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Convergence rates in regularization for a system of nonlinear ill-posed equations with *m*-accretive operators

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Abstract

In this paper, we study an operator version of the modified Browder-Tikhonov regularization method for finding a common solution for a system of ill-posed operator equations involving *m*-accretive operators A_i , i = 0, ..., N, in a reflexive Banach space. The convergence rates of the regularized solutions are estimated not only in the infinite-dimensional space, but also in connection with its finite-dimensional approximations without the weakly sequential continuity of the dual mapping.

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1 Introduction

Let *X* be a real reflexive Banach space with the property of approximations and its dual space X^* be strictly convex. The norms of *X* and X^* are denoted by the symbol $\|\cdot\|$. We write $\langle x, x^* \rangle$ instead of $x^*(x)$ for $x^* \in X^*$ and $x \in X$.

Definition 1.1 A Banach space *X* is said to be strictly convex if for $x, y \in S_X$ with $x \neq y$, then

 $\|(1-\lambda)x+\lambda y\| < 1 \quad \forall \lambda \in (0,1),$

where S_X is the unit sphere $S_X = \{x \in X : ||x|| = 1\}$.

Definition 1.2 A mapping *j* from *X* onto X^* is called the normalized dual mapping of *X*, if it satisfies the condition

$$\langle x, j(x) \rangle = ||x||^2$$
, $||j(x)|| = ||x|| \quad \forall x \in X$.

It is well known that if X^* is strictly convex then *j* is single-valued.

Definition 1.3 An operator *A* from *X* to *X* is said to be accretive, if

 $\langle A(x) - A(y), j(x - y) \rangle \ge 0 \quad \forall x, y \in D(A),$

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where D(A) denotes the domain of A. An accretive operator A is said to be an *m*-accretive, if $\mathcal{R}(A + \lambda I) = X$ for $\lambda > 0$ where $\mathcal{R}(A)$ and I denote the range of A and the identity mapping of X, respectively.

Definition 1.4 An operator *A* from *X* to *X* is said to be

- (i) demicontinuous if $x_n \to x$ in X implies $A(x_n) \rightharpoonup A(x)$,
- (ii) weakly continuous if $x_n \rightarrow x$ implies $A(x_n) \rightarrow A(x)$.

It is well known that if A is accretive, and is continuous, demicontinuous, or weakly continuous, then it is *m*-accretive [1–3].

Definition 1.5 A mapping *A* from *X* to *X* is called Fréchet differentiable at a point $x \in D(A)$, if

$$A(x+h) - A(x) = B(x)h + o(||h||) \quad \forall x+h \in D(A),$$

where B(x) is a bounded linear mapping from *X* to *X*. And the Fréchet derivative of *A* at $x \in D(A)$ is denoted by A'(x).

Let $\{A_i\}_{i=0}^N$ be a family of N + 1 accretive operators in X and satisfy one of the above mentioned three continuities.

Our problem is to find a common solution of the following operator equations:

$$A_i(x) = f_i, \quad f_i \in \mathcal{R}(A_i), i = 0, \dots, N.$$

$$(1.1)$$

Set

$$S = \bigcap_{i=0}^{N} S_i,$$

where S_i is the solution set of (1.1), that is, $S_i = \{x : A_i(x) = f_i\}$.

Suppose that $S \neq \emptyset$.

For *m*-accretive operators, some results of the approximating solution for each equation in (1.1) under suitable different conditions are investigated in [4-10], and [11].

The system of equations (1.1) is ill-posed, because each one of the system is ill-posed. By ill-posedness, we mean that its solutions do not depend continuously on the data (A_i, f_i) . Therefore, we have to use the stable methods in order to solve the problem. Some stable methods of approximating solution for each equation in (1.1) with *m*-accretive operator are investigated in [12, 13], and [14] having the weakly sequentially continuous duality mapping *j*. In [15–19], the authors considered the modified Browder-Tikhonov regularization method with the regularization parameter choice without the property for *j*, for the case of demicontinuous or weakly continuous accretive operators A_i satisfying the condition

$$\|A_{i}(y) - A_{i}(x_{0}^{i}) - j^{*}A_{i}'(x_{0}^{i})j(y - x_{0}^{i})\| \leq \tilde{\tau} \|y - x_{0}^{i}\| \|A_{i}'(x_{*})j(y - x_{0}^{i})\|$$

$$(1.2)$$

for *y* in some neighborhood of S_i , where $A'_i(x_0^i)$ is the Fréchet derivative of A_i at $x_0^i \in S_i$, $\tilde{\tau}$ is some positive constant, and j^* is the normalized duality mapping of X^* .

In many papers, for each i, the regularized solution of (1.1) is constructed by the following operator equation:

$$A_i^h(x) + \alpha x = f_i^\delta,$$

where (A_i^h, f_i^δ) is the approximation of (A_i, f_i) satisfying the conditions:

$$\left\|A_{i}^{h}(x) - A_{i}(x)\right\| \le hg\left(\|x\|\right), \qquad \left\|f_{i} - f_{i}^{\delta}\right\| \le \delta, \quad h, \delta \to 0,$$

$$(1.3)$$

g(t) is a nonnegative bounded (image of bounded set is bounded) real function, and A_i^h is also accretive and the same continuity as A_i .

The system of equations (1.1) can be written in the form

$$\mathcal{A}(x) = f, \tag{1.4}$$

where $\mathcal{A} : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{X} := X \times \cdots \times X$ is defined by $\mathcal{A}(x) := (A_0(x), \dots, A_N(x))$, and $f := (f_0, \dots, f_N)$.

Note that (1.4) can be seen as a special case of (1.1) with N = 0. However, one potential advantage of (1.1) over (1.4) can be that it might better reflect the structure of the underlying information (f_0, \ldots, f_N) leading to the couplet system, than a plain concatenation into one single data element f could. In particular, the second advantage is that in estimating convergence rates of regularization solution, which is showed later, we need only the smooth property for one among A_i , while for (1.4) we need the property for A_i , $i = 0, \ldots, N$.

When for each *i*, A_i is the nonlinear Fréchet differentiable operator from the Hilbert space *X* to the Hilbert space Y_i with derivative being uniformly bounded in a neighborhood of a common solution, a stable method for problem (1.1) is considered in [20].

In this paper, we show that a common solution of (1.1) involving *m*-accretive operators A_i , without the weakly sequentially continuous property of *j*, can be approximated by the modified Browder-Tikhonov regularization method which is described by the following operator equation:

$$A_0^h(x) + \alpha^{1+\mu_0} \sum_{i=1}^N (A_i^h(x) - f_i^\delta) + \alpha x = f_0^\delta, \quad \mu_0 \ge 0,$$
(1.5)

where $\alpha > 0$ is a small regularization parameter. Since the operator

$$A^h_0+\alpha^{1+\mu_0}\sum_{i=1}^N \bigl(A^h_i-f^\delta_i\bigr)$$

has the same properties as each A_i^h , it is also *m*-accretive. Therefore, (1.5) has a unique solution denoted by x_{α}^{τ} , $\tau = (\delta, h)$, for every value $\alpha > 0$.

In the following section, the convergence rates of the regularized solution x_{α}^{τ} and its finite-dimensional approximations $x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}$ are established under an assumption similar to (1.2).

The symbols ' \rightarrow ' and ' \rightarrow ' denote strong and weak convergence, respectively, and the notation $a \sim b$ means that a = o(b) and b = o(a).

2 Main results

Assumption A There exists a constant $\tau_0 > 0$ such that

$$\left\|A_0(x) - A_0(x_0) - j^* A_0'(x_0)^* j(x - x_0)\right\| \le \tau_0 \left\|A_0(x) - A_0(x_0)\right\|, \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Now, we are in a position to introduce the main theorem.

Theorem 2.1 Let X be a real reflexive Banach space with the property of approximations and its dual space X^* be strictly convex. Let $\{A_i\}_{i=0}^N$ be a family of N + 1 accretive operators in X and satisfy one of the above mentioned continuities. Assume that the following conditions hold:

- (i) A_0 is Fréchet differentiable at x_0 with Assumption A.
- (ii) There exists an element $z \in X$ such that

$$A_0'(x_0)z = -x_0.$$

(iii) The parameter α is chosen such that $\alpha \sim (\delta + h)^{\mu}$, $0 < \mu < 1$. Then, for $0 < \delta + h < 1$, we have

$$\left\|x_{\alpha}^{\tau}-x_{0}\right\|=o\big((\delta+h)^{\theta}\big),\quad\theta=\min\{1-\mu,\mu/2\}.$$

Proof From the property of *j*, A_i^h , (1.1), (1.3), (1.5), and condition (ii), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| x_{\alpha}^{\tau} - x_{0} \right\|^{2} &= \left\langle x_{\alpha}^{\tau} - x_{0}, j(x_{\alpha}^{\tau} - x_{0}) \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha} \left\langle f_{0}^{\delta} - A_{0}^{h}(x_{\alpha}^{\tau}) + \alpha^{1+\mu_{0}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (f_{i}^{\delta} - A_{i}^{h}(x_{\alpha}^{\tau})) - \alpha x_{0}, j(x_{\alpha}^{\tau} - x_{0}) \right\rangle \\ &\leq \frac{1 + N\alpha^{1+\mu_{0}}}{\alpha} \left[\delta + hg(\|x_{0}\|) \right] \left\| x_{\alpha}^{\tau} - x_{0} \right\| \\ &+ \left\langle z, A_{0}^{\prime}(x_{0})^{*} j(x_{\alpha}^{\tau} - x_{0}) \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.1)$$

Therefore, $\{x_{\alpha}^{\tau}\}$ is a bounded set. Since

$$\langle z, A'_0(x_0)^* j(x^{\tau}_{\alpha} - x_0) \rangle \leq \|z\| \|A'_0(x_0)^* j(x^{\tau}_{\alpha} - x_0)\|,$$

by virtue of Assumption A, we have

$$\begin{split} \left\| A'_{0}(x_{0})^{*} j \left(x_{\alpha}^{\tau} - x_{0} \right) \right\| \\ &= \left\| j^{*} A'_{0}(x_{0})^{*} j \left(x_{\alpha}^{\tau} - x_{0} \right) \right\| \\ &\leq (\tau_{0} + 1) \left\| A_{0} \left(x_{\alpha}^{\tau} \right) - f_{0} \right\| \\ &\leq (\tau_{0} + 1) \left[\left\| A_{0}^{h} \left(x_{\alpha}^{\tau} \right) - f_{0}^{\delta} \right\| + \delta + hg \left(\left\| x_{\alpha}^{\delta} \right\| \right) \right] \\ &\leq (\tau_{0} + 1) \left[\alpha^{1+\mu_{0}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\| A_{i}^{h} \left(x_{\alpha}^{\tau} \right) - f_{i}^{\delta} \right\| + \alpha \left\| x_{\alpha}^{\delta} \right\| + \delta + hg \left(\left\| x_{\alpha}^{\delta} \right\| \right) \right]. \end{split}$$

Since $\alpha \sim (\delta + h)^{\mu}$, $0 < \mu < 1$, and g(t) is a bounded function, from (2.1) and the last inequality, we obtain

$$\|x_{\alpha}^{\tau} - x_0\|^2 \le C_1(\delta + h)^{1-\mu} \|x_{\alpha}^{\tau} - x_0\| + C_2(\delta + h)^{\mu}, \quad 0 < \delta + h < 1,$$

where C_1 and C_2 are positive constants. Now, by using the implication

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

we obtain

$$|x_{\alpha}^{\tau}-x_0||=o((\delta+h)^{\theta}), \quad \theta=\min\{1-\mu,\mu/2\}.$$

This completes the proof.

Now, we consider the problem of approximating (1.5) by the sequence of finitedimensional problems

$$A_{0,n}^{h}(x) + \alpha^{1+\mu_0} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(A_{i,n}^{h}(x) - f_{i,n}^{\delta} \right) + \alpha x = f_{0,n}^{\delta}, \quad x \in X_n,$$
(2.2)

where $f_{i,n}^{\delta} = P_n f_i^{\delta}$, $A_{i,n}^{h} = P_n A_i^{h} P_n$, P_n is the linear projection from X onto X_n , $P_n x \to x$ for all $x \in X$, $||P_n|| \le C_0$, C_0 is some positive constant, and $\{X_n\}$ is the sequence of finite-dimensional subspaces of X such that

$$X_1 \subset X_2 \subset \cdots \subset X.$$

It is easy to see that $A_{i,n}^h$ are also *m*-accretive. The aspects of existence and convergence of the solution $x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}$ of problem (2.2), as $n \to \infty$, to the solution x_{α}^{τ} of the operator equation (1.5) for each $\alpha > 0$ has been studied in [21]. The question under which conditions the sequence $\{x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}\}$ converges to a solution x_0 , as $\alpha, \delta, h \to 0$ and $n \to \infty$, and the convergence rates of $\{x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}\}$ are subject of our further investigations.

In addition, suppose that *j* satisfies the following inequality:

$$\|j(x) - j(y)\| \le C(R) \|x - y\|^{\nu}, \quad 0 < \nu < 1,$$
(2.3)

where C(R), R > 0 is positive increasing function on $R = \max\{||x||, ||y||\}$ (see [11]). Set

$$\gamma_n = \left\| (I - P_n) x_0 \right\|.$$

Theorem 2.2 Let X be a real reflexive Banach space with the property of approximations and its dual space X^* be strictly convex. Let $\{A_i\}_{i=0}^N$ be a family of N + 1 accretive operators in X and satisfy one of the above mentioned continuities. Suppose that the following conditions hold:

 (i) A₀ is Fréchet differentiable with Assumption A and the derivative A'₀ being uniformly bounded at x₀. \Box

(ii) There exists an element $z \in X$ such that

 $A_0'(x_0)z = -x_0.$

(iii) The parameter α is chosen such that $\alpha \sim (\delta + h + \gamma_n)^{\mu}$, $0 < \mu < 1$. Then, for $0 < \delta + h < 1$, we have

$$\|x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}-x_0\|=o\big((\delta+h+\gamma_n)^{\theta}+\gamma_n^{\nu/2}\big),\quad \theta=\min\{1-\mu,\mu/2\}.$$

Proof Set $x_0^n = P_n x_0$. From (2.2) and the property $j^n(x) = j(x)$ for all $x \in X_n$, where $j^n = P_n^* j P_n$ is the dual mapping of X_n (see [13]), it follows that

$$\begin{split} \left\| x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n} \right\|^{2} &= \left\langle x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n}, j^{n} \left(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n} \right) \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha} \left\langle f_{0,n}^{\delta} - A_{0,n}^{h} \left(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} \right), j^{n} \left(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n} \right) \right\rangle \\ &+ \left\langle -x_{0}^{n}, j^{n} \left(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n} \right) \right\rangle \\ &+ \alpha^{\mu_{0}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\langle f_{i,n}^{\delta} - A_{i,n}^{h} \left(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} \right), j^{n} \left(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n} \right) \right\rangle. \end{split}$$
(2.4)

Clearly,

$$\begin{split} & \left| f_{0,n}^{\delta} - A_{0,n}^{h} (x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}), j^{n} (x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n}) \right| \\ &= \left| f_{0}^{\delta} - f_{0} + A_{0} (x_{0}) - A_{0} (x_{0}^{n}) + A_{0} (x_{0}^{n}) - A_{0}^{h} (x_{0}^{n}), j^{n} (x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n}) \right| \\ &+ \left| A_{0}^{h} (x_{0}^{n}) - A_{0}^{h} (x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}), j^{n} (x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n}) \right| \\ &\leq \left[\delta + \left\| A_{0} (x_{0}) - A_{0} (x_{0}^{n}) \right\| + hg(\left\| x_{0}^{n} \right\|) \right] \left\| x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n} \right\|. \end{split}$$

Due to condition (i) and $x_0^n \to x_0$ as $n \to \infty$, we have

$$\left\|A_0(x_0^n)-A_0(x_0)\right\|\leq C_0'\gamma_n,$$

where C'_0 is a positive constant such that

$$||A'_0(x_0)|| \le C'_0$$

for *x* in a neighborhood of x_0 . Thus, we have

$$\left| f_{0,n}^{\delta} - A_{0,n}^{h} (x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}), j^{n} (x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n}) \right| \leq \left[\delta + hg \left(\left\| x_{0}^{n} \right\| \right) + C_{0}^{\prime} \gamma_{n} \right] \left\| x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n} \right\|.$$

$$(2.5)$$

Each term of the sum in (2.4) is estimated as follows:

$$\begin{split} & \left\langle f_{i,n}^{\delta} - A_{i,n}^{h}(\boldsymbol{x}_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}), j^{n}(\boldsymbol{x}_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - \boldsymbol{x}_{0}^{n}) \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle f_{i}^{\delta} - A_{i}^{h}(\boldsymbol{x}_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}), j^{n}(\boldsymbol{x}_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - \boldsymbol{x}_{0}^{n}) \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle f_{i}^{\delta} - A_{i}^{h}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0}^{n}) + A_{i}^{h}(\boldsymbol{x}_{0}^{n}) - A_{i}^{h}(\boldsymbol{x}_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}), j^{n}(\boldsymbol{x}_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - \boldsymbol{x}_{0}^{n}) \right\rangle \end{split}$$

By virtue of the continuity of A_i , there exists a positive constant C' such that

$$||A_i(x_0) - A_i(x_0^n)|| \le C', \quad i = 1, ..., N.$$

From (2.4)-(2.6), we see that

$$\|x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n}\|^{2} \leq \left[\frac{1}{\alpha}\left(\delta + h + C_{0}'\gamma_{n}\right) + \alpha^{\mu_{0}}\left(\delta + hg\left(\|x_{0}^{n}\|\right) + C'\right)\right]\|x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n}\| + \langle -x_{0}, j(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n})\rangle.$$
(2.7)

Consequently, $\{x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}\}$ is bounded as $\delta, h, \alpha \to 0$ and $n \to \infty$. Obviously, from (2.3), Assumption A, and condition (ii), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle -x_{0}, j\left(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}-x_{0}^{n}\right)\right\rangle &= \left\langle z, A_{0}'(x_{0})^{*}\left[j\left(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}-x_{0}^{n}\right)-j\left(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}-x_{0}\right)\right]\right\rangle + \left\langle z, A_{0}'(x_{0})^{*}j\left(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}-x_{0}\right)\right\rangle \\ &\leq C(R_{1})\left\|A_{0}'(x_{0})^{*}\right\|\left\|z\right\|\gamma_{n}^{\nu}+\left\|z\right\|\left\|A_{0}'(x_{0})^{*}j\left(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}-x_{0}\right)\right\|,\end{aligned}$$

where R_1 is a positive constant with $R_1 \ge \max\{\|x_0\|, \|x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}\|\}$.

On the other hand,

$$\begin{split} \left\| A_0'(x_0)^* j \big(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_0 \big) \right\| &\leq (\tau_0 + 1) \left\| A_0 \big(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} \big) - f_0 \right\| \\ &\leq (\tau_0 + 1) \Big[\left\| A_0^h \big(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} \big) - f_0^h \right\| + \delta + hg \big(\left\| x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} \right\| \big) \Big]. \end{split}$$

By virtue of the Hahn-Banach theorem, there exists an element $y^* \in X^*$ with $||y^*|| = 1$ such that

$$\left\|A_0^h(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau})-f_0^h\right\|=\langle A_0^h(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau})-f_0^h,y^*\rangle.$$

Since

$$\left\langle A_0^h(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}) - f_0^h, y^* \right\rangle = \left\langle A_0^h(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}) - f_0^h, \left(I^* - P_n^*\right)y^* \right\rangle + \left\langle A_0^h(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}) - f_0^h, P_n^*y^* \right\rangle$$

and

$$\|(I^* - P_n^*)y^*\| \le 1/2,$$

for sufficiently large *n*, where I^* is the identity operator in X^* , we have

$$\|A_0^h(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}) - f_0^h\| \le 2 \|A_{0,n}^h(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}) - f_{0,n}^h\|.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{split} \left\| A_{0}'(x_{0})^{*} j(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}) \right\| &\leq (\tau_{0} + 1) C_{0} \Bigg[\alpha^{1+\mu_{0}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\| A_{i}^{h}(x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}) - f_{i}^{\delta} \right\| \\ &+ \alpha \left\| x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} \right\| + \delta + hg(\left\| x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} \right\|) \Bigg]. \end{split}$$

Thus, (2.7) has the form

$$\|x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n}\|^{2} \leq \tilde{C}_{1}(\delta + h + \gamma_{n})^{1-\mu} \|x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau} - x_{0}^{n}\| + \tilde{C}_{2}[(\delta + h + \gamma_{n})^{\mu} + \gamma_{n}^{\nu}],$$

where $\tilde{C}_i > 0$ (*i* = 1, 2). Consequently, we have

$$\left\|x_{\alpha,n}^{\tau}-x_{0}\right\|=O\big((\delta+h+\gamma_{n})^{\theta}+\gamma_{n}^{\nu/2}\big),\quad\theta=\min\{1-\mu,\mu/2\}.$$

This completes the proof.

Competing interests

The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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