Numerical Implementation of Nonlinear Implicit Iterative Method for Solving Ill-posed Problems

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Abstract— Many nonlinear regularization methods may converge to local minima in numerical implementation for the complexity of nonlinear operator. Under some not very strict assumptions, we implement our proposed nonlinear implicit iterative method and have a global convergence results. Using the convexity property of the modified Tikhonov functional, it combines nonlinear implicit iterative method with a gradient method for solving ill-posed problems. Finally we present two numerical results for integral equation and parameter identification.

Index Terms—nonlinear, gradient method, regularization, implicit iterative

I. INTRODUCTION

This paper is dedicated to the computation of an approximation to a nonlinear operator equation

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y},\tag{1}$$

where F:D(F) $X \rightarrow Y$ is a nonlinear operator between two real Hilbert spaces X and Y. If only noisy data y^{δ} with

$$\parallel \mathbf{y}^{\delta} \mathbf{-} \mathbf{y} \parallel \leq \delta \tag{2}$$

are available, then the problem of solving (1) has to be regularized. Nonlinear ill-posed problems are more different to solve than linear. Due to the importance for technical applications, many of the known linear regularization methods have been generalized to nonlinear equations[1,2].

In [3], we extend the implicit iterative method for linear ill-posed operator equations to solve nonlinear illposed problems, named nonlinear implicit iterative method. Under some conditions, the error sequence of solutions of the nonlinear implicit iterative method is monotonically decreasing. And with this monotonicity, we prove the convergence of our method for both the exact and perturbed equations. In this paper, we focus on the numerical implementation of nonlinear implicit iterative method. The main part in the numerical implementation is how to minimize the Tikhonov functional in each iteration. When regularization parameter is fixed, how to minimize the Tikhonov functional (3) is a well-posed optimization problem. In principle, all of nonlinear optimization methods can be implied to implement the nonlinear implicit iterative method. But, the convergence may not be hold since the local convergence of some methods and the non-strictly convex of the Tikhonov functional.

$$_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) = \| \mathbf{y}^{\delta} - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) \|^{2} + \alpha \| \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{0} \|^{2}$$
 (3)

In the numerical implementation of nonlinear implicit iterative method, we combine this method with the steepest descent method and develop an iterative algorithm for solving nonlinear ill-posed problems. It maintains the advantage of iteration methods in numerical realization and get a convergence result under some not very strict assumptions. In every iteration, we modify Tikhonov functional by idea of nonlinear implicit iterative method, replacing x^+ with x_n^{a} :

$$J_{\alpha}(x, x_n^{\delta}) = \| y^{\delta} - F(x) \|^2 + \alpha \| x - x_n^{\delta} \|^2$$
(4)
The resulting method will be defined by

$$\mathbf{x}_{n,k+1}^{\delta} = \mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta} + \beta_k \nabla \mathbf{J}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta}, \mathbf{x}_n^{\delta})$$
(5)

Here, β_k denotes a scaling parameter. Since it is based on the interaction of nonlinear implicit iterative method with the gradient method, we feel that 'Implicit Iterative--GRAdient method ' (IIGRA) is an appropriate name for the iteration.

The structure of the paper will be as follows. In section II, it will be shown that the modified Tikhonov



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functional (4) has a convexity property in the neighbourhood of a global minimizer of the functional. A convergence analysis for the steepest descent algorithm for minimizing (4) is given in section III. It is shown that the algorithm converges to a global minimizer of (4) if a starting value for the iteration within the abovementioned neighbourhood is known. Finally, in section IV, we will give two applications. Conclusion is in section V.

II. RESULTS ON THE CONVEXITY PROPERTY OF MODIFIED TIKHONOV FUNCTIONAL

Throughout this paper we have the following assumption:

Assumption 1 Suppose there is a ball $B(x^+, r) \subset D(F)$ with radius r around x^+ and in the ball operator F satisfies:

(i) F is twice Fréchet differentiable with a continuous second derivative:

(ii) local Lipschitz condition: for $x_1, x_2 \in B(x^+, r)$ there holds

$$\| F'(x_1) - F'(x_2) \| \le L \| x_1 - x_2 \|;$$
 (6)

(iii) \exists some const $\eta > 0$, for all $x_1, x_2 \in B(x^+, r)$ there holds

 $\| F(x_1)-F(x_2)-F'(x_2)(x_1-x_2) \| \le \eta \| x_1-x_2 \| \| F(x_1)-F(x_2) \|;$ As a deduction, we can conclude that F' is local bounded in $B(x^+, r)$ from assumption 1 (i), i.e.

$$M = \sup\{ \| F'(x) | x \in B(x^+, r) \| \} < \infty$$
(7)

Our aim is to use the steepest descent method for minimizing $J_{\alpha}(x, x_{n}^{\delta})$. It is well known that the steepest descent method will converge to (the global) minimizer of a functional, if it is convex. So we will prove that the modified Tikhonov functional has a convexity property in the neighbourhood of a global minimizer of the functional. Since limited by pages, we only give the convergence results without proof in the following, detail seen in [4].

From now on we will set

$$C_x(t)(h, h):=J_0^1(1-\tau) F''(x + t\tau h)(h, h)d\tau.$$

By Taylor formula in integral form

 $F(x + th) = F(x) + tF'(x)h + \int_0^1 (1-\tau) F''(x + t\tau h)(h, h)d\tau$ we have

 $F(x+th)=F(x)+tF'(x)h+t^2C_x(t)(h,h).$

Let
$$\phi_{\alpha,h}(t) = J_{\alpha}(x_{n+1}^{\delta} + th, x_{n}^{\delta}), t \in \mathbb{R}, h \in \mathbb{X}, \parallel h \parallel = 1,$$

using (9) we get

 $J_{\alpha}(x+th, x_{n}^{\delta}) = J_{\alpha}(x, x_{n}^{\delta}) - 2t(\langle y^{\delta} - F(x), F'(x)h \rangle - \alpha \langle x - x_{n}^{\delta}, \rangle)$

+t²(\parallel F'(x)h \parallel ²-2 $\langle y^{\delta}$ -F(x), C_x(t)(h, h) \rangle + $\alpha \parallel$ h \parallel ²) $+2t^{3} \langle F'(x)h, C_{x}(t)(h, h) \rangle +t^{4} || C_{x}(t)(h, h) ||^{2}$ (10)

Proposition 2 Let $C_x(t)(h, h)$ be defined as in (8), and define $g(t): R^+ \rightarrow Y$ by

$$g(t) := t^2 C_x(t)(h,h)$$
 (11)

Then g(t) is twice differentiable and the following properties hold:

 $g(t) = \int_0^t (t-\tau) F''(x+\tau h)(h, h) d\tau.$ (i)

- $g'(t) = \int_0^t F''(x + \tau h)(h, h) d\tau = t \int_0^1 F''(x + t\tau h)(h, h) d\tau.$ (ii) $g''(t) = F''(x + \tau h)(h, h)$ (iii)
- $[\| g(t) \|^{2}]''=2(\langle g''(t), g(t) \rangle + \| g'(t) \|^{2}).$ (iv)

Proposition 3 Let $C_x(t)(h, h)$ be as in (8) and $\hat{C}_{x_{n+1}}^{s}(t)(h, h)$ be defined by

$$C_{x^{+n}}(t)(h, h) := \int_0^t F''(x_{n+1}^{\circ} + t\tau h)(h, h)d\tau, \qquad (12)$$

Then we obtain for the second derivative of $\varphi_{\alpha,h}(t)$
with $||h|| = 1$

$$\begin{split} \varphi_{\alpha,h}^{*}(t) &= 2 \| F'(x_{n+1}^{\delta})h \|^{2} + 2\alpha + 2 t^{2} \| \hat{C}_{x_{n+1}}(t)(h,h) \|^{2} \\ &- 2 \langle y^{\delta} - F(x_{n+1}^{\delta}), F''(x_{n+1}^{\delta} + th) (h,h) \rangle \\ &+ t \langle F'(x_{n+1}^{\delta})h, 4 \hat{C}_{x_{n+1}^{\delta}}(t)(h,h) + 2 F''(x_{n+1}^{\delta} + th) (h,h) \rangle \\ &+ 2t^{2} \langle F''(x_{n+1}^{\delta} + th) (h,h), \hat{C}_{x_{n+1}}(t)(h,h) \rangle . \end{split}$$
(13)
To simplify the notation, we will define

$$a(t,h) := 2 \quad \langle F''(x_{n+1}^{\circ}+th)(h,h), C_{x_{n+1}}^{\circ}(t)(h,h) \rangle + 2 \parallel \hat{C}_{x_{n+1}}^{\circ}(t)(h,h) \parallel^{2},$$
(14)

$$b(t,h) := \langle F'(x_{n+1}^{\delta})h, 4\hat{C}_{x+1}^{*}(t)(h, h) \\ + 2\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} (t_{n+1}^{\delta})h_{i}(h, h)$$
(15)

$$+ 2 F''(x_{n+1}+th)(n, h) \rangle , \qquad (15)$$

$$c(t,h):=2\alpha - 2 \langle y^{\delta} - F(x_{n+1}^{\delta}), F''(x_{n+1}^{\delta}+th)(h, h) \rangle \qquad (16)$$

$$+ 2 \| F'(\mathbf{x}_{n+1})\mathbf{h} \|^{2}$$
(16)
and have therefore

$$\varphi_{a,h}^{"}(t) = c(t, h) + tb(t, h) + t^{2}a(t, h)$$
(17)

Proposition 4 Let a(t, h), b(t, h) and c(t, h) be defined as in (13)-(15). If 1-L $\parallel y^{\delta}$ -F(x_0^{δ}) $\parallel /\alpha > 0$, then there must be some $\gamma > 0$ such that

$$\gamma + L \parallel y^{\delta} - F(x_0^{\delta}) \parallel / \alpha < 1 \tag{18}$$

holds. Then a(t, h), b(t, h) and c(t, h) can be estimated independently of t, h:

$$|\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{h})| \leq 3L^2 \tag{19}$$

$$|\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{h})| \le 6\mathrm{LM} \tag{20}$$

$$c(t, h) > 2\gamma\alpha, \tag{21}$$

where L and M are defined as (6) and (7).

Proof. For a Lipschitz-continuous first Fréchet derivative with (6), the second derivative can be globally estimated using

$$\| F''(x)(h, h) \| \le L \| h \|^2$$
 (22)

According to the definition of $C_x(t)(h, h)$ as in (8) and $\hat{C}_{x_{n+1}}^{s}(t)(h, h)$ as in (12) we have with ||h|| = 1

$$\| C_{x_{n+1}^{\delta}}(t)(h,h) \| \leq \int_{0}^{1} (1-\tau) \| F''(x_{n+1}^{\delta} + t\tau h)(h,h) \| d\tau \leq \frac{L}{2},$$

$$\| \widehat{C}_{x_{n+1}^{\delta}}(t)(h,h) \| \leq \int_{0}^{1} \| F''(x_{n+1}^{\delta} + t\tau h)(h,h) \| d\tau \leq L.$$

 and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}(t,h) \| &\leq 2 \parallel F''(\mathbf{x}_{n+1} + th)(h,h) \parallel \parallel C_{\mathbf{x}_{n+1}}(t)(h,h) \parallel \\ &+ 2 \parallel \hat{C}_{\mathbf{x}_{n+1}}(t)(h,h) \parallel^2 \leq 3L^2. \end{aligned}$$
(23)

Similarly

(8)

(9)

$$\begin{split} |b(t,h)| &\leq || F'(x_{n+1}^{\delta}) || (4 || \hat{C}_{x_{n+1}^{\delta}}(t)(h,h) || \\ &+ 2 || F''(x_{n+1}^{\delta} + th)(h,h) ||) \\ &\leq 6L || F'(x_{+1}^{\delta}) || \leq 6LM. \end{split}$$

c(t,h) can be estimated as follows: $c(t,h) - 2\gamma \alpha = 2 \parallel F'(x^{\delta})h \parallel^2 + 2\alpha$

$$-2 \langle \mathbf{y}^{\delta} - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^{\delta})\mathbf{h} \| + 2\mathbf{u}$$

$$-2 \langle \mathbf{y}^{\delta} - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^{\delta}), \mathbf{F}''(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^{\delta} + \mathbf{th}) (\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{h}) \rangle -2\gamma \alpha$$

$$\geq 2\alpha - 2L \| \mathbf{y}^{\delta} - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^{\delta}) \| -2\gamma \alpha$$

$$\geq 2\alpha - 2L \| \mathbf{y}^{\delta} - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_{0}^{\delta}) \| -2\gamma \alpha$$

$$= 2\alpha (1 - L \| \mathbf{y}^{\delta} - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_{0}^{\delta}) \| /\alpha - \gamma) > 0. \quad (25)$$

Theorem 5 Under assumption (18) and ||h|| = 1, the functional $\varphi_{\alpha,h}(t)$ is a convex function for all

$$|\mathsf{t}| \leq \frac{1}{\mathsf{L}(1+\sqrt{2})} \min\{\sqrt{\frac{2\kappa\alpha}{3}}, \frac{2\kappa\alpha}{3\mathsf{M}}\} := \mathsf{r}(\alpha), \qquad (26)$$

where
$$\kappa=1-L \parallel y^{\circ}-F(x_{0}^{\circ}) \parallel / \alpha - \gamma$$
. Particularly, it holds
 $\phi_{\alpha,h}^{\circ}(t) \ge 2\gamma\alpha$ (27)

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for $|t| \leq r(\alpha)$. Proof. We have $\varphi_{\alpha,h}^{"}(t)=c(t,h)+tb(t,h)+t^{2}a(t,h)$ We have to consider two cases: (1) Let $t \ge 0$. Then $\varphi_{a,h}^{"}(t) \ge c(t, h) - t | b(t, h) | - t^{2} | a(t, h) | \text{ for } b(t, h) \le 0$ (28) $\phi_{a,h}^{"}(t) \ge c(t, h) - t^2 |a(t, h)|$ for b(t, h) > 0 (29) (2) Let $t \le 0$. Then we have $\phi_{\alpha,h}^{"}(t) \ge c(t, h) - t^2 |a(t, h)|$ for $b(t, h) \leq 0$ $\varphi_{\alpha,h}^{"}(t) \ge c(t, h) - t | b(t, h) | - t^{2} | a(t, h) | \text{ for } b(t, h) > 0$ Thus it is sufficient to consider the first case only. Setting $\kappa = 1 - L \parallel y^{\delta} - F(x_0^{\delta}) \parallel /\alpha - \gamma,$ (30)then $\kappa > 0$ because of (18). From (29) it follows with (19) and (25) that

$$\varphi_{\alpha,h}^{(1)}(t) - 2\gamma \alpha \ge 2\kappa \alpha - 3L^2 t^2 =: p_1(t).$$

$$t_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2\kappa}{3L^2}} \sqrt{\alpha}$$
(31)

and because $p_1(0) > 0$, it holds that $\rho_{\alpha h}^{"}(t) \geq 2\gamma \alpha$

$$\varphi_{\alpha,h}(1)$$

for $|t| \leq |t_{1,2}|$.

From (28) it follows, with (19) and (20) that $\varphi_{\alpha,h}^{"}(t) - -2\gamma \alpha \geq 2\kappa \alpha - 3LMt - 3L^2t^2 =: p_2(t).$

and $p_2(t)$ has the zeros

$$t_{1,2} = \frac{1}{L} [-M \pm \sqrt{M^2 + \frac{2\kappa\alpha}{3}}].$$

Now let $t_{\min} = \min\{|t_1|, |t_2|\}$. Then

$$t_{\min} = \frac{1}{L} \left[-M + \sqrt{M^2 + \frac{2\kappa\alpha}{3}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{3L} \frac{\kappa\alpha}{M + \sqrt{M^2 + \frac{2}{3}\kappa\alpha}}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{L(1 + \sqrt{2})} \begin{cases} \frac{2\kappa\alpha}{3M} & \text{if } \frac{2}{3}\kappa\alpha \le M^2 \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}\kappa\alpha} & \text{if } \frac{2}{3}\kappa\alpha > M^2 \end{cases}$$

$$(32)$$

Combining (31), (33) we have shown that $\varphi_{\alpha,h}(t) \ge 2\gamma\alpha$ for

$$|t| \leq \frac{1}{L} \min\{\sqrt{\frac{2\kappa\alpha}{3}}, \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\frac{2\kappa\alpha}{3}}, \frac{2\kappa\alpha}{3M(1+\sqrt{2})}\} = \frac{1}{L(1+\sqrt{2})} \min\{\sqrt{\frac{2\kappa\alpha}{3}}, \frac{2\kappa\alpha}{3M}\}.$$
 (34)

III. A STEEPEST DESCENT METHOD

The steepest descent method is a widely used iteration method for minimizing a functional. Although it is sometimes slow to converge, it seldom fails to converge to a minimum of the functional. The method is defined by

$$\mathbf{x}_{n,k+1}^{\delta} = \mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta} + \beta_k \nabla \mathbf{J}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta}, \mathbf{x}_n^{\delta}) \qquad \mathbf{k} = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

where $\nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{nk}^{\circ}, \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\circ})$ denotes the direction of steepest descent of $J_{\alpha}(x, x_n^{\delta})$ at point $x_{n,k}^{\delta}$, and $\beta_k \in \mathbb{R}^+$ is a step size or scaling parameter which has to be chosen according to

$$\beta_{k} = \arg\min_{\beta \geq 0} \{ J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta} + \beta \nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta}, \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta}), \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta}) \}.$$
(35)

According to (10) we find $\nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta}, \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta}) = -2(F'(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta})^{\ast}(\mathbf{y}^{\delta} - F(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta})) - \alpha(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta} - \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta})).$ For the following, we might use the notation

$$K_{r(\alpha)}(x_{n+1}^{\delta}) := \{ x \in X \mid x = x_{n+1}^{\delta} + th, t \in R, h \in X, \| th \| \le r(\alpha) \}.$$
(36)

Define

$$h_{k} := x_{n+1}^{\delta} - x_{n,k}^{\delta}, \qquad (37)$$

and functions φ_{1}, φ_{2} by

$$\varphi_1(t) = J_q(\mathbf{x}_{nk}^{\delta} + t\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{x}_n^{\delta})$$
(38)

$$\varphi_2(\mathbf{t}) = J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta} - \mathbf{th}, \mathbf{x}_n^{\delta})$$
(39)

 ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 can be rewritten as

$$\begin{array}{l} \varphi_{1}(t) = \varphi_{1}(0) + 2 \quad \langle \lor J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{*}, x_{n}), h_{k} \rangle \quad t + c_{1}(t, h_{k})t^{4} \\ + b_{1}(t, h_{k})t^{3} + a_{1}(t, h_{k})t^{4} \quad (40) \\ \varphi_{2}(t) = \varphi_{2}(0) - 2 \quad \langle \bigtriangledown J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{*}, x_{n}^{*}), h_{k} \rangle \quad t + c_{2}(t, h_{k})t^{2} \end{array}$$

$$+ b_2(t, h_k)t^3 + a_2(t, h_k)t^4$$
(41)

where the coefficients $c_1(t, h_k)$, $b_1(t, h_k)$, $a_1(t, h_k)$, $c_2(t, h_k)$, $b_2(t, h_k)$, $a_2(t, h_k)$ can be determined as in (10), eg.

$$\begin{split} &c_{l}(t,h_{k}) = \parallel F'(x_{n,k}^{\delta}) \ h_{k} \parallel^{2} - 2 \ \left\langle y^{\delta} - F(x_{n,k}^{\delta}), C_{x_{n,k}}^{*}\left(t\right) \ h_{k}, h_{k}\right\rangle \ \right\rangle \ , \\ &b_{l}(t,h_{k}) = 2 \ \left\langle F'(x_{n,k}^{\delta}) \ h_{k}, C_{x_{n,k}}^{*}\left(t\right) \ h_{k}, h_{k}\right\rangle \right\rangle \end{split}$$

 $a_1(t,h_k) = \| C_{x_{nk}}(t) h_k, h_k) \|^2$

Proposition 6 Let the assumption of theorem 5 hold, and let ϕ_1 (t) be defined as in (40) and $x_{n,k}^{\delta} \in K_{r(\alpha)}(x_{n+1}^{\delta})$. Then we have

and

$$\varphi_1''(t) \ge 2\gamma \alpha || h_k ||^2, t \in [0,1].$$
 (41)

Proposition 7 Assume that $x_{n,k}^{\delta} \in K_{r(\alpha)}(x_{n+1}^{\delta})$. Then an interval I=($0, \beta_0$],

$$\beta_{0} = \frac{\langle -\nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\circ}, \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\circ}), \mathbf{h}_{k} \rangle}{\parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta}, \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta}) \parallel^{2}} , \qquad (42)$$

exists such that the iterate $x_{n,k+1}^{\delta} = x_{n,k-1}^{\delta} \beta_k \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_n^{\delta})$ is closer to x_{n+1}^{δ} than $x_{n,k}^{\delta}$ for $\beta_k \in I$:

$$\parallel x_{n+1}^{\delta}$$
 - $x_{n,k+1}^{\delta} \parallel \leq \parallel x_{n+1}^{\delta}$ - $x_{n,k}^{\delta} \parallel$.

In particular,
$$\mathbf{x}_{n,k+1}^{\delta} \in \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{r}(\alpha)}(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^{\delta})$$
.

Proposition 8 Let the assumptions of theorem 3 hold, and $x_{n,i}^{\delta}$, j=0,...,k be the steepest descent iterates for minimizing $J_{\alpha}(x, x_{n}^{\delta})$, and h_{k} be defined as in (37) Moreover assume $x_{n,j}^{\delta} \in K_{r(\alpha)}(x_{n+1}^{\delta})$ j=0,...k. Then

$$\langle -\nabla \mathbf{J}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta}, \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta}), \mathbf{h}_{k} \rangle \geq \gamma \alpha \parallel \mathbf{h}_{k} \parallel^{2}$$
(43)

Define

$$\lambda = \frac{4\gamma\alpha}{4M^2 + 4\alpha + 4L \parallel y^{\delta} - F(x_0^{\delta}) \parallel + 4LM + L^2} + L^2).$$
(44)

Proposition 9 Let the assumptions of theorem 5 hold, and $x_{n,i}^{\delta}$, j=0,...,k be the steepest descent iterates for minimizing $J_{\alpha}(x, x_n^{\delta})$. If $x_{n,j}^{\delta} \in K_{r(\alpha)}(x_{n+1}^{\delta})$, j=0,...k, and the scaling parameter β_k is chosen such that

$$\begin{array}{l} \beta_{k} \leq & \min\{\left.\frac{\gamma \alpha}{\| \bigtriangledown J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_{n}^{\delta}) \|^{2}} \square_{\delta} n\right) \|^{2} \rangle \\ \lambda \frac{J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_{n}^{\delta}) - \theta_{\min k}}{\| \bigtriangledown J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_{n}^{\delta}) \|^{2} n_{k}} , x_{n}^{\delta}) \|^{2} \rangle \} \\ \end{array}$$

holds, then the new iterate $x_{n,k+1}^{\circ}$ is closer to x_{n+1}° than $x_{n,k}^{\circ}$. Here,

 $\theta_{\min,k} = \min\{J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta} - \mathbf{t} \nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta}, \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta}), \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta}\}: \mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{R}^{+}\}.$ (45) In particular, $\mathbf{x}_{n,k+1}^{\delta} \in \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{r}(\alpha)}(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^{\delta})$.

Proof. Let $\varphi_1(t)$, $\varphi_2(t)$ be defined as in (38)-(41). We will first estimate $\| \mathbf{h}_k \|$ from below by $\varphi_1(0)$ - $\varphi_1(1)$. Keeping in mind that $\varphi_1(t) = \varphi_1(1-t)$ and $\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n+1}^{\delta}, x_n^{\delta}) = 0$ hold, we get from (41)

On setting $C_{k,X_{n+1}^{\delta}}(t)(h_k, h_k) = \int_0^1 (1-\tau) F''(x_{n+1}^{\delta} + t\tau h_k)(h_k, h_k) d\tau$, (47)

the coefficients in (46) can be determined from $c_{2}(t,h_{k}) = \parallel F'(x_{n+1}^{\delta}) h_{k} \parallel^{2} - 2 \langle y^{\delta} - F(x_{n+1}^{\delta}), C_{k,x_{n+1}}(t)(h_{k}, h_{k}) \rangle ,$ $b_{2}(t,h_{k}) = 2 \langle F'(x_{n+1}^{\delta}) h_{k}, C_{k,x_{n+1}}(t)(h_{k}, h_{k}) \rangle$ $a_{2}(t,h_{k}) = \parallel C_{k,x_{n+1}}(t)(h_{k}, h_{k}) \parallel^{2}$ Using

$$\| C_{k,x_{m+1}}^{\delta}(t)(h_k,h_k) \| \leq L_0^{1}(1-\tau) d\tau \| h_k \|^2 = \frac{L}{2} \| h_k \|^2,$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |c_{2}(t,h_{k})| &\leq (M^{2}+\alpha+L \parallel y^{\delta}-F(x_{0}^{\delta}) \parallel) \parallel h_{k} \parallel^{2} \\ &=: \overline{c_{2}} \parallel h_{k} \parallel^{2}, \end{aligned}$$
(48)

$$|\mathbf{b}_2(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{h}_k)| \leq \mathrm{LM} \parallel \mathbf{h}_k \parallel^3 = : \overline{\mathbf{b}_2} \parallel \mathbf{h}_k \parallel^3,$$
 (49)

$$|\mathbf{a}_{2}(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{h}_{k})| \leq \frac{\mathbf{L}^{2}}{4} \|\mathbf{h}_{k}\|^{4} =: \overline{\mathbf{a}_{2}} \|\mathbf{h}_{k}\|^{4}.$$
(50)

Altogether this yields

$$\varphi_1(0) - \varphi_1(1) \le c_2 \quad || h_k ||^2 + b_2 \quad || h_k ||^3 + a_2 \quad || h_k ||^4$$

The minimal value of $J_{\alpha}(x_{n+1}^{\circ}, x_n^{\circ}) = \phi_1(1)$ is usually unknown, but $\theta_{\min,k}$, defined in (45), can be computable. In the case of $||h_k|| \le 1$ we find

$$\begin{split} \varphi_{1}(0) - \theta_{\min,k} &\leq \varphi_{1}(0) - \varphi_{1}(1) \\ &\leq (M^{2} + \alpha + L \parallel y^{\delta} - F(x_{0}^{\delta}) \parallel) \parallel h_{k} \parallel^{2} \\ &+ LM \parallel h_{k} \parallel^{3} + \frac{L^{2}}{4} \parallel h_{k} \parallel^{4} \\ &\leq (M^{2} + \alpha + L \parallel y^{\delta} - F(x_{0}^{\delta}) \parallel \\ &+ LM + \frac{L^{2}}{4}) \parallel h_{k} \parallel^{2}. \end{split}$$
(51)

Thus it follows by using () for $\parallel h_k \parallel \le 1$ that

 $\begin{array}{l} \langle - \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, \, x_{n}^{\delta}, \, h_{k}) \rangle & \geq \lambda(\phi_{1}(0) - \theta_{\min,k}) \\ & = \lambda(J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, \, x_{n}^{\delta}) - \theta_{\min,k}). \end{array}$ In the case of $\parallel h_{k} \parallel \geq 1$ we get from () $\langle - \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, \, x_{n}^{\delta}, \, h_{k}) \rangle \geq \gamma \alpha. \end{array}$

Inserting the above estimates for $\langle -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_{n}^{\delta}, h_{k}) \rangle$ in (42) shows that $\beta_{k} \leq \beta_{0}$, and, by proposition, the new iterate is therefore closer to x_{n+1}^{δ} than the old one.

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\kappa_{1}:=Lr(\alpha)+M,}{r^{\delta}:=\frac{\parallel y^{\delta}-F(x_{0}^{\delta})\parallel}{\sqrt{\alpha}},\alpha)), \\ & \underset{\kappa_{2}:=\alpha^{2}(r^{2}(\alpha)+(r^{\delta})^{2}), \\ & \underset{\kappa_{2}:=\parallel y^{\delta}-F(x_{0}^{\delta})\parallel^{2}+Mr(\alpha)+\frac{L}{2}r(\alpha)^{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 10 Let the assumptions of theorem 5 hold, $K_{r(\alpha)}(x_{n+1}^{\delta})$ be defined as in (36), $x_{n,0}^{\delta} = x_n^{\delta} \in K_{r(\alpha)}(x_{n+1}^{\delta})$, and $\{x_{n,k}^{\delta}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be the iterates of steepest descent for the modified Tikhonov functional with β_k chosen according to proposition 9. Then, there exists a constant

$$K := 2\kappa_1^2 + 2L\kappa_2 + 2\alpha + 6\kappa_1 \kappa^* + 3L^2 \kappa_3, \tag{52}$$

$$\kappa^* := 2(\kappa_1 \kappa_2 + \kappa_3), \tag{53}$$

$$\theta_{k}(t) \coloneqq J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\circ} t \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\circ}, x_{n}^{\circ}), x_{n}^{\circ}) \quad t \in [0,1]$$
(54) is bounded by

 $|\theta''(t)| \leq K \parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_n^{\delta}) \parallel^2.$

Proof. According to the choice β_k all iterates are in $K_{r(\alpha)}(x_{n+1}^{\delta})$. The definition of $\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_n^{\delta})$ shows that $\| \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_n^{\delta}) \|$ is bounded in $K_{r(\alpha)}(x_{n+1}^{\delta})$ by a constant κ^* defined in (53), we have

$$\begin{split} \| \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_{n}^{\delta}) \| \\ &\leq 2(\| F'(x_{n,k}^{\delta}) \| \| \| y^{\delta} - F'(x_{n,k}^{\delta}) \| + \alpha \| x_{n,k}^{\delta} - x_{n}^{\delta} \|). \\ \text{and} \\ \| F'(x_{n,k}^{\delta}) \| &\leq \| F'(x_{n,k}^{\delta}) - F'(x_{n+1}^{\delta}) \| + \| F'(x_{n+1}^{\delta}) \| \\ &\leq L \| x_{n+1}^{\delta} - x_{n,k}^{\delta} \| \leq M + Lr(\alpha) = \kappa_{1}, \end{split}$$
(55)

$$\| y^{\delta} - F'(x_{n,k}^{\delta}) \| \leq \| y^{\delta} - F'(x_{n+1}^{\delta}) \| \| F'(x_{n+1}^{\delta}) - F'(x_{n,k}^{\delta}) \|$$

$$\leq \| y^{\delta} - F'(x_{0}^{\delta}) \| + \| F'(x_{n+1}^{\delta}) \| \| \| x_{n+1}^{\delta} - x_{n,k}^{\delta} \|$$

$$+ \frac{L}{2} \| x_{n+1}^{\delta} - x_{n,k}^{\delta} \|^{2}$$

$$\leq \| y^{\delta} - F'(x_{0}^{\delta}) \| + M r(\alpha) + \frac{L}{2} r(\alpha)^{2} = \kappa_{2},$$
(56)
$$\alpha^{2} \| x_{0}^{\delta} - x_{0}^{\delta} \|^{2} \leq \alpha^{2} \left(\| x_{0}^{\delta} - x_{0}^{\delta} \| \|^{2} + \| x_{0}^{\delta} - x_{0}^{\delta} \| \|^{2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \| \mathbf{x}_{n,k} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{n} \| \leq \alpha \ (\| \mathbf{x}_{n,k} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{n+1} \| + \| \mathbf{x}_{n+1} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{n} \|) \\ & \leq \alpha^{2} \left(\mathbf{r}(\alpha)^{2} + (\mathbf{r}^{\delta})^{2} \right) = \kappa_{3}^{2} . \end{aligned}$$
 (57)

Thus

 $\| \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_{n}^{\delta}) \| \leq \kappa^{*}.$ (58) holds for all k. Defining $C_{k,x_{n+1}^{\circ}}(t)(h_{k}, h_{k})$ as in (47) with h_{k} replaced by $-\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_{n}^{\delta})$ and setting

$$\begin{split} \overline{C}_{k,x_{n+1}^{*}}(t)(-\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta})) = & \int_{0}^{1}F^{n}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},t\tau\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}))(-\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}))d\tau \\ \text{we find} \\ \theta_{k}^{*}(t) = & 2 \parallel F'(x_{n,k}^{\delta}) \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}) \parallel - 2 \langle y^{\delta} - F(x_{n,k}^{\delta}), \\ F''(x_{n,k}^{\delta},-t\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}))(-\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta})) \rangle \\ + & 2\alpha \parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}) \parallel^{2} \\ -& 4t \langle F'(x_{n,k}^{\delta}) \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), \overline{C}_{k,x_{n+1}}(t)(-\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), \\ -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta})) \rangle \\ -& 2t \langle F'(x_{n,k}^{\delta}) \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), \overline{C}_{k,x_{n+1}}(t)(-\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), \\ -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta})) \rangle \\ -& 2t \langle F'(x_{n,k}^{\delta}) \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), \overline{C}_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}) \rangle \rangle \\ +& 2t^{2} \langle F'(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}) \rangle \rangle \\ +& 2t^{2} \langle F'(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}) \rangle \rangle \\ +& 2t^{2} \parallel \overline{C}_{k,x_{n+1}^{*}}(t) (-\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta})) \parallel^{2}. \\ \\ The norm of C_{k,x_{n+1}^{*}}(t) (-\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta})) and \\ \overline{C}_{k,x_{n+1}^{*}}(t) (-\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta})) and \\ \overline{C}_{k,x_{n+1}^{*}}(t) (-\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta})) and \\ \overline{C}_{k,x_{n+1}^{*}}(t) (-\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta})) \parallel \\ \leq \frac{L}{2} \parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}) \parallel^{2}. \\ \\ \parallel \overline{C}_{k,x_{n+1}^{*}}(t) (-\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}), -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta})) \parallel \\ \leq L \parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}) \parallel^{2}. \\ \\ Using the above-given estimates, we can finally estimate \\ |\theta_{k}^{*}(t)| for t \in [0,1] by \\ |\theta_{k}^{*}(t)| \leq (2\kappa_{1}^{2}+2L\kappa_{2}+2\alpha) \parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}) \parallel^{2} \\ + 6t\kappa_{L} \parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta},x_{n}^{\delta}) \parallel^{2}. \\ \end{cases}$$

$$+ 6\kappa_{1}L \parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}, \mathbf{x}_{n}) \parallel^{4}$$

$$+ 3t^{2}L^{2} \parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta}, \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta}) \parallel^{4}$$

$$\leq (2\kappa_{1}^{2}+2L\kappa_{2}+2\alpha+6\kappa_{1}\kappa^{*}L+3L^{2}(\kappa^{*})^{2})$$

$$\cdot \parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta}, \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta}) \parallel^{2}$$

$$= K \parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta}, \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta}) \parallel^{2}.$$

$$(59)$$

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Now all ingredients for the final convergence proof of the steepest descent method have been collected:

Theorem 11 Let the assumptions of theorem 5 hold, $K_{r(\alpha)}(x_{n+1}^{\delta})$ be defined as in (36), $x_{n,0}^{\delta} = x_n^{\delta} \in K_{r(\alpha)}(x_{n+1}^{\delta})$ and $\{x_{n,k}^{\delta}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be the iterates of steepest descent for the modified Tikhonov functional with β_k chosen such that proposition 4 and

$$\beta_{k} \leq \min\{\frac{1}{K}, 1\}, \tag{60}$$

where K is defined as in (52). Then $\{x_{n,k}^{\delta}\}_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$ converges to a global minimizer of $J_{\alpha}(x, x_n^{\delta})$:

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} x_{n,k}^{\delta} = x_{n+1}^{\delta} = \arg\min_{x} J_{\alpha}(x, x_{n}^{\delta})$$

Proof. According to the choice β_k and $x_{n,0}^{\delta} \in K_{r(\alpha)}(x_{n+1}^{\delta})$, we have

$$\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta} \in \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{r}(\alpha)}(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^{\delta}) \mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{N}.$$

The sequence $\{x_{n,k}^{\delta}\}$ is monotonously decreasing and bounded from below, thus there exists J_{α}^{0} s.t $J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_{n}^{\delta}) \downarrow J_{\alpha}^{0}$ for $k \rightarrow \infty$. First we will show that β_{k} are bounded from below $\beta, \beta_{k} \ge \beta$ for all k.

By the definition (33), we have

$$\theta_{k}(t) - \theta_{k}(0) = -t \parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_{n}^{\delta}) \parallel^{2} + \frac{t^{2}}{2} \theta_{k}^{\circ}(\overline{t}) \quad 0 \leq \overline{t} \leq t$$

According to theorem , $\left|\theta_{k}^{"}\left(t\right)\right| \leq \!\!\! K \parallel \bigtriangledown J_{\alpha}\!\left(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, \, x_{n}^{\delta}\right) \parallel^{2}$. Without loss of generality we can assume K≥1. It follows for $0 < t \leq 1$

$$\begin{split} \theta_{k}(t) - \theta_{k}(0) &\leq -t \parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_{n}^{\delta}) \parallel^{2} \\ &+ \frac{t^{2}}{2} K \parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_{n}^{\delta}) \parallel^{2} \\ &= (-t + \frac{t^{2}}{2} K) \parallel \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_{n}^{\delta}) \parallel^{2}. \end{split}$$
(61)
If we set esp. $t = \frac{1}{2} \leq 1$ then

If we set esp.
$$t = \frac{1}{K} \leq 1$$
, then
 $\theta_k(\frac{1}{K}) - \theta_k(0) \leq -\frac{1}{2K} \parallel \nabla J_\alpha(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_n^{\delta}) \parallel^2 < 0.$
With the definition of $\theta_{\min,k}$ in (), we find
 $\frac{1}{2K} \parallel \nabla J_\alpha(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_n^{\delta}) \parallel^2 \leq \theta_k(0) - \theta_k(\frac{1}{K}) \leq \theta_k(0) - \theta_{\min,k}$
i.e.

$$\frac{\theta_{k}(0)-\theta_{\min} \cdot k}{\| \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_{n}^{\delta}) \|^{2}} \Box_{\delta n} \quad) \|^{2}) \geq \frac{1}{2K}.$$

$$(6$$

and from (58) follows

$$\frac{1}{\|\nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta},\mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta})\|} \Box_{\delta n})\|) \ge \frac{1}{\kappa^{*}}.$$
(63)

Inserting (62), (63) in (60) yields

$$\beta_{k} \ge \min\{\frac{\gamma\alpha}{\kappa^{*}}, \frac{\lambda}{2K}, \frac{1}{K}, 1\} = :\beta.$$
(64)

Next, we show $\bigtriangledown J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_n^{\delta}) \rightarrow 0$ for $k \rightarrow 0$ by contradiction. Let us suppose $\bigtriangledown J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_n^{\delta})$ does not converge to zero. Then there exists $\epsilon_0 > 0$ s.t. for every $N_0 \in N$ exists $k > N_0$ with

$$\| \nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_{n}^{\delta}) \| \geq \varepsilon_{0}.$$
(65)

Because $J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_n^{\delta}) = \theta_k(0)$ converge monotonously from above to J_{α}^0 , we can moreover assume that

$$|\theta_k(0) - J^0_{\alpha}| \leq \frac{\beta}{4} \varepsilon_0^2 \leq \frac{\beta_k}{4} \varepsilon_0^2$$

holds for k large enough. Setting $t=\beta_k \leq \frac{1}{K}$, we get $\theta_k(\beta_k) - \theta_k(0) \leq \beta_k (-1 + \frac{\beta_k K}{2}) \parallel \bigtriangledown I(\mathbf{x}^{\delta}, \|\mathbf{x}^{\delta}) \parallel^2$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \beta_{k}(0) \leq \beta_{k} \left(-1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\| \, \bigtriangledown \, J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}, \mathbf{x}_{n}) \right\|^{2} \\ & \leq -\frac{\beta_{k}}{2} \, \left\| \nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta}, \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta}) \right\|^{2} \leq -\frac{\beta_{k}}{2} \, \epsilon_{0}^{2} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{split} J_{\alpha} & (x_{n,k+1}^{\delta}, x_n^{\delta}) \text{ - } J_{\alpha}^0 = \theta_k(\beta_k) \text{ - } J_{\alpha}^0 \\ & \leq \theta_k(0) \text{ - } J_{\alpha}^0 - \frac{\beta_k}{2} \varepsilon_0^2 \\ & \leq \frac{\beta_k}{4} \varepsilon_0^2 \text{ - } \frac{\beta_k}{2} \varepsilon_0^2 = -\frac{\beta_k}{4} \varepsilon_0^2 < 0, \end{split}$$

which is a contradiction to $\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_n^{\delta}) \downarrow J_{\alpha}^{0}$. As a consequence, $\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_n^{\delta})$ converges to zero. Now by the definition of h_k in (37), we finally get by using (43) $\gamma \alpha \parallel h_k \parallel^2 \leq \langle -\nabla J_{\alpha}(x_{n,k}^{\delta}, x_n^{\delta}), h_k \rangle$

$$\leq \| \nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta},\mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta}) \| \| \mathbf{h}_{k} \| \rightarrow 0,$$

and

 $x_{n,k}^{\delta} \rightarrow x_{n+1}^{\delta}$ for $|| h_k || \rightarrow 0$.

VI. THE IIGRA ALGORITHM

Theorem 12 For the nonlinear implicit iterative method, so long as x_0^{δ} and α is chosen by

then, the minima x_{n+1}^{δ} of every functional $J_{\alpha}(x, x_n^{\delta})$, n=0,1,...can be given by steepest descent method. The steepest descent method is convergent as x_n^{δ} is chosen as iterative value for calculating x_{n+1}^{δ} . When stopping iterative number is determined by discrepancy principle, we have

$$x_{n(\delta)}^{\delta} \rightarrow x^{+} \qquad \delta \rightarrow 0.$$

Proof. The condition (ii) assures theorem holds, the condition (i), (iii) and (iv) assure theorem holds and the condition (iii) assures $r^{\delta} \le r(\alpha)$. Therefore, we can always get

$$\mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta} \in \mathbf{K}_{r}^{\delta}(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^{\delta}) \in \mathbf{K}_{r(\alpha)}(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^{\delta})$$

with $x_{n+1}^{\delta} \in K_r^{\delta}(x_n^{\delta})$. The following conclusion can be gotten by theorem and induction.

As mentioned earlier, the IIGRA algorithm is a combination of the steepest descent method for the minimization of the modified Tikhonov functional and an optimization routine for finding a regularization parameter α such that Morozov's discrepancy principle[1] holds. The algorithm is defined as follows:

Algorithm 13 IIGRA

step(1) choose x_0^{δ} and α satisfied theorem 7, give $\tau > 1$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, let n=0;

step(2) let k=0, $x_{n,k}^{\delta} = x_n^{\delta}$; step(3) calculate $\nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n+1,k}^{\delta}, \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta})$; step(4) if $\| \nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n+1,k}^{\delta}, \mathbf{x}_{n}^{\delta}) \| \leq \varepsilon$, goto step(6); step(5) choose β_k by theorem 6 and calculate $\mathbf{x}_{n,k+1}^{\delta} = \mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta} + \beta_k \nabla J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta}, \mathbf{x}_n^{\delta}), k=k+1, \text{ goto}$ step(3);

step(6) $\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^{\delta} = \mathbf{x}_{n,k}^{\delta}$;

step(7) if $||y^{\delta}$ -F(x_{n+1}^{δ}) $|| \le \tau \delta$, stop, otherwise let n=n+1 and go os step(2).

V. TWO NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS

Within this section we will give two practical relevant examples that meet the requirements of the IIGRA algorithm.

Example 1: nonlinear Hammerstein integral equation

$$F(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{s}:=J_0^t\phi(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s}))\mathbf{ds}=\mathbf{y}^o$$
$$D(F):=H^1[0,1]\rightarrow L^2[0,1]$$

where assumption 1 are satisfied[2]. The first Fréchet derivate and transposition of operator F have the following form:

 $(F'(x)h)(t) = \int_0^t \varphi'(x(s))h(s)ds,$

 $(F'(x)^*h)(t) = B^{-1}[\varphi'(x(s)) \int_s^1 h(t)dt.]$

where

$$\begin{aligned} (B^{-1}z)(s) &= \int_0^1 k(s,t)z(t)dt.\\ k(s,t) &:= \begin{cases} \frac{\cosh(1-s)\cosh(t)}{\sinh(1)} & t \leq s\\ \frac{\cosh(1-t)\cosh(s)}{\sinh(1)} & t > s \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the iterative scheme of IIGRA is:

$$\begin{split} & \mathbf{B}^{\text{-1}}[\phi'(x(s))\int_{s}^{1}h(t)dt. \] \\ &= \int_{0}^{1}k(s,t) \ \phi'(x(t))[\int_{t}^{1}y^{\delta}(\xi)d\xi - \int_{t}^{1}\int_{0}^{\xi}\phi(x(\eta))d\eta d\xi]dt. \end{split}$$

Set $\varphi(x)=e^x$, then true solution $x^+=\sin(t)$. We use IIGRA algorithm solve example 1 in different error level δ with iteration initial value $x_0(t)=t$, $\tau=1.1$, $\varepsilon=1e-5$, $\alpha=50$.

Table I shows the calculation results of example 1 where $e_0 = \| a_0^{\delta} - a^+ \|_L^2$, $e_n = \| a_n^{\delta} - a^+ \|_L^2$ and $n(\delta)$ is iteration numbers. We can see that absolute error en decreases with δ minishing. This is consistent of the conclusion in theorem 11. Fig.1-Fig.4 give the figures of x_0 , x^+ and x_n^{δ} in different δ .

TABLE I. The Numerical Results of Example 1 In Different δ

δ	n(δ)	e ₀	en	$e_{n/} e_0$
1e-2	93	6.059e-2	1.808e-2	0.289
5e-3	118	6.059e-2	1.131e-2	0.187
1e-3	233	6.059e-2	3.720e-3	6.159e-2
5e-4	78	6.059e-2	3.281e-3	5.415e-2
1e-5	72	6.059e-2	2.001e-3	3.303e-2
5e-6	84	6.059e-2	9.804e-4	1.618e-2
1e-7	84	6.059e-2	1.205e-4	1.989e-3
5e-8	84	6.059e-2	5.356e-5	8.840e-4



Figure 3. The numerical effect figure with δ =5e-4.



Example 2: parameter identification a(x) in BVP



where $a(x) \in H^1[0,1]$ and assumption 1 are satisfied[5]. Indeed, example 2 defines a nonlinear operator F:

$$F(a)=u(a)$$

$$D(F) = \{H^{1}[0,1] | a \ge a^{*} > 0\}$$

TABLE II. The Numerical Results of Example 2 In Different a_0^{δ}

a_0^δ	n(δ)	e_0	en	en/ e0
0.7	67	0.298	0.138	0.463
3	79	1.98	1.243	0.628
7	332	5.953	3.992	0.671
1+0.05sin(10πt)	44	3.532e-2	5.421e-3	0.153
$1+0.1\sin(10\pi t)$	49	7.067e-2	8.564e-3	0.121
$1+0.3\sin(10\pi t)$	58	0.212	8.772e-2	0.413

I. CONCLUSION

Under some not very strict assumptions, we overcome the difficulty of local convergence for nonlinear ill-posed operator in numerical implementation. Results of examples show its convergence and effectivity. In the next work, we will focus on weakening the restrictions on the property of nonlinear operator.

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