda^{i-1} \Delta^M x_n - (I - \lambda_{i,n} B_i)\Lambda_n^{i-1} u_n\| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\lambda_{i,n}} \|(I - \lambda_{i,n} B_i)\Lambda^{i-1} \Delta^M x_n - J_{R_i, \lambda_{i,n}}(I - \lambda_{i,n} B_i)\Lambda_n^{i-1} u_n\| \right\} \leq \widehat{N}, \end{aligned}$$

for some  $\widehat{N} > 0$  and  $\sup_{n \geq 0} \{\sum_{i=1}^N \|B_i \Lambda^{i-1} \Delta^M x_n\| + \widehat{N}\} \leq \widehat{M}_0$  for some  $\widehat{M}_0 > 0$ . In terms of (33), we have

$$\|\Delta^M x_n - \Delta_n^M x_n\| \leq \widehat{M}_1 \sum_{j=1}^M |r_j - r_{j,n}|, \tag{41}$$

where  $\sup_{n \geq 0} \{ \sum_{j=1}^M [ \|A_j \Delta^{j-1} x_n\| + \frac{1}{r_j} \|T_{r_j}^{(\Theta_j, \varphi_j)}(I - r_j A_j) \Delta^{j-1} x_n - (I - r_j A_j) \Delta^{j-1} x_n\| ] \} \leq \widehat{M}_1$  for some  $\widehat{M}_1 > 0$ . In terms of (39)–(41) we calculate

$$\|T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_n - T_n \Lambda_n^N \Delta_n^M x_n\| \leq \widehat{M}_1 \sum_{j=1}^M |r_j - r_{j,n}| + \widehat{M}_0 \sum_{i=1}^N |\lambda_i - \lambda_{i,n}| + \widehat{M} \left| \frac{2}{L} - \lambda_n \right|.$$

It is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - x_{n+1}\| &\leq \|T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_n\| + \|T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_n - T_n \Lambda_n^N \Delta_n^M x_n\| \\ &\quad + \|T_n \Lambda_n^N \Delta_n^M x_n - x_{n+1}\| \\ &\leq \|x_t - x_n\| + \widehat{M}_1 \sum_{j=1}^M |r_j - r_{j,n}| + \widehat{M}_0 \sum_{i=1}^N |\lambda_i - \lambda_{i,n}| + \widehat{M} \left| \frac{2}{L} - \lambda_n \right| \quad (42) \\ &\quad + \|T_n v_n - x_{n+1}\| \\ &= \|x_t - x_n\| + \epsilon_n, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\epsilon_n = \widehat{M}_1 \sum_{j=1}^M |r_j - r_{j,n}| + \widehat{M}_0 \sum_{i=1}^N |\lambda_i - \lambda_{i,n}| + \widehat{M} \left| \frac{2}{L} - \lambda_n \right| + \|T_n v_n - x_{n+1}\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Please note that

$$\langle Ax_t - Ax_n, x_t - x_n \rangle \geq \bar{\gamma} \|x_t - x_n\|^2. \quad (43)$$

Furthermore, for simplicity, we write  $w_t = (I - s_t A) T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t + s_t ((I - t\mu F) V x_t + t\gamma T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t)$ . By (38), we get  $x_t = P_C w_t$  and

$$\begin{aligned} x_t - x_{n+1} &= (I - s_t A) T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - (I - s_t A) x_{n+1} + s_t [(I - t\mu F) V x_t - (I - t\mu F) V x_{n+1} \\ &\quad + t(\gamma T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - \mu F V x_{n+1}) + (V - A) x_{n+1}] + x_t - w_t. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 1 and Proposition 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_t - x_{n+1}\|^2 &\leq 2s_t t \langle \gamma T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - \mu F V x_{n+1}, x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle + 2s_t \langle (V - A) x_{n+1}, x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle \\ &\quad + 2s_t \langle (I - t\mu F) V x_t - (I - t\mu F) V x_{n+1}, x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle \\ &\quad + \|(I - s_t A) T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - (I - s_t A) x_{n+1}\|^2 \\ &\leq (1 - s_t \bar{\gamma})^2 \|T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - x_{n+1}\|^2 + 2s_t \langle V x_t - V x_{n+1}, x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle \\ &\quad - 2s_t t \mu \langle F V x_t - F V x_{n+1}, x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle + 2s_t \langle (V - A) x_{n+1}, x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle \quad (44) \\ &\quad + 2s_t t \|\gamma T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - \mu F V x_{n+1}\| \|x_t - x_{n+1}\| \\ &\leq (1 - s_t \bar{\gamma})^2 \|T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - x_{n+1}\|^2 + 2s_t \langle V x_t - V x_{n+1}, x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle \\ &\quad + 2s_t t (\mu \|F V x_t - F V x_{n+1}\| + \|\gamma T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - \mu F V x_{n+1}\|) \|x_t - x_{n+1}\| \\ &\quad + 2s_t \langle (V - A) x_{n+1}, x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Using (42) and (43) in (44), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_t - x_{n+1}\|^2 &\leq (1 - s_t \bar{\gamma})^2 (\|x_t - x_n\| + \epsilon_n)^2 + 2s_t \langle V x_t - V x_{n+1}, x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle \\ &\quad + 2s_t t (\mu \kappa \|x_t - x_{n+1}\| + \|\gamma T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - \mu F V x_{n+1}\|) \|x_t - x_{n+1}\| \\ &\quad + 2s_t \langle (V - A) x_{n+1}, x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle \\ &\leq s_t^2 \bar{\gamma} \langle A(x_t - x_n), x_t - x_n \rangle + \|x_t - x_n\|^2 + (1 - s_t \bar{\gamma})^2 (2\|x_t - x_n\| \epsilon_n + \epsilon_n^2) \quad (45) \\ &\quad + 2s_t t (\mu \kappa \|x_t - x_{n+1}\| + \|\gamma T\Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - \mu F V x_{n+1}\|) \|x_t - x_{n+1}\| \\ &\quad + 2s_t [\langle (V - A) x_{n+1}, x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle + \langle A(x_t - x_{n+1}), x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle A(x_t - x_n), x_t - x_n \rangle]. \end{aligned}$$



Applying the Banach limit LIM to (45), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LIM}_n \|x_t - x_{n+1}\|^2 &\leq s_t^2 \tilde{\gamma} \text{LIM}_n \langle A(x_t - x_n), x_t - x_n \rangle + \text{LIM}_n \|x_t - x_n\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2s_t t \text{LIM}_n (\mu\kappa \|x_t - x_{n+1}\| + \|\gamma T \Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - \mu FV x_{n+1}\|) \|x_t - x_{n+1}\| \\ &\quad + 2s_t [\text{LIM}_n \langle (V - A)x_t, x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle + \text{LIM}_n \langle A(x_t - x_{n+1}), x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle \\ &\quad - \text{LIM}_n \langle A(x_t - x_n), x_t - x_n \rangle]. \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

Using the property  $\text{LIM}_n a_n = \text{LIM}_n a_{n+1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LIM}_n \langle (A - V)x_t, x_t - x_n \rangle &= \text{LIM}_n \langle (A - V)x_t, x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{s_t \tilde{\gamma}}{2} \text{LIM}_n \langle A(x_t - x_n), x_t - x_n \rangle + \frac{1}{2s_t} [\text{LIM}_n \|x_t - x_n\|^2 - \text{LIM}_n \|x_t - x_{n+1}\|^2] \\ &\quad + t \text{LIM}_n (\mu\kappa \|x_t - x_{n+1}\| + \|\gamma T \Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - \mu FV x_{n+1}\|) \|x_t - x_{n+1}\| \\ &\quad + \text{LIM}_n \langle A(x_t - x_{n+1}), x_t - x_{n+1} \rangle - \text{LIM}_n \langle A(x_t - x_n), x_t - x_n \rangle \\ &= \frac{s_t \tilde{\gamma}}{2} \text{LIM}_n \langle A(x_t - x_n), x_t - x_n \rangle \\ &\quad + t \text{LIM}_n (\mu\kappa \|x_t - x_{n+1}\| + \|\gamma T \Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - \mu FV x_{n+1}\|) \|x_t - x_{n+1}\|. \end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

Since

$$s_t \langle A(x_t - x_n), x_t - x_n \rangle \leq s_t \|A\| \|x_t - x_n\|^2 \leq s_t \|A\| K^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0, \tag{48}$$

where  $\|x_t - x_n\| + \|\gamma T \Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - \mu FV x_n\| \leq K$ ,

$$t \|x_t - x_{n+1}\|^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } t \|\gamma T \Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - \mu FV x_{n+1}\| \|x_t - x_{n+1}\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0, \tag{49}$$

we conclude from (47)–(49) that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LIM}_n \langle (A - V)\tilde{x}, \tilde{x} - x_n \rangle &\leq \limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} \text{LIM}_n \langle (A - V)x_t, x_t - x_n \rangle \\ &\leq \limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} t \text{LIM}_n (\mu\kappa \|x_t - x_{n+1}\| + \|\gamma T \Lambda^N \Delta^M x_t - \mu FV x_{n+1}\|) \|x_t - x_{n+1}\| \\ &\quad + \limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{s_t \tilde{\gamma}}{2} \text{LIM}_n \langle A(x_t - x_n), x_t - x_n \rangle \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** Let the sequences  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [0, 1]$  and  $\{s_n\} \subset (0, \frac{1}{2})$  satisfy: (C1)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 0$  and (C2)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n = \infty$ . Let the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  be defined by (16). If  $x_{n+1} - x_n \rightarrow 0$ , then  $x_n$  converges strongly to  $\tilde{x} \in \Omega$ , which solves (15).

**Proof.** We assume, without loss of generality, that  $\alpha_n \tau < 1$  and  $\frac{2s_n(\tilde{\gamma}-1)}{1-s_n} < 1$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Let  $x_t$  be defined by (38). Then,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} x_t := \tilde{x} \in \Omega$  (due to Theorem 1). We divide the rest of the proof into several steps.

**Step 1.** It is easy to show that

$$\|x_n - p\| \leq \max\{\|x_0 - p\|, \frac{\|(V - A)p\| + \|(\gamma I - \mu FV)p\|}{\tilde{\gamma} - 1}\}, \forall n \geq 0.$$

Hence  $\{x_n\}, \{u_n\}, \{v_n\}, \{T_n v_n\}, \{FV x_n\}, \{V x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are all bounded.

**Step 2.** We show that  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (V - A)\tilde{x}, x_n - \tilde{x} \rangle \leq 0$ . To this end, let

$$a_n := \langle (A - V)\tilde{x}, \tilde{x} - x_n \rangle, \quad \forall n \geq 0.$$

According to Theorem 2, we deduce  $\text{LIM}_n a_n \leq 0$ . Choose a subsequence  $\{x_{n_j}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_{n+1} - a_n) = \limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} (a_{n_j+1} - a_{n_j})$$

and  $x_{n_j} \rightarrow v \in H$ . This indicates that  $x_{n_j+1} \rightarrow v$ . Hence,

$$w - \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (\tilde{x} - x_{n_j+1}) = w - \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (\tilde{x} - x_{n_j}) = (\tilde{x} - v),$$

and therefore

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_{n+1} - a_n) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \langle (A - V)\tilde{x}, (\tilde{x} - x_{n_j+1}) - (\tilde{x} - x_{n_j}) \rangle = 0.$$

Then, by Lemma 8, we derive

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (V - A)\tilde{x}, x_n - \tilde{x} \rangle = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (A - V)\tilde{x}, \tilde{x} - x_n \rangle \leq 0.$$

**Step 3.** We show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - \tilde{x}\| = 0$ . Set  $w_n = (I - s_n A)T_n v_n + s_n y_n$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Then  $x_{n+1} = P_C w_n$ . Utilizing (16) and  $T_n \Lambda_n^N \Delta_n^M \tilde{x} = T_n \tilde{x} = \tilde{x}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} - \tilde{x} &= s_n [(I - \alpha_n \mu F)Vx_n - (I - \alpha_n \mu F)V\tilde{x} + \alpha_n \gamma (T_n v_n - T_n \tilde{x}) + \alpha_n (\gamma I - \mu FV)\tilde{x}] \\ &\quad + (I - s_n A)(T_n v_n - T_n \tilde{x}) + s_n (V - A)\tilde{x} + x_{n+1} - w_n. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, utilizing Proposition 1 and Lemma 1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - \tilde{x}\|^2 &\leq [(1 - s_n \tilde{\gamma})\|T_n v_n - T_n \tilde{x}\| + s_n ((1 - \alpha_n \tau)\|x_n - \tilde{x}\| + \alpha_n \gamma \|T_n v_n - T_n \tilde{x}\|)]^2 \\ &\quad + 2s_n [\alpha_n \|(\gamma I - \mu FV)\tilde{x}\| \|x_{n+1} - \tilde{x}\| + \langle (A - V)\tilde{x}, \tilde{x} - x_{n+1} \rangle] \\ &\leq [1 - s_n (\tilde{\gamma} - 1 + \alpha_n (\tau - \gamma))] \|x_n - \tilde{x}\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2s_n [\alpha_n \|(\gamma I - \mu FV)\tilde{x}\| \|x_{n+1} - \tilde{x}\| + \langle (A - V)\tilde{x}, \tilde{x} - x_{n+1} \rangle] \\ &= [1 - s_n (\tilde{\gamma} - 1 + \alpha_n (\tau - \gamma))] \|x_n - \tilde{x}\|^2 + s_n (\tilde{\gamma} - 1 + \alpha_n (\tau - \gamma)) \\ &\quad \times \frac{2}{\tilde{\gamma} - 1 + \alpha_n (\tau - \gamma)} [\alpha_n \|(\gamma I - \mu FV)\tilde{x}\| \|x_{n+1} - \tilde{x}\| + \langle (A - V)\tilde{x}, \tilde{x} - x_{n+1} \rangle] \\ &= (1 - \omega_n) \|x_n - \tilde{x}\|^2 + \omega_n \delta_n, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\omega_n = s_n (\tilde{\gamma} - 1 + \alpha_n (\tau - \gamma))$  and

$$\delta_n = \frac{2}{\tilde{\gamma} - 1 + \alpha_n (\tau - \gamma)} [\alpha_n \|(\gamma I - \mu FV)\tilde{x}\| \|x_{n+1} - \tilde{x}\| + \langle (A - V)\tilde{x}, \tilde{x} - x_{n+1} \rangle].$$

It is easy to check that  $\omega_n \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \omega_n = \infty$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n \leq 0$ . By Lemma 6 with  $r_n = 0$ , we deduce that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - \tilde{x}\| = 0$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

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