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

\[ F(x) = y, \]  

where \( F : D(F) \to Y \) is a nonlinear operator between two real Hilbert spaces \( X \) and \( Y \). If only noisy data \( y^\delta \) with\n
\[ \| y^\delta - y \| \leq \delta \]  

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 ill-posed 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.

\[ J_{\alpha}(x) = \| y^\delta - F(x) \|^2 + \alpha \| x - x_0 \|^2 \]  

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 \( x^k \) with \( x^k_\delta \):

\[ J_{\delta}(x, x^k_\delta) = \| y^\delta - F(x) \|^2 + \alpha \| x - x_0 \|^2 \]  

The resulting method will be defined by

\[ x^k_{\delta + 1} = x^k_\delta + \beta_k \nabla J_{\delta}(x^k_\delta, x^k_\delta) \]  

Here, \( \beta_k \) 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...
As a deduction, we can conclude that $F'$ is local bounded functional. Since limited by pages, we only give the neighborhood of a global minimizer of the functional. A descent method will converge to the global minimizer of (4) if the algorithm converges to a global minimizer of (4) if a starting value for the iteration within the above-mentioned neighborhood 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

\[ \| F'(x_1)- F'(x_2) \| \leq L \| x_1-x_2 \| , \]

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

\[ \| F(x_1)-F(x_2)-F'(x_0)(x_1-x_2) \| \leq \| F(x_1)-F(x_2) \| \leq \eta \| x_1-x_2 \|. \]

As a deduction, we can conclude that $F$ is locally bounded in $B(x^*, r)$ from assumption (i), (ii).

Our aim is to use the steepest descent method for minimizing $J_\alpha(x, x')$. 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 neighborhood 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

\[ C_\alpha(t)(h, h) := \int_0^t (1-t) F'(x + th)(h, h) dt. \]

By Taylor formula in integral form

\[ F(x + th) = F(x) + tf'(x) + t^2 F''(x) / 2! (x, x, h) + t^3 F'''(x) / 3! C_\alpha(t)(h, h), \]

we have

\[ F(x + th) = F(x) + tf'(x) + t^2 F''(x) / 2! C_\alpha(t)(h, h). \]

Let

\[ \phi_\alpha(t) := J_\alpha(x_{n+1}^*, th, x_{n+1}), t \in R, h \in X, \| h \| = 1, \]

using (8) we get

\[ J_\alpha(x + th, x_n^*) \leq J_\alpha(x^*, x_{n+1}^*) - 2t \left( \langle y^2 F'(x), F'(x) \rangle \alpha \langle x, x_n^* \rangle \right) + t^2 \left( \| F''(x) \| \left\{ 2 - 2 \langle y^2 F'(x), C_\alpha(t)(h, h) \rangle + \alpha \| h \|^2 \right\} \right) + t^3 \left( \| F'''(x) \| C_\alpha(t)(h, h) \right). \]

**Proposition 2** Let $C_\alpha(t)(h, h)$ be defined as in (8), and define $g(t): R \to H$ by

\[ g(t) := t^2 C_\alpha(t)(h, h). \]

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

(i) $g(t) = \int_0^t (1-t) F'(x + th)(h, h) dt.$

(ii) $g(t) = \int_0^t F'(x + th)(h, h) dt.$

(iii) $g''(t) = F''(x + th)(h, h).$

(iv) $\| g(t) \|^2 = 2 \langle g'(t), g'(t) \rangle + \| g'(t) \|^2.$

**Proposition 3** Let $C_\alpha(t)(h, h)$ be as in (8) and $\hat{C}_\alpha(t)(h, h)$ be defined by

\[ \hat{C}_\alpha(t)(h, h) := \int_0^1 F''(x_{n+1}^* + t h)(h, h) dt. \]

Then we obtain for the second derivative of $\phi_\alpha(t)$ with $\| h \| = 1$

\[ \phi_\alpha(t) = 2 \langle F'(x_{n+1}^* + th)(h, h), \hat{C}_\alpha(t)(h, h) \rangle + t \left( F'(x_{n+1}^* + th)(h, h) \! + 2 F''(x_{n+1}^* + th)(h, h) \! + t^2 \left( F''(x_{n+1}^* + th)(h, h), \hat{C}_\alpha(t)(h, h) \right) \right). \]

To simplify the notation, we will define

\[ a(t, h) := 2 \langle F'(x_{n+1}^* + th)(h, h), \hat{C}_\alpha(t)(h, h) \rangle + 2 \langle F'(x_{n+1}^* - th)(h, h), \hat{C}_\alpha(t)(h, h) \rangle, \]

and have therefore

\[ \phi_\alpha(t) = c(t, h) + t^2 a(t, h). \]

**Proposition 4** Let $a(t, h), b(t, h)$ and $c(t, h)$ be defined as in (13)-(15). If $1-L \| y^2 F'(x') \| / \alpha > 0$, then there must be some $\gamma > 0$ such that

\[ \gamma + 1 \| y^2 F'(x') \| / \alpha < 1 \]

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

\[ a(t, h) \leq 3L^2, \]

\[ b(t, h) \leq 6LM, \]

\[ c(t, h) > 2\alpha, \]

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

\[ \| F''(x)(h, h) \| \leq L \| h \|^2, \]

According to the definition of $C_\alpha(t)(h, h)$ as in (8) and $\hat{C}_\alpha(t)(h, h)$ as in (12) we have with $\| h \| = 1$

\[ \| C_\alpha(t)(h, h) \| \leq \| \int_0^t (1-t) F''(x_{n+1}^* + th)(h, h) dt \| \leq L \| \int_0^t (1-t) dt \| \leq L \]

and thus

\[ a(t, h) \leq 2 \| F'(x_{n+1}^* + th)(h, h) \| \| C_\alpha(t)(h, h) \| + 2 \| \hat{C}_\alpha(t)(h, h) \| \leq 3L^2. \]

Similarly

\[ c(t, h) \leq 6LM \| F'(x_{n+1}^*) \| / \alpha. \]

Theorem 5 Under assumption (18) and $\| h \| = 1,$ the functional $\phi_\alpha(t)$ is a convex function for all $|t| \leq \frac{1}{L(1+\sqrt{2})} \min \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha}{3}}, \frac{2\alpha}{3M} \right\} =: r(\alpha), \]

where $\alpha = 1-L \| y^2 F'(x') \| / \alpha$. Particularly, it holds

\[ \phi_\alpha(t) \geq 2\alpha. \]

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for |t| ≤ τ(α).

**Proof.** We have
\[ φ_{\alpha}(t) = c(t, h) + tb(t, h) + t^2 a(t, h) \]
We have to consider two cases:
1. Let t > 0. Then
   \[ φ_{\alpha}(t) ≥ c(t, h) - t^2 a(t, h) \quad \text{for } b(t, h) ≥ 0 \]  \hspace{1cm} (28)
   \[ φ_{\alpha}(t) ≥ c(t, h) - t^2 a(t, h) \quad \text{for } b(t, h) > 0 \]  \hspace{1cm} (29)
2. Let t < 0. Then we have
   \[ φ_{\alpha}(h) ≥ c(t, h) - t^2 a(t, h) \quad \text{for } b(t, h) ≤ 0 \]  \hspace{1cm} (30)
Thus it is sufficient to consider the first case only. Setting
\[ κ = L \cdot \frac{\|y^r-F(x_0^a)\|}{\|\alpha - γ\|}, \hspace{1cm} (30) \]
then κ > 0 because of (18).

From (29) it follows, with (19) and (25), that
\[ φ_{\alpha}(t) - 2γα ≥ 2κα - 3L^2 t^2 =: ϕ_2(t). \]
and because \( ϕ_2(0) > 0 \), it holds that
\[ φ_{\alpha}(t) ≥ 2γα \]
for \(|t| ≤ t_2 \). From (28) it follows, with (19) and (20) that
\[ φ_{\alpha}(t) - 2γα ≥ 2κα - 3L^2 t^2 =: ϕ_1(t). \]
and \( ϕ_1(t) \) has the zeros
\[ t_{1,2} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{2k_0}{3}} \]  \hspace{1cm} (31)
and because \( ϕ_1(0) > 0 \), it holds that
\[ φ_{\alpha}(t) ≥ 2γα \]
for \(|t| ≤ t_1 \). Now let \( t_{\min} = \min\{t_1, t_2\} \). Then
\[ t_{\min} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3L}} \]  \hspace{1cm} (32)
\[ ≥ \frac{1}{\sqrt{L(1+\sqrt{2})}} \]  \hspace{1cm} (33)
Combining (31), (33) we have shown that \( φ_{\alpha}(t) ≥ 2γα \) for
\[ |t| ≤ \left(1-\frac{2}{\sqrt{3L}}\right) \]  \hspace{1cm} (34)

**III. A STEEPEST DESCENT METHOD**

The steepest descent method is a widely used iterative 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
\[ x_{n+1}^a = x_n^a + ϵ_n^a \frac{\nabla J_0(x_n^a, x_0^a)}{\|\nabla J_0(x_n^a, x_0^a)\|} \quad k = 0,1,2,\ldots \]
where \( \nabla J_0(x_n^a, x_0^a) \) denotes the direction of steepest descent of \( J_0(x, x_0^a) \) at point \( x_n^a \), and \( ϵ_n^a \in \mathbb{R}^k \) is a step size or scaling parameter which has to be chosen according to
\[ ϵ_n^a = \arg \min_{\beta_n^a \geq 0} \{ J_0(x_n^a, x_0^a) + \beta_n^a \|\nabla J_0(x_n^a, x_0^a)\| \} \]  \hspace{1cm} (35)
According to (10) we find
\[ \nabla J_0(x_n^a, x_0^a) = 2(F(x_0^a))^t \cdot F(x_n^a) - \alpha(x_n^a, x_0^a) \]
For the following, we might use the notation
\[ K_{0\alpha}(x_n^a) := \{ x \in X \mid x \geq x_n^a + \theta \} \]  \hspace{1cm} (36)
Define
\[ h_k := \frac{\nabla J_0(x_n^a, x_0^a)}{\|\nabla J_0(x_n^a, x_0^a)\|} \]  \hspace{1cm} (37)
and functions \( φ_1, φ_2 \) by
\[ φ_1(t) = J_0(x_n^a, x_0^a) + \frac{t}{2} \| F(x_n^a) - F(x_0^a) \| \]  \hspace{1cm} (38)
\[ φ_2(t) = J_0(x_n^a, x_0^a) \]  \hspace{1cm} (39)
and \( φ_1 \) and \( φ_2 \) can be rewritten as
\[ φ_1(t) = φ_1(0) + \frac{t}{2} \| F(x_n^a) - F(x_0^a) \| \]  \hspace{1cm} (40)
\[ φ_2(t) = φ_2(0) + \frac{t}{2} \| F(x_n^a) - F(x_0^a) \| \]  \hspace{1cm} (41)
Proposition 6 Let the assumption of theorem 5 hold, and let \( p_1(t) \) be defined as in (40) and \( x_{k+1}^a \in K_{0\alpha}(x_n^a) \). Then we have
\[ p_1(t) = 0 \quad \text{for } t \in [0,1] \]
and
\[ p_1''(t) ≥ 2γα \quad \text{for } t \in [0,1] \]  \hspace{1cm} (42)
Proposition 7 Assume that \( x_{n+1}^a \in K_{0\alpha}(x_n^a) \). Then an interval \( I := [0, β_k] \)
\[ β_k = \left( \frac{\nabla J_0(x_n^a, x_0^a)}{\|\nabla J_0(x_n^a, x_0^a)\|} , \frac{\nabla J_0(x_{n+1}^a, x_0^a)}{\|\nabla J_0(x_{n+1}^a, x_0^a)\|} \right) \]  \hspace{1cm} (43)
exists such that the iterate \( x_{n+1}^a \) is closer to \( x_{n+1}^a \) than \( x_n^a \) for \( β_k \in I \)
\[ \| x_{n+1}^a - x_{n+1}^a \| ≤ \| x_n^a - x_{n+1}^a \| \]  \hspace{1cm} (44)
In particular, \( x_{n+1}^a \in K_{0\alpha}(x_n^a) \).
Proposition 8 Let the assumptions of theorem 3 hold, and \( x_{n+1}^a \), \( j = 0, \ldots, k \) be the steepest descent iterates for minimizing \( J_0(x, x_0^a) \), and \( h_k \) be defined as in (37) Moreover assume \( x_{n+1}^a \in K_{0\alpha}(x_n^a) \), \( j = 0, \ldots, k \), and the scaling parameter \( β_k \) is chosen such that
\[ β_k ≤ \min\{ \frac{αa}{\|\nabla J_0(x_{n+1}^a, x_0^a)\|} , \| F(x_{n+1}^a) - F(x_0^a) \| \} \]  \hspace{1cm} (45)
holds, then the next iterate \( x_{n+1}^a \) is closer to \( x_{n+1}^a \) than \( x_{n+1}^a \). Here,
\[ θ_{\min, k} := \min\{ J_0(x_{n+1}^a, -) \} \]  \hspace{1cm} (46)
Proposition 9 Let the assumptions of theorem 5 hold, and \( x_{n+1}^a \), \( j = 0, \ldots, k \) be the steepest descent iterates for minimizing \( J_0(x, x_0^a) \). If \( x_{n+1}^a \in K_{0\alpha}(x_n^a) \), \( j = 0, \ldots, k \), and the scaling parameter \( β_k \) is chosen such that
\[ β_k ≤ \min\{ \frac{αa}{\|\nabla J_0(x_{n+1}^a, x_0^a)\|} , \| F(x_{n+1}^a) - F(x_0^a) \| \} \]  \hspace{1cm} (45)
holds, then the next iterate \( x_{n+1}^a \) is closer to \( x_{n+1}^a \) than \( x_{n+1}^a \). Here,
\[ θ_{\min, k} := \min\{ J_0(x_{n+1}^a, -) \} \]  \hspace{1cm} (46)
In particular, \( x_{n+1}^a \in K_{0\alpha}(x_n^a) \).
Prop. Let \( φ_1(t) \), \( φ_2(t) \) be defined as in (38)-(41). We will first estimate \( h_k \) from below by \( φ_1(0) - φ_1(1) \). Keeping in mind that \( φ_1(t) = φ_1(1) \) and \( \nabla J_0(x_{n+1}^a, x_0^a) = 0 \) hold, we get from (41)
\[ \phi_0(0) - \phi_1(1) = \phi_2(1) - \phi_2(0) \]

On setting
\[ C_{k,x}(t) h_k, h_k = \int_0^t (1-t) \phi'(x_{k-1}) + t\phi''(x_{k-1}) \text{d}r, \]
the coefficients in (46) can be determined from
\[ c_2(t, h_k) = \| F(x_{k-1}, h_k) \|^2 - 2 \langle \phi' - \phi'(x_{k-1}), C_{k,x}(0, h_k, h_k) \rangle, \]
\[ b_2(t, h_k) = 2 \langle F(x_{k-1}, h_k, C_{k,x}(0, h_k, h_k)) \rangle, \]
\[ a_2(t, h_k) = \| C_{k,x}(0, h_k, h_k) \|^2. \]
Using
\[ \| C_{k,x}(t, h_k, h_k) \| \leq \| J_{k,x}(1-t) \| \| h_k \| \| h_k \|^2, \]
we obtain
\[ c_2(t, h_k) = \frac{M + \alpha L}{c_2} \| h_k \| \| h_k \|^2, \]
\[ b_2(t, h_k) \leq LM \| h_k \| \| h_k \|^2 + c_2 \| h_k \|^2, \]
\[ a_2(t, h_k) \leq \frac{L M^2}{4} \| h_k \| \| h_k \|^4. \]

Together this yields
\[ \phi_0(0) - \phi_1(1) \leq c_2 \| h_k \|^2 + b_2 \| h_k \|^2 + a_2 \| h_k \|^4. \]
The minimal value of \( J_{d(x_{k-1}, x_k)} \) is known, but \( \theta_{\text{min}} \), defined in (45), can be computable. In the case of \( \| h_k \| \leq 1 \) we find
\[ \phi_0(0) - \phi_1(1) \leq (M + \alpha L + M) \| h_k \|^2 \]
\[ \| h_k \|^4, \]

Thus it follows by using (1) for \( \| h_k \| \leq 1 \) that
\[ (-\nabla J_{d(x_{k-1}, x_k)}) \geq \lambda \| \phi_0(0) - \theta_{\text{min}} \| \]
\[ = \lambda \| J_{d(x_{k-1}, x_k)} \| \geq \theta_{\text{min}}. \]

In the case of \( \| h_k \| \geq 1 \) we get from (2)
\[ (-\nabla J_{d(x_{k-1}, x_k)}) \geq \alpha \| h_k \|. \]

Inserting the above estimates for \( -\nabla J_{d(x_{k-1}, x_k)} \), we obtain
\[ \| h_k \| \leq \| h_{k-1} \| \frac{L M^2}{4} \| h_k \|^2. \]

Therefore, the choice of \( \beta \) is determined by
\[ \| h_k \| \leq \| h_{k-1} \| \frac{L M^2}{4} \| h_k \|^2, \]

Let
\[ \kappa := L r(a)+M, \]
\[ \kappa^* := \frac{r(a)}{\sqrt{\alpha}}, \]
\[ \kappa' := \frac{\| \phi''(x_k) \|}{\alpha} r(a) \]
\[ \kappa^* := \frac{\| \phi''(x_k) \|}{2} \frac{L M^2}{4} \| h_k \|^2. \]

Theorem 10 Let the assumptions of theorem 5 hold, \( K_{\text{ref}}(x_{k-1}) \) be defined as in (36), \( x_{k-1} = x_k \in K_{\text{ref}}(x_{k-1}) \), and \( \{ x_{k-1} \}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \) be the iterates of steepest descent for the modified Tikhonov functional with \( \beta \) chosen according to proposition 9. Then, there exists a constant
\[ \kappa := 2 \kappa^* + 2L \kappa + 2 \alpha + 6 \kappa M + 3 L \kappa^*, \]
\[ \kappa^* := \kappa(1 - \kappa^*), \]
\[ \kappa := \| \phi''(x_k) \| \frac{L M^2}{4} \| h_k \|^2. \]

such that the second derivative of
\[ \theta_0(t) = \| J_{d(x_{k-1}, x_k)} \|^2 \theta \]
\[ \in [0, 1] \]

is bounded by
\[ \| \theta_0(t) \| \leq \| K \| \| J_{d(x_{k-1}, x_k)} \| \].
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, $K_{\text{r}_0}(x_{0,0}^*)$ be defined as in (36), $x_{n}^* \in K_{\text{r}_0}(x_{0,0}^*)$ and $\{x_{n}^*\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be the iterates of steepest descent for the modified Tikhonov functional with $\beta$, chosen such that proposition 4 and

$$\beta \leq \min \left\{ \frac{1}{K}, 1 \right\},$$

(60)

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

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n^* = x^*_{\text{min}} = \arg \min_{x} J_\theta(x, x_n^*).$$

**Proof.** According to the choice $\beta$ and $x_n^* \in K_{\text{r}_0}(x_{0,0}^*)$, we have

$$x_n^* \in K_{\text{r}_0}(x_{0,0}^*) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. $$

The sequence $\{x_n^*\}$ is monotonously decreasing and bounded from below, thus there exists $f^*$ s.t. $J_\theta(x, x_n^*) \downarrow f^*$ for $k \to \infty$. First we show that $\beta$, $\beta$, $\beta \geq \beta$ for all $k$.

By the definition (33), we have

$$\theta_k - \theta_0 = -r \| \nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*) \| ^2 + \frac{\tau}{2} \theta_0 (0) \quad 0 \leq \tau \leq \beta. $$

According to theorem, $\theta_k(t) \leq \theta \| \nabla J_\theta(x, x_n^* \| ^2$. Without loss of generality we can assume $K \geq 1$. It follows for $0 < t < 1$

$$\theta_k(t) - \theta_0 \leq -r \| \nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*) \| ^2 + \frac{\tau^2}{2} \theta_0 (0) \quad 0 \leq \tau \leq \beta. $$

(61)

If we set esp. $t = \frac{1}{K} \leq 1$, then

$$\theta_k \left( \frac{1}{K} \right) - \theta_0 \leq -r \| \nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*) \| ^2 < 0. $$

With the definition of $\theta_{\text{min}, k}$ in (i), we find

$$\frac{1}{2K} \| \nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*) \| ^2 \leq \theta_k (0) - \theta_{\text{min}, k} \| \nabla J_\theta(x, x_n^* \| ^2.$$  

(62)

and from (58) follows

$$\frac{1}{2K} \| \nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*) \| ^2 \| x_n \| ^2 \geq \frac{1}{2K}. $$

(63)

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

$$\beta \leq \min \left\{ \frac{r \alpha}{2}, \frac{1}{K} \right\} = \beta. $$

(64)

Next, we show $\nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*) \to 0$ for $k \to 0$ by contradiction. Let us suppose $\nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*)$ does not converge to zero. Then there exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that for every $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ exists $k > N_0$ with

$$\| \nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*) \| \geq \varepsilon_0.$$  

(65)

Because $J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*) \to \theta_0 (0)$ converge monotonously from above to $f^*$, we can moreover assume that

$$\left| \theta_k (0) - f^* \right| \geq \frac{\beta K}{4} \varepsilon_0 \geq \frac{\beta}{4} \varepsilon_0. $$

holds for $k$ large enough. Setting $\tau = \beta \leq \frac{1}{K}$, we get

$$\theta_k (0) - \theta_0 (0) \leq \beta \left( - \frac{1}{K} \right) \| \nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*) \| ^2 \leq \frac{\beta K}{2} \| \nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*) \| ^2 \leq \frac{\beta}{2} \varepsilon_0^2,$$

or

$$J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*) - f^* = \theta_0 (0) - f^* \leq \frac{\beta}{4} \varepsilon_0^2 \leq \frac{\beta}{4} \varepsilon_0 < 0,$$

which is a contradiction to $\nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*) \nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*)$. As a consequence, $\nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*)$ converges to zero. Now by the definition of $h_k$ in (37), we finally get by using (43)

$$\gamma \| h_k ^2 \leq (\nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*) \| h_k \leq \| \nabla J_\theta(x_{n}^*, x_n^*) \| \| h_k \| \to 0,$$

and

$$x_n^* \to x_n^*$$

for $k \to 0.$

VI. THE IIGRA ALGORITHM

**Theorem 12** For the nonlinear implicit iterative method, so long as $x_n^*$ and $\alpha$ is chosen by

(i) $\| x_n^* - x^* \| < \left( \frac{2(2-2\beta^2-2\alpha M^2 \gamma \| F(x_n^*) \| ^2}{2n t(1+\sqrt{2})} \right. \left. \frac{\eta}{\alpha} \right) \left( \frac{2}{\gamma} \right)$;

(ii) $L \| y^*(F(x_n^*) \| > \gamma > 0$;

(iii) $\gamma \geq \min(\gamma M^2 \sqrt{\frac{3}{2k} L(1+\sqrt{2}) \| y^*(F(x_n^*) \| ^2), \left( \frac{3(1+\sqrt{2})}{2k} \right) \| y^*(F(x_n^*) \| ^2);$

(iv) $\alpha > \frac{2(2-2\beta^2-2\alpha M^2 \gamma \| F(x_n^*) \| ^2}{2n t(1+\sqrt{2})} \frac{\eta}{\alpha} \frac{2}{\gamma} \gamma \| F(x_n^*) \| ^2.$

Then, the minima $x_n^*$ of every functional $J_\theta(x, x_n^*)$, $n=0,1,...$can be given by steepest descent method. The steepest descent method is convergent as $x_n^*$ is chosen as iterative value for calculating $x_n^*$. When stopping iterative number is determined by discrepancy principle, we have

$$x_n^* \to x^* \delta \to 0.$$

**Proof.** The condition (ii) assures theorem holds, the condition (i), (iii), and (iv) assure theorem holds and the condition (iii) assures $\alpha \leq \alpha(t)$, therefore, we can always get

$$x_n^* \in K_{\text{r}_0}(x_{0,0}^*) \in K_{\text{r}_0}(x_{0,0}^*)$$

with $x_n^* \in K_{\text{r}_0}(x_{0,0}^*)$. The following conclusion can be gotten through 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 $\alpha$ such that Morozov’s discrepancy principle[1] holds. The algorithm is defined as follows:

**Algorithm 12** IIGRA

step (1) choose $x_0^*$ and $\alpha$ satisfied theorem 7, give $\tau > 1$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, let $n=0$;
step(2) let k=0, $x_0^\delta = x_0^+;  
step(3) calculate $\nabla J_d(x_{n+1}^\delta, x_n^\delta);  
step(4) if $\| \nabla J_d(x_{n+1}^\delta, x_n^\delta) \| \leq \epsilon$, goto step(6);  
step(5) choose $\beta_k$ by theorem 6 and calculate  
$x_{n+1}^\delta = x_n^\delta + \beta_k \nabla J_d(x_{n+1}^\delta, x_n^\delta), \mbox{ } k=k+1, \mbox{ } \mbox{ goto step(3)};  
step(6) $x_{n+1}^\delta = x_n^\delta;  
step(7) if $\| y^\delta - F(x_{n+1}^\delta) \| \leq \tau \delta$, stop, otherwise let $n=n+1$ and goto 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

$F(x(s)) := \int_0^t \phi(x(s)) ds = y^\delta$  
$D(F) := H^1[0,1] \rightarrow L^2[0,1]$  
where assumption 1 are satisfied [2].

The first Fréchet derive and transposition of operator $F$ have the following form:

$(F'(x)h)(t) = \int_0^t \phi'(x(s))h(s) ds$,  
$(F'(x)^*h)(t) = B^{-1}[\phi'(x(s)) \int_0^1 h(t) dt]$.  
where  
$B^{-1}[\phi'(x(s)) \int_0^1 h(t) dt] = \int_0^1 k(s,t) \phi'(x(t)) \int_0^1 y^\delta(\xi)d\xi d\eta d\xi dt$.

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

Table I shows the calculation results of example 1 where $e_0 = \| a_0 - a^+ \|_2^2$, $e_n = \| a_n - a^+ \|_2^2$ and $n(\delta)$ is iteration numbers. We can see that absolute error $e_n$ decreases with $\delta$ minishing. This is consistient of the conclusion in theorem 11. Fig.1-Fig.4 give the figures of $x_0, x^+$ and $x_n^\delta$, in different $\delta$. 

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Figure 1. The numerical effect figure with $\delta=1e-2$.  
Figure 2. The numerical effect figure with $\delta=1e-3$.  
Figure 3. The numerical effect figure with $\delta=5e-4$.  
Figure 4. The numerical effect figure with $\delta=5e-5$.  

TABLE I.  
THE  NUMERICAL RESULTS OF EXAMPLE 1 IN DIFFERENT $\delta$
Example 2: parameter identification \( a(x) \) in BVP
\[
\begin{cases}
-(au'_x)_x = -e^x \\
u(0) = 1 \\
u(1) = e
\end{cases}
\]
where \( a(x) \in H^1[0,1] \) and assumption 1 are satisfied[5]. Indeed, example 2 defines a nonlinear operator \( F \):
\[
F(a) = u(a) \\
D(F) = \{H^1[0,1] | a \geq a^* > 0 \}.
\]

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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 effectiveness. In the next work, we will focus on weakening the restrictions on the property of nonlinear operator.

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