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Convergence theorems for split equality generalized mixed equilibrium problems for demi-contractive mappings

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Abstract

In this paper, we introduce a new iterative algorithm for solving the split equality generalized mixed equilibrium problems. The weak and strong convergence theorems are proved for demi-contractive mappings in real Hilbert spaces. Several special cases are also discussed. As applications, we employ our results to get the convergence results for the split equality convex differentiable optimization problem, the split equality convex minimization problem, and the split equality mixed equilibrium problem. The results in this paper generalize, extend, and unify some recent results in the literature.

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1 Introduction

The equilibrium problem has been extensively studied, beginning with Blum and Oettli [1] where they proposed it as a generalization of optimization and variational inequality problem. The classical, scalar-valued equilibrium problem deals with the existence of $x^* \in C$ such that

$$F(x^*, y) \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C, \tag{1.1}$$

where *C* is the nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space *H* and $F : C \times C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bi-mapping.

Very recently, Ahmad and Rahaman [2] introduced the generalized vector equilibrium problem of finding $x \in C$ such that

$$F(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)z, y) \nsubseteq -C \setminus \{0\}, \quad \forall y, z \in C, \lambda \in (0, 1],$$

where $F : C \times C \longrightarrow 2^H$ is the set-valued mapping with the condition $F(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)z, x) \supseteq$ {0}, and [\cdot , z) denotes the line-segment excluding the point z. In the scalar case, the generalized equilibrium problem takes the form to find $x^* \in C$ such that

$$F(\lambda x^* + (1-\lambda)z, y) \ge 0, \quad \forall y, z \in C, \lambda \in (0,1],$$

$$(1.2)$$

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with the condition $F(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)z, x) = 0$. If $\lambda = 1$, then the generalized equilibrium problem (1.2) reduces to the classical equilibrium problem (1.1).

In 1999, Moudafi and Thèra [3] introduced the mixed equilibrium problem of finding $x^* \in C$ such that

$$F(x^*, y) + \langle T(x^*), y - x^* \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C,$$
(1.3)

where $F : C \times C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a given bi-mapping with F(x, x) = 0, for all $x \in C$ and $T : C \longrightarrow C$ is a continuous mapping. Problem (1.3) has useful applications in nonlinear analysis, including optimization problems, variational inequalities, fixed-point problems, and the problems of Nash equilibria as special cases.

In 2008, Peng and Yao [4] considered the following extended mixed equilibrium problem (EMEP): Find $x^* \in C$ such that

$$F(x^*, y) + \langle T(x^*), y - x^* \rangle + \phi(y) - \phi(x^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C,$$
(1.4)

where $\phi : C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ is a mapping.

If *T* = 0, then the extended mixed equilibrium problem (1.4) becomes the mixed equilibrium problem to find $x^* \in C$ such that

$$F(x^*, y) + \phi(y) - \phi(x^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$
(1.5)

Problem (1.5) was studied by Ceng and Yao [5]. If T = 0 and F(x, y) = 0, for all $x, y \in C$, the extended mixed equilibrium problem (1.4) becomes the following convex minimization problem:

Finding
$$x^* \in C$$
 such that $\phi(y) - \phi(x^*) \ge 0$, $\forall y \in C$. (1.6)

Now, we mention the following generalized mixed equilibrium problem of finding $x^* \in C$:

$$F(\lambda x^* + (1-\lambda)b, y) + \langle T(x^*), y - x^* \rangle + \phi(y) - \phi(x^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall y, b \in C, \lambda \in (0,1].$$
(1.7)

The solution set of problem (1.7) is denoted by $\text{GMEP}(F, T, \phi)$.

The convex feasibility problem (CFP) considered in [6] is a central problem in applied mathematics, which can be formulated in various ways to find a common point of closed and convex sets, to find a common fixed-point of nonexpansive mappings, to find a common minimum of convex functionals, to solve a system of variational inequalities. The (CFP) is to find a member of the intersection of finitely many closed convex sets in Euclidean spaces. When the intersection is empty, one can minimize a proximity function to obtain an approximate solution to the problem. The split feasibility problem (SFP) and the split equality problem (SEP) are generalizations of the (CFP). The (SFP) arises in many areas of applications such as phase retrieval, medical image reconstruction, computer temography and radiation therapy treatment planning; see, *e.g.*, [7–11]. In 1994, Censor and Elfving [10] introduced the following (SFP) in finite dimensional Hilbert spaces.

Let H_1 , H_2 , and H_3 be the real Hilbert spaces. Let *C* and *Q* be two nonempty closed convex subsets of real Hilbert spaces H_1 and H_2 , respectively, $A : H_1 \longrightarrow H_2$ be a bounded linear mapping. The (SFP) is to find a point x^* such that

$$x^* \in C \quad \text{and} \quad Ax^* \in Q. \tag{1.8}$$

Recently, Moudafi and Al-Shemas [12] introduced the split equality problem (SEP) of finding x^* and y^* with the property

$$x^* \in C, y^* \in Q$$
 such that $Ax^* = By^*$, (1.9)

where $A : H_1 \longrightarrow H_3$ and $B : H_2 \longrightarrow H_3$ are bounded linear mappings, which allows for asymmetric and partial relations between the variables x^* and y^* . If $H_2 = H_3$ and B = I, then the (SEP) (1.9) reduces to the (SFP) (1.8).

In order to study the weak convergence properties of (SEP) (1.9), Moudafi and Al-Shemas [12] introduced the following simultaneous iterative method:

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} = U(x_n - \gamma_n A^* (Ax_n - By_n)); \\ y_{n+1} = T(y_n + \gamma_n B^* (Ax_n - By_n)), \end{cases}$$
(1.10)

where $U: H_1 \longrightarrow H_1$, $T: H_2 \longrightarrow H_2$ are firmly quasi-nonexpansive mappings, A^* and B^* are the adjoint of A and B, respectively. Under some suitable conditions, they proved the weak convergence result for the SEP (1.9).

To get the strong and weak convergence theorems for the (SEP) (1.9), Ma *et al.* [13] generalized the corresponding results of Moudafi and Al-Shemas [12], and they introduced the following iterative algorithm under some mild control conditions in Hilbert spaces:

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)x_n + \alpha_n U(x_n - \gamma_n A^* (Ax_n - By_n)); \\ y_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)y_n + \alpha_n T(y_n - \gamma_n B^* (Ax_n - By_n)), \end{cases}$$
(1.11)

where $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [\alpha, 1]$, for some $\alpha > 0$.

Recently, He [14] introduced the following split equilibrium problem (S*E*_{*q*}P). Let *F* : *C* × *C* $\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and *G* : *Q* × *Q* $\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two bi-mappings, *A* : *H*₁ \rightarrow *H*₂ be a bounded linear mapping. The split equilibrium problem is to find an element $x^* \in C$ such that

$$F(x^*, x) \ge 0, \quad \forall x \in C, \tag{1.12}$$

and such that

$$y^* = Ax^* \in Q$$
 solves $G(y^*, y) \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in Q.$ (1.13)

To solve the split equilibrium problem (S E_q P), He [14] proposed the following iterative algorithm:

$$\begin{cases} F(u_n, u) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle u - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \ge 0, & \forall u \in C; \\ G(v_n, v) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle v - v_n, v_n - Au_n \rangle \ge 0, & \forall v \in Q; \\ x_{n+1} = P_C(u_n) + \mu A^*(v_n - Au_n), \end{cases}$$
(1.14)

where P_C is the metric projection operator from H_1 onto C, $r_n \subset (0,\infty)$ with $\lim_{n\to\infty} \inf r_n > 0$, and $\mu \in (0, \frac{1}{\|A^*\|^2})$ is a constant.

Very recently, Ma *et al.* [15] considered the following split equality mixed equilibrium problem (SEMEP). Let $\phi : C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ and $\varphi : Q \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be proper lower semicontinuous and convex mappings such that $C \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$ and $Q \cap \operatorname{dom} \varphi \neq \emptyset$, and $A : H_1 \longrightarrow H_3$ and $B : H_2 \longrightarrow H_3$ be bounded linear mappings. Then the SEMEP is to find $x^* \in C$ and $y^* \in Q$ such that

$$F(x^*, x) + \phi(x) - \phi(x^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall x \in C,$$

$$G(y^*, y) + \varphi(y) - \varphi(y^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in Q, \text{ and}$$

$$Ax^* = By^*.$$
(1.15)

The set of solutions of (1.15) is denoted by SEMEP(F, G, ϕ, φ).

In order to obtain the weak and strong convergence results of (SEMEP) (1.15), Ma *et al.* [15] presented the following simultaneous iterative algorithm:

$$\begin{cases} F(u_n, u) + \phi(u) - \phi(u_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle u - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \ge 0, & \forall u \in C; \\ G(v_n, v) + \phi(v) - \phi(v_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle v - v_n, v_n - Au_n \rangle \ge 0, & \forall v \in Q; \\ x_{n+1} = \alpha_n u_n + (1 - \alpha_n) T(u_n - \gamma_n A^* (Au_n - Bv_n)); \\ y_{n+1} = \alpha_n v_n + (1 - \alpha_n) S(v_n + \gamma_n B^* (Au_n - Bv_n)), \end{cases}$$
(1.16)

where $T: H_1 \longrightarrow H_1, S: H_2 \longrightarrow H_2$ are nonexpansive mappings.

In this paper, we consider the following split equality generalized mixed equilibrium problem (SEGMEP).

Let $F : C \times C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $G : Q \times Q \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two nonlinear bi-mappings, $T : C \longrightarrow C$ and $S : Q \longrightarrow Q$ be two nonlinear mappings, and $\phi : C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ and $\phi : Q \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be proper lower semicontinuous and convex mappings such that $C \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$ and $Q \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$. Let $A : H_1 \longrightarrow H_3$ and $B : H_2 \longrightarrow H_3$ be bounded linear mappings. Then the split equality generalized mixed equilibrium problem (SEGMEP) is to find $x^* \in C$ and $y^* \in Q$ such that

$$F(\lambda_1 x^* + (1 - \lambda_1)b, x) + \langle T(x^*), x - x^* \rangle + \phi(x) - \phi(x^*) \ge 0,$$

$$\forall x, b \in C, \lambda_1 \in (0, 1],$$

$$G(\lambda_2 y^* + (1 - \lambda_2)c, y) + \langle S(y^*), y - y^* \rangle + \phi(y) - \phi(y^*) \ge 0,$$

$$\forall y, c \in Q, \lambda_2 \in (0, 1], \text{ and}$$

$$Ax^* = By^*.$$

(1.17)

The solution set of problem (1.17) is denoted by SEMEP($F, G, T, S, \phi, \varphi$). *Special cases:*

- (1) If $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$ and T = S = 0, then the split equality generalized mixed equilibrium problem (1.17) becomes the split equality mixed equilibrium problem (1.15).
- (2) If $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$, T = S = 0, and $\phi = \varphi = 0$, then the split equality generalized mixed equilibrium problem (1.17) reduces to the following split equality equilibrium

problem: find $x^* \in C$ and $y^* \in Q$ such that

$$F(x^*, x) \ge 0, \quad \forall x \in C, \qquad G(y^*, y) \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in Q, \text{ and } Ax^* = By^*.$$
 (1.18)

The set of solutions of (1.18) is denoted by SEEP(F, G).

(3) If F = G = 0 and T = S = 0, then the split equality generalized mixed equilibrium problem (1.17) becomes the split equality convex minimization problem to find x* ∈ C and y* ∈ Q such that

$$\phi(x) \ge \phi(x^*), \quad \forall x \in C, \qquad \varphi(y) \ge \varphi(y^*), \quad \forall y \in Q, \text{ and } Ax^* = By^*.$$
 (1.19)

The set of solutions of (1.19) is denoted by SECMP(ϕ, φ).

(4) If B = I, then the split equality convex minimization problem (1.19) reduces to the following split convex minimization problem. Find $x^* \in C$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x) &\ge \phi(x^*), \quad \forall x \in C, \quad \text{and} \\ y^* &= Ax^* \in Q \quad \text{such that} \quad \varphi(y) &\ge \varphi(y^*), \quad \forall y \in Q. \end{aligned} \tag{1.20}$$

The set of solutions of (1.20) is denoted by $SCMP(\phi, \varphi)$.

In this paper, by using the well-known KKM technique, we derive an important lemma which is a foundation for studying the generalized mixed equilibrium problem (1.7). Motivated by the recent above work of Moudafi *et al.* [12], Ma *et al.* [15], Ma *et al.* [13] and Chidume *et al.* [16], in this paper, we introduce a new iterative algorithm for solving the split equality generalized mixed equilibrium problem (1.17) for demi-contractive mappings. We obtain weak and strong convergence results for the sequences generated by these processes. As applications, we employ our results to study the convergence results for the split equality convex differentiable optimization problem, the split equality convex minimization problem, and the split equality mixed equilibrium problem. The results of this paper generalize, extend, and unify some well-known weak and strong convergence results in the literature mentioned above.

2 Preliminaries

We first recall some definitions and known results which are needed to prove our main results.

In the sequel, let *H* be a real Hilbert space with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, and norm $\|\cdot\|$. Let *C* be a nonempty closed convex subset of *H*. Let the symbols \rightarrow and \rightarrow denote strong and weak convergence, respectively. A point $x \in H$ is said to be a fixed point of *T* provided Tx = x, where $T : H \longrightarrow H$ is a mapping. We denote the set of fixed points of the mapping *T* by Fix(*T*). It is well known that

$$\left\|\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y\right\|^{2} = \lambda \|x\|^{2} + (1-\lambda)\|y\|^{2} - \lambda(1-\lambda)\|x-y\|^{2},$$
(2.1)

for all $x, y \in H$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 2.1 A mapping $T : H \longrightarrow H$ is said to be firmly quasi-nonexpansive if $Fix(T) \neq \emptyset$ and

$$||Tx - x^*||^2 \le ||x - x^*||^2 - ||x - Tx||^2, \quad \forall x \in H, x^* \in Fix(T).$$

Definition 2.2 Let *C* be a nonempty subset of *H*. The mapping $T : C \longrightarrow C$ is said to be *k*-demi-contractive if $Fix(T) \neq \emptyset$ and there exists a constant $k \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$||Tx - x^*||^2 \le ||x - x^*||^2 + k||x - Tx||^2, \quad \forall x \in C, x^* \in Fix(T).$$
 (2.2)

Remark 2.1 Clearly, the class of firmly quasi-nonexpansive mappings is a subclass of demi-contractive mappings. Note also that the mapping *T* satisfying (2.2) with k = 1 is usually called hemicontractive. It is easy to observe from (2.2) that

$$\| Tx - x^* \| \le \| x - x^* \| + \sqrt{k} \| x - Tx \|$$

$$\le (1 + \sqrt{k}) \| x - x^* \| + \sqrt{k} \| Tx - x^* \|$$

$$= \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{k}}{1 - \sqrt{k}} \right) \| x - x^* \|$$

$$= L \| x - x^* \|,$$

where $L = \frac{1+\sqrt{k}}{1-\sqrt{k}}$, so that

$$||Tx - x^*|| \le L ||x - x^*||.$$

Definition 2.3 A mapping $T : C \longrightarrow H$ is said to be demi-closed at a point $z \in H$ if, the weak convergence of $\{x_n\}$ in *C* to some point $p \in C$ and the strong convergence of $\{Tx_n\}$ to *z* implies that Tp = z.

Definition 2.4 A mapping $T : C \longrightarrow H$ is said to be demi-compact at a point $z \in H$ if, for any bounded sequence $\{x_n\}$ in *C* such that $(I - T)x_n \rightarrow z$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then there exist a subsequence $\{x_{n_i}\}$ and a point $p \in C$ such that $x_{n_i} \rightarrow p$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$ and (I - T)p = z.

Definition 2.5 A multi-valued mapping $F : C \longrightarrow 2^H$ is said to be KKM-mapping if, for each finite subset $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ of C, $\operatorname{Co}\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\} \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n F(x_i)$, where $\operatorname{Co}\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ denotes the convex hull of $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$.

Theorem 2.1 (KKM theorem [17]) Let *C* be a subset of a Hausdorff topological vector space *H* and let $F : C \longrightarrow 2^H$ be a KKM-mapping. If for each $x \in C$, F(x) is closed and if for at least one point $x \in C$, F(x) is compact, then $\bigcap_{x \in C} F(x) \neq \emptyset$.

Lemma 2.1 ([18]) Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a strictly convex Banach space X, and $T: C \longrightarrow C$ be a nonexpansive mapping with $Fix(T) \neq \emptyset$. Then Fix(T) is closed and convex.

For solving the generalized mixed equilibrium problem (1.7), let us give the following assumptions for the bi-mapping $F : C \times C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and the mapping $T : C \longrightarrow C$:

- (A1) $F(\lambda x + (1 \lambda)b, x) = 0$, for all $x \in C$;
- (A2) *F* is monotone, *i.e.*, $F(\lambda x + (1 \lambda)b, y) + F(\lambda y + (1 \lambda)b, x) \le 0$, for all $x, y \in C$;
- (A3) *T* is monotone, *i.e.*, $\langle T(x) T(y), x y \rangle \ge 0$, for all $x, y \in C$;
- (A4) for each $x \in C$, $y \mapsto F(\lambda x + (1 \lambda)b, y)$ is convex and lower semicontinuous;
- (A5) *F* is hemicontinuous in the first argument;

- (A6) *T* is weakly upper semicontinuous;
- (A7) for each $x \in C$, $\lambda \in (0,1]$ and r > 0, there exist a bounded set $D \subset C$ and $a \in C$ such that for any $z \in C \setminus D$,

$$-F(\lambda a + (1-\lambda)b, z) + \langle T(z), a - z \rangle + \phi(a) - \phi(z) + \frac{1}{r} \langle a - z, z - x \rangle < 0, \quad \forall b \in C$$

Lemma 2.2 Let C be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Hilbert space H_1 . Suppose that the bi-mapping $F : C \times C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and the mapping $T : C \longrightarrow C$ satisfy the conditions (A1)-(A7). Let $\phi : C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be a proper lower semicontinuous and convex mapping such that $C \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$. For r > 0, $\lambda_1 \in (0,1]$ and $x \in H_1$, let $J_r^{F,T} : H_1 \longrightarrow C$ be the resolvent operator of F and T, defined by

$$J_r^{F,T}(x) = \left\{ z \in C : F(\lambda_1 z + (1 - \lambda_1)b, y) + \langle T(z), y - z \rangle \right.$$
$$\left. + \phi(y) - \phi(z) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, z - x \rangle \ge 0, \ \forall y, b \in C \right\}.$$
(2.3)

Then:

- (i) for each $x \in H_1$, $J_r^{F,T}(x) \neq \emptyset$;
- (ii) $J_r^{F,T}$ is single-valued;
- (iii) $J_r^{F,T}$ is firmly nonexpansive, i.e., for any $x, y \in H_1$,

$$\|J_r^{F,T}(x) - J_r^{F,T}(y)\|^2 \le \langle J_r^{F,T}(x) - J_r^{F,T}(y), x - y \rangle;$$

(iv) $\operatorname{Fix}(J_r^{F,T}) = \operatorname{GMEP}(F, T, \phi)$ and it is closed and convex.

Proof (i) Let \bar{x} be any given point in H_1 . For each $y \in C$, we define

$$M(y) = \left\{ z \in C : -F(\lambda_1 y + (1 - \lambda_1)b, z) + \langle T(z), y - z \rangle + \phi(y) - \phi(z) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, z - \bar{x} \rangle \ge 0 \right\}.$$

$$(2.4)$$

Since $y \in M(y)$, M(y) is nonempty. Now, we show that M is a KKM-mapping. To the contrary, suppose that M is not a KKM-mapping. Then there exist a finite subset $\{y_1, \ldots, y_n\}$ of C and $t_i \ge 0$ for all $i = 1, \ldots, n$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n t_i = 1$ such that $\overline{z} = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i y_i \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^n M(y_i)$, for each i. Then we have

$$-F\left(\lambda_1 y_i + (1-\lambda_1)b, \bar{z}\right) + \left\langle T(\bar{z}), y_i - \bar{z} \right\rangle + \phi(y_i) - \phi(\bar{z}) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y_i - \bar{z}, \bar{z} - \bar{x} \rangle < 0, \quad \forall i.$$

By using (A1)-(A4) and convexity of ϕ , we have

$$0 = F(\lambda_1 \bar{z} + (1 - \lambda_1)b, \bar{z}) + \langle T(\bar{z}), \bar{z} - \bar{z} \rangle + \phi(\bar{z}) - \phi(\bar{z}) + \frac{1}{r} \langle \bar{z} - \bar{z}, \bar{z} - \bar{x} \rangle$$

= $F(\lambda_1 \bar{z} + (1 - \lambda_1)b, \sum_{i=1}^n t_i y_i) + \langle T(\bar{z}), \sum_{i=1}^n t_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \bar{z} \rangle + \phi(\sum_{i=1}^n t_i y_i)$

$$\begin{split} &-\phi(\bar{z}) + \frac{1}{r} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{n} t_{i} y_{i} - \bar{z}, \bar{z} - \bar{x} \right\rangle \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} t_{i} F\left(\lambda_{1} \bar{z} + (1 - \lambda_{1}) b, y_{i}\right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} t_{i} \left\langle T(\bar{z}), y_{i} - \bar{z} \right\rangle + \sum_{i=1}^{n} t_{i} \phi(y_{i}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} t_{i} \phi(\bar{z}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{r} \sum_{i=1}^{n} t_{i} \left\langle y_{i} - \bar{z}, \bar{z} - \bar{x} \right\rangle \\ &\leq -\sum_{i=1}^{n} t_{i} F\left(\lambda_{1} y_{i} + (1 - \lambda_{1}) b, \bar{z}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n} t_{i} \left\{ \left\langle T(\bar{z}), y_{i} - \bar{z} \right\rangle + \phi(y_{i}) - \phi(\bar{z}) + \frac{1}{r} \left\langle y_{i} - \bar{z}, \bar{z} - \bar{x} \right\rangle \right\} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} t_{i} \left\{ -F\left(\lambda_{1} y_{i} + (1 - \lambda_{1}) b, \bar{z}\right) + \left\langle T(\bar{z}), y_{i} - \bar{z} \right\rangle + \phi(y_{i}) - \phi(\bar{z}) + \frac{1}{r} \left\langle y_{i} - \bar{z}, \bar{z} - \bar{x} \right\rangle \\ &< 0, \end{split}$$

which is not possible, and hence *M* is a KKM-mapping.

Now, we prove that $M(y) = \overline{M(f)}^{w}$ for each $y \in C$, *i.e.*, M(y) is weakly closed. Let $z \in \overline{M(f)}^{w}$ and $\{z_n\}$ be a sequence in M(y) such that $z_n \rightharpoonup z$. Since $z_n \in M(y)$, we have

$$-F(\lambda_1 y + (1-\lambda_1)b, z_n) + \langle T(z_n), y - z_n \rangle + \phi(y) - \phi(z_n) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z_n, z_n - \bar{x} \rangle \ge 0.$$

It follows from (A4) and (A6), and the weak lower semicontinuity of ϕ and $\|\cdot\|^2$ that

$$0 \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} \left\{ -F(\lambda_1 y + (1 - \lambda_1)b, z_n) + \langle T(z_n), y - z_n \rangle + \phi(y) - \phi(z_n) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z_n, z_n - \bar{x} \rangle \right\}$$

$$\leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} \left\{ -F(\lambda_1 y + (1 - \lambda_1)b, z_n) \right\} + \limsup_{n \to \infty} \left\{ \langle T(z_n), y - z_n \rangle + \phi(y) \right\}$$

$$- \liminf_{n \to \infty} \phi(z_n) + \frac{1}{r} \limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle y - z_n, z_n - \bar{x} \rangle$$

$$\leq -\liminf_{n \to \infty} \left\{ F(\lambda_1 y + (1 - \lambda_1)b, z_n) \right\} + \limsup_{n \to \infty} \left\{ \langle T(z_n), y - z_n \rangle + \phi(y) \right\}$$

$$- \liminf_{n \to \infty} \phi(z_n) + \frac{1}{r} \limsup_{n \to \infty} \langle y - z_n, z_n - \bar{x} \rangle$$

$$\leq -F(\lambda_1 y + (1 - \lambda_1)b, z) + \langle T(z), y - z \rangle + \phi(y) - \phi(z) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - z, z - \bar{x} \rangle.$$

This implies that $z \in M(y)$, and hence M(y) is weakly closed.

In order to show that M(y) is weakly compact for at least a point $y \in C$, from (A7), we can see that there exist a bounded set $D \subset C$ and $a \in D$ such that for any $z \in C \setminus D$, we have $z \notin M(a)$. Then $M(a) \subset D$, *i.e.*, it is bounded, which shows that M(y) is weakly compact. Then by KKM theorem 2.1, $\bigcap_{y \in C} M(y) \neq \emptyset$. Hence, for $z \in \bigcap_{y \in C} M(y)$, we have

$$-F(\lambda_1 y + (1-\lambda_1)b, z) + \langle T(z), y-z \rangle + \phi(y) - \phi(z) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y-z, z-\bar{x} \rangle \ge 0.$$

$$(2.5)$$

Let $y \in C$ be arbitrary, and let $z_t = ty + (1 - t)z$, $0 < t \le 1$. Then $z_t \in C$, and hence we have

$$-F(\lambda_1 z_t + (1-\lambda_1)b, z) + \langle T(z), z_t - z \rangle + \phi(z_t) - \phi(z) + \frac{1}{r} \langle z_t - z, z - \bar{x} \rangle \ge 0.$$

$$(2.6)$$

Applying (2.6), using (A1), (A4), and convexity of ϕ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= F(\lambda_1 z_t + (1 - \lambda)b, z_t) \\ &= F(\lambda_1 z_t + (1 - \lambda)b, ty + (1 - t)z) \\ &\leq tF(\lambda_1 z_t + (1 - \lambda)b, y) + (1 - t)F(\lambda_1 z_t + (1 - \lambda)b, z) \\ &\leq tF(\lambda_1 z_t + (1 - \lambda)b, y) + (1 - t) \Big\{ \langle T(z), z_t - z \rangle + \phi(z_t) - \phi(z) + \frac{1}{r} \langle z_t - z, z - \bar{x} \rangle \\ &\leq tF(\lambda_1 z_t + (1 - \lambda)b, y) + t(1 - t) \langle T(z), y - z \rangle + t(1 - t)\phi(y) - t(1 - t)\phi(z) \\ &+ \frac{t(1 - t)}{r} \langle y - z, z - \bar{x} \rangle \\ &\leq F(\lambda_1 z_t + (1 - \lambda)b, y) + (1 - t) \langle T(z), y - z \rangle + (1 - t)\phi(y) - (1 - t)\phi(z) \\ &+ \frac{(1 - t)}{r} \langle y - z, z - \bar{x} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $t \rightarrow 0$ and therefore $z_t \rightarrow z$, and by (A5), we get

$$F(\lambda_1 z + (1-\lambda_1)b, y) + \langle T(z), y-z \rangle + \phi(y) - \phi(z) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y-z, z-\bar{x} \rangle \ge 0,$$

i.e., $z \in J_r^{F,T}(\bar{x})$. Hence, from the arbitrariness of \bar{x} , we see that $J_r^{F,T}(x)$ is nonempty.

(ii) We claim that $J_r^{F,T}$ is single-valued. Indeed, for $x \in H_1$ and r > 0, let $z_1, z_2 \in J_r^{F,T}(x)$. Then

$$F(\lambda_1 z_1 + (1 - \lambda_1)b, z_2) + \langle T(z_1), z_2 - z_1 \rangle + \phi(z_2) - \phi(z_1) + \frac{1}{r} \langle z_2 - z_1, z_1 - x \rangle \ge 0$$

and

$$F(\lambda_1 z_2 + (1 - \lambda_1)b, z_1) + \langle T(z_2), z_1 - z_2 \rangle + \phi(z_1) - \phi(z_2) + \frac{1}{r} \langle z_1 - z_2, z_2 - x \rangle \ge 0.$$

Adding the above two inequalities, we obtain

$$F(\lambda_1 z_1 + (1 - \lambda_1)b, z_2) + F(\lambda_1 z_2 + (1 - \lambda_1)b, z_1) - \langle T(z_1) - T(z_2), z_1 - z_2 \rangle + \frac{1}{r} \langle z_2 - z_1, z_1 - z_2 \rangle \ge 0.$$

From (A2)-(A3) and *r* > 0, we have

$$\langle z_2-z_1,z_1-z_2\rangle \geq 0$$
,

which implies that $z_1 = z_2$, and hence $J_r^{F,T}$ is single-valued.

(iii) To prove that $J_r^{F,T}$ is firmly nonexpansive, for any $x, y \in H_1$, we have

$$\begin{split} F\left(\lambda_{1}J_{r}^{F,T}(x)+(1-\lambda_{1})b,J_{r}^{F,T}(y)\right)+\left\langle T\left(J_{r}^{F,T}(x)\right),J_{r}^{F,T}(y)-J_{r}^{F,T}(x)\right\rangle \\ +\phi\left(J_{r}^{F,T}(y)\right)-\phi\left(J_{r}^{F,T}(x)\right)+\frac{1}{r}\left\langle J_{r}^{F,T}(y)-J_{r}^{F,T}(x),J_{r}^{F,T}(x)-x\right\rangle \geq 0 \end{split}$$

and

$$\begin{split} F\big(\lambda_1 J_r^{F,T}(y) + (1-\lambda_1)b, J_r^{F,T}(x)\big) + \big\langle T\big(J_r^{F,T}(y)\big), J_r^{F,T}(x) - J_r^{F,T}(y)\big\rangle \\ + \phi\big(J_r^{F,T}(x)\big) - \phi\big(J_r^{F,T}(y)\big) + \frac{1}{r}\big\langle J_r^{F,T}(x) - J_r^{F,T}(y), J_r^{F,T}(y) - y\big\rangle \geq 0. \end{split}$$

Adding the above two inequalities, we get

$$\begin{split} F\left(\lambda_{1}J_{r}^{F,T}(x)+(1-\lambda_{1})b,J_{r}^{F,T}(y)\right)+F\left(\lambda_{1}J_{r}^{F,T}(y)+(1-\lambda_{1})b,J_{r}^{F,T}(x)\right)\\ &-\left\langle T\left(J_{r}^{F,T}(y)\right)-T\left(J_{r}^{F,T}(x)\right),J_{r}^{F,T}(y)-J_{r}^{F,T}(x)\right\rangle\\ &+\frac{1}{r}\left\langle J_{r}^{F,T}(y)-J_{r}^{F,T}(x),J_{r}^{F,T}(x)-J_{r}^{F,T}(y)-x+y\right\rangle \geq0. \end{split}$$

Using (A2)-(A3) and r > 0, we have

$$\langle J_r^{F,T}(y) - J_r^{F,T}(x), J_r^{F,T}(x) - J_r^{F,T}(y) - (x-y) \rangle \ge 0,$$

which implies that

$$\|J_r^{F,T}(x) - J_r^{F,T}(y)\|^2 \le \langle J_r^{F,T}(x) - J_r^{F,T}(y), x - y \rangle.$$

(iv) Take $x \in C$. Then

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$$\begin{aligned} x \in \operatorname{Fix}(J_r^{F,T}) \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad x = J_r^{F,T}(x) \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad F(\lambda_1 x + (1 - \lambda_1)b, y) + \langle T(x), y - x \rangle + \phi(y) - \phi(x) + \frac{1}{r} \langle y - x, x - x \rangle \ge 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad F(\lambda_1 x + (1 - \lambda_1)b, y) + \langle T(x), y - x \rangle + \phi(y) - \phi(x) \ge 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad x \in \operatorname{GMEP}(F, T, \phi). \end{aligned}$$

Since $J_r^{F,T}$ is firmly nonexpansive, therefore $J_r^{F,T}$ is also nonexpansive. By Lemma 2.1, we see that $Fix(J_r^{F,T}) = GMEP(F, T, \phi)$ is closed and convex.

Let the mappings $G : Q \times Q \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $S : Q \longrightarrow Q$ satisfy (A1)-(A7). Let $\varphi : Q \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be a proper lower semicontinuous and convex mapping such that $Q \cap \operatorname{dom} \varphi \neq \emptyset$. For s > 0, $\lambda_2 \in (0,1]$, and $u \in H_2$, let $J_s^{G,S} : H_2 \longrightarrow Q$ be the resolvent operator of G and S, defined by

$$J_{s}^{G,S}(u) = \left\{ v \in Q : G(\lambda_{2}v + (1 - \lambda_{2})c, w) + \langle S(v), w - v \rangle + \varphi(w) - \varphi(v) + \frac{1}{s} \langle w - v, v - u \rangle \ge 0, \forall w, c \in Q \right\}.$$

$$(2.7)$$

Then clearly $J_s^{G,S}$ satisfies (i)-(iv) of Lemma 2.2, and $Fix(J_s^{G,S}) = GMEP(G, S, \varphi)$.

Lemma 2.3 (Opial's lemma [19]) Let H be a real Hilbert space and $\{\mu_n\}$ be a sequence in H such that there exists a nonempty set $W \subset H$ satisfying the following conditions:

(i) for every $\mu \in W$, $\lim_{n\to\infty} \|\mu_n - \mu\|$ exists;

(ii) any weak cluster point of the sequence $\{\mu_n\}$ belongs to W.

Then there exists $w^* \in W$ such that $\{\mu_n\}$ converges weakly to w^* .

Lemma 2.4 ([20]) Let H be a real Hilbert space. Then for all $x, y \in H$, we have

 $||x - y||^2 = ||x||^2 - ||y||^2 - 2\langle x - y, y \rangle.$

3 Convergence results

In this section, we prove the weak and strong convergence result for split equality generalized mixed equilibrium problem (1.17).

Theorem 3.1 Let H_1 , H_2 , and H_3 be real Hilbert spaces, $C \subseteq H_1$ and $Q \subseteq H_2$ be the nonempty closed convex subsets of H_1 and H_2 , respectively. Suppose that the bi-mappings $F: C \times C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $G: Q \times Q \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and the mappings $T: C \longrightarrow C$ and $S: Q \longrightarrow Q$ satisfy the conditions (A1)-(A7). Let $\phi: C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ and $\phi: Q \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be the proper lower semicontinuous and convex mappings such that $C \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$ and $Q \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$. Let $P: H_1 \longrightarrow H_1$ and $Q: H_2 \longrightarrow H_2$ be the two demi-contractive mappings with constants k_1 and k_2 , respectively, with the condition $k \in (0,1)$, where $k = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$ such that (I - P)and (I - Q) are demi-closed at zero, and $\operatorname{Fix}(P) \neq \emptyset$ and $\operatorname{Fix}(Q) \neq \emptyset$. Let $A: H_1 \longrightarrow H_3$ and $B: H_2 \longrightarrow H_3$ be bounded linear mappings. Assume that $(x_1, y_1) \in C \times Q$ and the iteration scheme $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ is defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} F(\lambda_{1}u_{n} + (1 - \lambda_{1})b, u) + \langle T(u_{n}), u - u_{n} \rangle \\ + \phi(u) - \phi(u_{n}) + \frac{1}{r_{n}} \langle u - u_{n}, u_{n} - x_{n} \rangle \ge 0; \\ G(\lambda_{2}v_{n} + (1 - \lambda_{2})c, v) + \langle S(v_{n}), v - v_{n} \rangle \langle v) \\ + \varphi - \varphi(v_{n}) + \frac{1}{r_{n}} \langle v - v_{n}, v_{n} - y_{n} \rangle \ge 0; \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_{n})(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) + \alpha_{n}P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})); \\ y_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_{n})(v_{n} + \gamma_{n}B^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) + \alpha_{n}Q(v_{n} + \gamma_{n}B^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})), \end{cases}$$
(3.1)

for every $u, b \in C$, $v, c \in Q$, and $n \ge 1$ where λ_A and λ_B denote the spectral radii of A^*A and B^*B , respectively, $\{\gamma_n\}$ is a positive real sequence such that $\gamma_n \in (\epsilon, \frac{2}{\lambda_A + \lambda_B} - \epsilon)$, for sufficiently small ϵ , $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence in (k, 1), and $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ such that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) for some $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1)$, $0 < \alpha \le \alpha_n \le \beta < 1$;
- (ii) $\liminf_{n\to\infty} r_n > 0$ and $\lim_{n\to\infty} |r_{n+1} r_n| = 0$.

If $\Omega := \operatorname{Fix}(P) \cap \operatorname{Fix}(Q) \cap \operatorname{SEMEP}(F, G, T, S, \phi, \varphi) \neq \emptyset$, then

- (I) The sequence $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ weakly converges to a solution of problem (1.17).
- (II) In addition, if P and Q are demi-compact, then $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ strongly converges to a solution of problem (1.17).

Proof To prove (I), let $(x, y) \in \Omega$. From Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\|u_n - x\| = \|J_{r_n}^{F,T}(x_n) - J_{r_n}^{F,T}(x)\| \le \|x_n - x\|,$$
(3.2)

$$\|v_n - y\| = \left\| J_{r_n}^{G,S}(y_n) - J_{r_n}^{G,S}(y) \right\| \le \|y_n - y\|.$$
(3.3)

Since P is a demi-contractive mapping, using the well-known identity (2.1) and Lemma 2.4, we obtain the following estimates:

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x\|^{2} \\ &= \|(1 - \alpha_{n})(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) + \alpha_{n}P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - x\|^{2} \\ &= \|(1 - \alpha_{n})\{(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - x\} + \alpha_{n}\{P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - x\}\|^{2} \\ &= (1 - \alpha_{n})\|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - x\|^{2} + \alpha_{n}\|P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - x\|^{2} \\ &- \alpha_{n}(1 - \alpha_{n})\|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2} \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_{n})\|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - x\|^{2} + \alpha_{n}\{\|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2} \\ &+ k_{1}\|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2} \\ &- \alpha_{n}(1 - \alpha_{n})\|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2} \\ &= \|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - x\|^{2} \\ &+ k_{1}\alpha_{n}\|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2} \\ &= \|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - x\|^{2} \\ &- \alpha_{n}(1 - \alpha_{n})\|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2} \\ &= \|u_{n} - x\|^{2} + \gamma_{n}^{2}\|A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})\|^{2} - 2\gamma_{n}\langle A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}), u_{n} - x\rangle \\ &- \alpha_{n}(1 - k_{1} - \alpha_{n})\|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2} \\ &\leq \|x_{n} - x\|^{2} + \gamma_{n}^{2}\|A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})\|^{2} - 2\gamma_{n}\langle A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}), u_{n} - x\rangle \\ &- \alpha_{n}(1 - k_{1} - \alpha_{n})\|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2} \\ &\leq \|x_{n} - x\|^{2} + \gamma_{n}^{2}\|A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})\|^{2} - 2\gamma_{n}\langle A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}), u_{n} - x\rangle \\ &- \alpha_{n}(1 - k_{1} - \alpha_{n})\|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2} \end{aligned}$$

From the definition of the spectral radius λ_A of A^*A , we have

$$\gamma_n^2 \|A^*(Au_n - Bv_n)\|^2 = \gamma_n^2 \langle Au_n - Bv_n, AA^*(Au_n - Bv_n) \rangle$$

$$\leq \lambda_A \gamma_n^2 \langle Au_n - Bv_n, Au_n - Bv_n \rangle$$

$$= \lambda_A \gamma_n^2 \|Au_n - Bv_n\|^2.$$
(3.5)

Combining (3.4) and (3.5), we have

$$\|x_{n+1} - x\|^{2} \leq \|x_{n} - x\|^{2} + \lambda_{A} \gamma_{n}^{2} \|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2} - 2\gamma_{n} \langle Au_{n} - Bv_{n}, Au_{n} - Ax \rangle - \alpha_{n} (1 - k_{1} - \alpha_{n}) \| (u_{n} - \gamma_{n} A^{*} (Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P (u_{n} - \gamma_{n} A^{*} (Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) \|^{2}.$$
(3.6)

Similarly, the last equality of the iterative scheme (3.1) leads to

$$\|y_{n+1} - y\|^{2} \leq \|y_{n} - y\|^{2} + \lambda_{B}\gamma_{n}^{2}\|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2} + 2\gamma_{n}\langle Au_{n} - Bv_{n}, Bv_{n} - By\rangle - \alpha_{n}(1 - k_{2} - \alpha_{n})\|(v_{n} + \gamma_{n}B^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - Q(v_{n} + \gamma_{n}B^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2}.$$
 (3.7)

Adding the inequalities (3.6) and (3.7), using $k = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$ and Ax = By, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x\|^{2} + \|y_{n+1} - y\|^{2} \\ &\leq \|x_{n} - x\|^{2} + \|y_{n} - y\|^{2} + (\lambda_{A}\gamma_{n}^{2} + \lambda_{B}\gamma_{n}^{2})\|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2} - 2\gamma_{n}\|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2} \\ &- \alpha_{n}(1 - k - \alpha_{n})\{\|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2} \\ &+ \|(v_{n} + \gamma_{n}B^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - Q(v_{n} + \gamma_{n}B^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2}\} \\ &= \|x_{n} - x\|^{2} + \|y_{n} - y\|^{2} - \gamma_{n}(2 - \gamma_{n}(\lambda_{A} + \lambda_{B}))\|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2} \\ &- \alpha_{n}(1 - k - \alpha_{n})\{\|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2} \\ &+ \|(v_{n} + \gamma_{n}B^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - Q(v_{n} + \gamma_{n}B^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2}\}. \end{aligned}$$
(3.8)

Now, put $\Omega_n(x, y) = ||x_n - x||^2 + ||y_n - y||^2$. Therefore from (3.8), we have

$$\Omega_{n+1}(x,y) \leq \Omega_n(x,y) - \gamma_n \left(2 - \gamma_n(\lambda_A + \lambda_B)\right) \|Au_n - Bv_n\|^2 - \alpha_n (1 - k - \alpha_n) \left\{ \left\| \left(u_n - \gamma_n A^* (Au_n - Bv_n)\right) - P \left(u_n - \gamma_n A^* (Au_n - Bv_n)\right) \right\|^2 + \left\| \left(v_n + \gamma_n B^* (Au_n - Bv_n)\right) - Q \left(v_n + \gamma_n B^* (Au_n - Bv_n)\right) \right\|^2 \right\}.$$
(3.9)

As $\alpha_n \in (k, 1)$ and $\gamma_n \in (\epsilon, \frac{2}{\lambda_A + \lambda_B} - \epsilon)$, we have $2 - \gamma_n(\lambda_A + \lambda_B) > 0$ and $(1 - k - \alpha_n) > 0$. It follows from (3.9) that

$$\Omega_{n+1}(x,y) \leq \Omega_n(x,y).$$

Hence, the sequence { $\Omega_n(x, y)$ } is non-increasing and lower bounded by 0. Therefore, it converges to some finite limit, say $\sigma(x, y)$. So, condition (i) of Lemma 2.3 is satisfied with $\mu_n = (x_n, y_n), \mu^* = (x, y), \text{ and } W = \Omega$. It follows from inequality (3.9) and the convergence of the sequence { $\Omega_n(x, y)$ } that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|Au_n - Bv_n\| = 0, \tag{3.10}$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| \left(u_n - \gamma_n A^* (A u_n - B \nu_n) \right) - P \left(u_n - \gamma_n A^* (A u_n - B \nu_n) \right) \right\| = 0, \tag{3.11}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| \left(\nu_n + \gamma_n B^* (A u_n - B \nu_n) \right) - Q \left(\nu_n + \gamma_n B^* (A u_n - B \nu_n) \right) \right\| = 0.$$
(3.12)

Moreover, as $\{\Omega_n(x,y)\}$ converges to a finite limit and $||x_n - x||^2 \leq \Omega_n(x,y)$, $||y_n - y||^2 \leq \Omega_n(x,y)$, we see that $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ are bounded and $\limsup_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - x||$ and

 $\limsup_{n\to\infty} ||y_n - y||$ exist. From (3.2) and (3.3), we get $\limsup_{n\to\infty} ||u_n - x||$ and $\limsup_{n\to\infty} ||v_n - y||$ also exist. Let x^* and y^* be weak limit points of the sequences $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$, respectively. Also, $\{u_n - \gamma_n A^*(Au_n - Bv_n)\}$ weakly converges to x^* and $\{v_n + \gamma_n B^*(Au_n - Bv_n)\}$ weakly converges to y^* . Using Lemma 2.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\|^2 &= \|x_{n+1} - x - x_n + x\|^2 \\ &= \|x_{n+1} - x\|^2 - \|x_n - x\|^2 - 2\langle x_{n+1} - x_n, x_n - x \rangle \\ &= \|x_{n+1} - x\|^2 - \|x_n - x\|^2 - 2\langle x_{n+1} - x^*, x_n - x \rangle \\ &+ 2\langle x_n - x^*, x_n - x \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

 $\limsup_{n\to\infty}\|x_{n+1}-x_n\|=0.$

Similarly, we obtain

 $\limsup_{n\to\infty}\|y_{n+1}-y_n\|=0.$

We conclude that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| = 0 \tag{3.13}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|y_{n+1} - y_n\| = 0.$$
(3.14)

From Lemma 2.2, we have $u_n = J_{r_n}^{F,T}(x_n)$ and $u_{n+1} = J_{r_{n+1}}^{F,T}(x_{n+1})$. Therefore, for all $u \in C$, we have

$$F(\lambda_1 u_n + (1 - \lambda_1)b, u) + \langle T(u_n), u - u_n \rangle$$

+ $\phi(u) - \phi(u_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle u - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \ge 0$ (3.15)

and

$$F(\lambda_{1}u_{n+1} + (1 - \lambda_{1})b, u) + \langle T(u_{n+1}), u - u_{n+1} \rangle + \phi(u) - \phi(u_{n+1}) + \frac{1}{r_{n+1}} \langle u - u_{n+1}, u_{n+1} - x_{n+1} \rangle \ge 0.$$
(3.16)

Putting $u = u_n$ in (3.16) and $u = u_{n+1}$ in (3.15), and adding together the resulting inequalities, we have

$$0 \leq F(\lambda_1 u_{n+1} + (1 - \lambda_1)b, u_n) + F(\lambda_1 u_n + (1 - \lambda_1)b, u_{n+1}) + \langle T(u_{n+1}), u_n - u_{n+1} \rangle \\ + \langle T(u_n), u_{n+1} - u_n \rangle + \frac{1}{r_{n+1}} \langle u_n - u_{n+1}, u_{n+1} - x_{n+1} \rangle + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle u_{n+1} - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle.$$

By using (A2)-(A3), we have

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{r_{n+1}} \langle u_n - u_{n+1}, u_{n+1} - x_{n+1} \rangle + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle u_{n+1} - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle$$

$$\leq \left\{ u_{n+1} - u_n, \frac{u_n - x_n}{r_n} - \frac{u_{n+1} - x_{n+1}}{r_{n+1}} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ u_{n+1} - u_n, u_n - x_n - \frac{r_n}{r_{n+1}} (u_{n+1} - x_{n+1}) \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ u_{n+1} - u_n, u_n - u_{n+1} + u_{n+1} - x_n - \frac{r_n}{r_{n+1}} (u_{n+1} - x_{n+1}) \right\}$$

$$= \langle u_{n+1} - u_n, u_n - u_{n+1} \rangle + \left\{ u_{n+1} - u_n, x_{n+1} - x_n + \left(1 - \frac{r_n}{r_{n+1}} \right) (u_{n+1} - x_{n+1}) \right\}$$

$$= - \left\| u_{n+1} - u_n \right\|^2 + \left\{ u_{n+1} - u_n, x_{n+1} - x_n + \left(1 - \frac{r_n}{r_{n+1}} \right) (u_{n+1} - x_{n+1}) \right\},$$

which implies that

$$\|u_{n+1}-u_n\|^2 \le \|u_{n+1}-u_n\|\left\{\|x_{n+1}-x_n\|+\left|1-\frac{r_n}{r_{n+1}}\right|\|u_{n+1}-x_{n+1}\|\right\}.$$

Thus,

$$\|u_{n+1} - u_n\| \le \|x_{n+1} - x_n\| + \left|1 - \frac{r_n}{r_{n+1}}\right| \|u_{n+1} - x_{n+1}\|.$$
(3.17)

Using (3.13) and condition (ii) of the hypothesis, (3.17) implies that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|u_{n+1} - u_n\| = 0.$$
(3.18)

Similarly, using the same arguments as above, we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|\nu_{n+1} - \nu_n\| = 0. \tag{3.19}$$

From (3.6) and (3.7), we have

$$\|x_{n+1} - x\|^{2} \leq \|u_{n} - x\|^{2} + \lambda_{A} \gamma_{n}^{2} \|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2} - 2\gamma_{n} \langle Au_{n} - Bv_{n}, Au_{n} - Ax \rangle - \alpha_{n} (1 - k_{1} - \alpha_{n}) \| (u_{n} - \gamma_{n} A^{*} (Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P (u_{n} - \gamma_{n} A^{*} (Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) \|^{2}$$
(3.20)

and

$$\|y_{n+1} - y\|^{2} \leq \|v_{n} - y\|^{2} + \lambda_{B}\gamma_{n}^{2}\|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2} + 2\gamma_{n}\langle Au_{n} - Bv_{n}, Bv_{n} - By\rangle - \alpha_{n}(1 - k_{2} - \alpha_{n})\|(v_{n} + \gamma_{n}B^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - Q(v_{n} + \gamma_{n}B^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n}))\|^{2}.$$
 (3.21)

Adding the inequalities (3.20) and (3.21), using $k = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$ and Ax = By, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x\|^{2} + \|y_{n+1} - y\|^{2} \\ \leq \|u_{n} - x\|^{2} + \|v_{n} - y\|^{2} - \gamma_{n} (2 - \gamma_{n} (\lambda_{A} + \lambda_{B})) \|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2} \\ - \alpha_{n} (1 - k - \alpha_{n}) \{ \|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n} A^{*} (Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n} A^{*} (Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) \|^{2} \\ + \|(v_{n} + \gamma_{n} B^{*} (Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - Q(v_{n} + \gamma_{n} B^{*} (Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) \|^{2} \}, \end{aligned}$$
(3.22)

where

$$\|u_n - x\|^2 = \|J_{r_n}^{F,T}(x_n) - J_{r_n}^{F,T}(x)\|^2 \le \langle x_n - x, u_n - x \rangle$$

= $\frac{1}{2} \{ \|x_n - x\|^2 + \|u_n - x\|^2 - \|x_n - u_n\|^2 \}$ (3.23)

and

$$\|\nu_{n} - y\|^{2} = \|J_{r_{n}}^{G,S}(y_{n}) - J_{r_{n}}^{G,S}(y)\|^{2} \le \langle y_{n} - y, \nu_{n} - y \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \{\|y_{n} - y\|^{2} + \|\nu_{n} - y\|^{2} - \|y_{n} - \nu_{n}\|^{2}\}.$$
(3.24)

From (3.22)-(3.24), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n} - u_{n}\|^{2} + \|y_{n} - v_{n}\|^{2} \\ &\leq \|x_{n} - x\|^{2} - \|x_{n+1} - x\|^{2} + \|y_{n} - y\|^{2} - \|y_{n+1} - y\|^{2} \\ &- \gamma_{n} (2 - \gamma_{n} (\lambda_{A} + \lambda_{B})) \|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\|^{2} \\ &- \alpha_{n} (1 - k - \alpha_{n}) \{ \|(u_{n} - \gamma_{n} A^{*} (Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n} A^{*} (Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) \|^{2} \\ &+ \|(v_{n} + \gamma_{n} B^{*} (Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - Q(v_{n} + \gamma_{n} B^{*} (Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) \|^{2} \}. \end{aligned}$$
(3.25)

By using (3.10)-(3.14), we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_n - u_n\| = 0, \tag{3.26}$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|y_n - v_n\| = 0.$$
(3.27)

Hence, $u_n \rightharpoonup x^*$ and $v_n \rightharpoonup y^*$, respectively.

Since *P* is k_1 -demi-contractive mapping and (I - P) is demi-closed at 0, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_n - Pu_n\| \\ &= \|u_n - x_{n+1} + x_n n + 1 - Pu_n\| \\ &\leq \|u_n - x_{n+1}\| + \|x_n n + 1 - Pu_n\| \\ &= \|u_n - u_{n+1} + u_{n+1} - x_{n+1}\| \\ &+ \|(1 - \alpha_n)(u_n - \gamma_n A^*(Au_n - Bv_n)) + \alpha_n P(u_n - \gamma_n A^*(Au_n - Bv_n)) - Pu_n\| \\ &\leq \|u_n - u_{n+1}\| + \|u_{n+1} - x_{n+1}\| + \|(u_n - \gamma_n A^*(Au_n - Bv_n)) - Pu_n\| \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \alpha_{n} \| (u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) \|$$

$$\leq \|u_{n} - u_{n+1}\| + \|u_{n+1} - x_{n+1}\| + \frac{1 + \sqrt{k}}{1 - \sqrt{k}} \{ |\gamma_{n}| \|A^{*}\| \|Au_{n} - Bv_{n}\| \}$$

$$+ \alpha_{n} \| (u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) - P(u_{n} - \gamma_{n}A^{*}(Au_{n} - Bv_{n})) \|.$$

Using (3.10), (3.11), (3.18), and (3.26), we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|u_n - Pu_n\| = 0.$$
(3.28)

Similarly, using the same steps as above for *Q*, we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|v_n - Qv_n\| = 0.$$
(3.29)

Since

$$\|x_n - Px_n\| = \|x_n - u_n + u_n - Pu_n + Pu_n - Px_n\|$$

$$\leq \|x_n - u_n\| + \|u_n - Pu_n\| + \|Pu_n - Px_n\|$$

$$\leq \|x_n - u_n\| + \|u_n - Pu_n\| + \frac{1 + \sqrt{k}}{1 - \sqrt{k}} \|u_n - x_n\|$$

$$= \frac{2}{1 - \sqrt{k}} \|x_n - u_n\| + \|u_n - Pu_n\|,$$

it follows from (3.26) and (3.28) that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x_n - Px_n\| = 0. \tag{3.30}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|y_n - Qy_n\| = 0.$$
(3.31)

As $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ weakly converge to x^* and y^* , respectively, and (I - P) and (I - Q) are demi-closed at 0, it follows from (3.30) and (3.31) that $x^* \in Fix(P)$ and $y^* \in Fix(Q)$. Every Hilbert space satisfies Opial's condition, which shows that the weakly subsequential limit of $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ is unique.

Now, we show that $x^* \in \text{GMEP}(F, T, \phi)$ and $y^* \in \text{GMEP}(G, S, \phi)$. Since $u_n = J_{r_n}^{F,T}(x_n)$, we have, for all $b, u \in C$ and $\lambda \in (0, 1]$,

$$F(\lambda_1 u_n + (1-\lambda_1)b, u) + \langle T(u_n), u - u_n \rangle + \phi(u) - \phi(u_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle u - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \ge 0.$$

Using (A2) and (A3), we get

$$\begin{split} \phi(u) - \phi(u_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle u - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle &\geq -F(\lambda_1 u_n + (1 - \lambda_1)b, u) - \langle T(u_n), u - u_n \rangle \\ &\geq F(\lambda_1 u + (1 - \lambda_1)b, u_n) + \langle T(u), u_n - u \rangle, \end{split}$$

and hence

$$\phi(u)-\phi(u_{n_k})+\frac{1}{r_{n_k}}\langle u-u_{n_k},u_{n_k}-x_{n_k}\rangle\geq F(\lambda_1u+(1-\lambda_1)b,u_{n_k})+\langle T(u),u_{n_k}-u\rangle.$$

From (3.26), we have $u_{n_k} \rightharpoonup x^*$. It shows that $\lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{\|u_{n_k}-x_{n_k}\|}{r_{n_k}} = 0$, and from the lower semicontinuity of ϕ , we have

$$F(\lambda_1 u + (1 - \lambda_1)b, x^*) + \langle T(u), x^* - u \rangle + \phi(x^*) - \phi(u) \le 0, \quad \forall b, u \in C.$$
(3.32)

Set $u_t = tu + (1 - t)x^*$, for all $t \in (0, 1]$ and $u \in C$. Since *C* is a convex set, $u_t \in C$. Hence from (3.32), we have

$$F(\lambda_1 u_t + (1 - \lambda_1)b, x^*) + \langle T(u_t), x^* - u_t \rangle + \phi(x^*) - \phi(u_t) \le 0.$$
(3.33)

Using the conditions (A1)-(A4), convexity of ϕ , and (3.33), we get

$$0 = F(\lambda_{1}u_{t} + (1 - \lambda_{1})b, u_{t}) + (1 - t)\langle T(u_{t}), u_{t} - u_{t} \rangle + \phi(u_{t}) - \phi(u_{t})$$

$$\leq tF(\lambda_{1}u_{t} + (1 - \lambda_{1})b, u) + (1 - t)F(\lambda_{1}u_{t} + (1 - \lambda_{1})b, x^{*}) + t\phi(u) + (1 - t)\phi(x^{*})$$

$$-\phi(u_{t}) + (1 - t)\langle T(u_{t}), u_{t} - x^{*} \rangle + (1 - t)\langle T(u_{t}), x^{*} - u_{t} \rangle$$

$$= t\{F(\lambda_{1}u_{t} + (1 - \lambda_{1})b, u) + (1 - t)\langle T(u_{t}), u - x^{*} \rangle + \phi(u) - \phi(u_{t})\}$$

$$\times (1 - t)\{F(\lambda_{1}u_{t} + (1 - \lambda_{1})b, x^{*}) + \langle T(u_{t}), x^{*} - u_{t} \rangle + \phi(x^{*}) - \phi(u_{t})\}$$

$$\leq t\{F(\lambda_{1}u_{t} + (1 - \lambda_{1})b, u) + (1 - t)\langle T(u_{t}), u - x^{*} \rangle + \phi(u) - \phi(u_{t})\},$$

which implies that

$$F(\lambda_1 u_t + (1-\lambda_1)b, u) + (1-t)\langle T(u_t), u-x^* \rangle + \phi(u) - \phi(u_t) \ge 0, \quad \forall u, b \in C.$$

Let $t \to 0$ and therefore $u_t \to x^*$. Using the conditions (A5)-(A6) and proper lower semicontinuity of ϕ , we have

$$F(\lambda_1 x^* + (1 - \lambda_1)b, u) + \langle T(x^*), u - x^* \rangle + \phi(u) - \phi(x^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall u, b \in C,$$

which shows that $x^* \in \text{GMEP}(F, T, \phi)$. Using the equivalent assertions to the above, we obtain $y^* \in \text{GMEP}(G, S, \phi)$.

Since $A : H_1 \longrightarrow H_3$ and $B : H_2 \longrightarrow H_3$ are bounded linear mappings, and $\{u_n\}$ and $\{v_n\}$ converges weakly to x^* and y^* , respectively, for arbitrary $f \in H_3^*$, we have

$$f(Au_n) = (f \circ A)(u_n) \quad \longrightarrow \quad (f \circ A)(x^*) = f(Ax^*).$$

Likewise,

$$f(Bv_n) = (f \circ B)(v_n) \quad \longrightarrow \quad (f \circ B)(y^*) = f(By^*).$$

Therefore, we have

$$Au_n - Bv_n \rightarrow Ax^* - By^*$$
,

which implies that

$$\left\|Ax^*-By^*\right\|\leq \liminf_{n\to\infty}\left\|Au_n-Bv_n\right\|=0,$$

so that $Ax^* = By^*$. This implies that $(x^*, y^*) \in \text{SEMEP}(F, G, T, S, \phi, \varphi)$. Therefore, $(x^*, y^*) \in \Omega$.

Finally, we conclude that

- 1. for each $(x^*, y^*) \in \Omega$, $\lim_{n \to \infty} (||x_n x^*|| + ||y_n y^*||)$ exists;
- 2. each weak cluster point of the sequence $||(x^*, y^*)||$ belongs to Ω .

On taking $H = H_1 \times H_2$ with the norm $||(x, y)|| = \sqrt{(||x||^2 + ||y||^2)}$, $W = \Omega$, $\mu_n = (x_n, y_n)$, and $\mu = (x^*, y^*)$ in Lemma 2.3, we see that there exists $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \Omega$ such that $x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}$ and $y_n \rightarrow \bar{y}$. Therefore, the sequence $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ generated by the iterative scheme (3.1) weakly converges to a solution of problem (1.17) in Ω . This completes the proof of conjecture (I).

We now prove the strong convergence conjecture (II).

Since *P* and *Q* are demi-compact, $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ are bounded, and $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n - Px_n|| = 0$, $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||y_n - Qy_n|| = 0$, there exist (without loss of generality) subsequences $\{x_{n_k}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_{n_k}\}$ of $\{y_n\}$ such that $\{x_{n_k}\}$ and $\{y_{n_k}\}$ converge strongly to some points u^* and v^* , respectively. Since $\{x_{n_k}\}$ and $\{y_{n_k}\}$ converge weakly to x^* and y^* , respectively, this implies that $x^* = u^*$ and $y^* = v^*$. It follows from the demi-closedness of *P* and *Q* that $x^* \in Fix(P)$ and $y^* \in Fix(Q)$. Using similar steps to the previous ones, we get $x^* \in GMEP(F, T, \phi)$ and $y^* \in GMEP(G, S, \varphi)$. Thus, we have

$$||Ax^* - By^*|| = \lim_{k \to \infty} ||Ax_{n_k} - By_{n_k}|| = 0.$$

This implies that $Ax^* = By^*$. Hence $(x^*, y^*) \in \Omega$. On the other hand, since $\Omega_n(x, y) = ||x_n - x||^2 + ||y_n - y||^2$, for any $(x, y) \in \Omega$, we know that $\lim_{k\to\infty} \Omega_n(x^*, y^*) = 0$. From conjecture (I), we see that $\lim_{n\to\infty} \Omega_n(x^*, y^*)$ exists, therefore $\lim_{n\to\infty} \Omega_n(x^*, y^*) = 0$. So, the iterative scheme (3.1) converges strongly to a solution of problem (1.17). This completes the proof of the conjecture (II).

Remark 3.1 The convergence theorem, Theorem 3.1, generalizes, extends, and unifies some well-known weak and strong convergence results of Moudafi *et al.* [12], Ma *et al.* [15], Ma *et al.* [13] and Chidume *et al.* [16] as we considered the class of demi-contractive mappings, which is much larger than the class of nonexpansive mappings, firmly quasinonexpansive mappings. Also, we studied the split equality generalized equilibrium problem (1.17), which is a more general problem than the split equality problem (1.9), the split equality mixed equilibrium problem (1.15), *etc.*

On taking F = G = 0, T = S = 0, and $\phi = \varphi = 0$ in Theorem 3.1, we get the following convergence theorem for the split equality problem (1.9).

Corollary 3.1 Let H_1 , H_2 , and H_3 be real Hilbert spaces, $C \subseteq H_1$ and $Q \subseteq H_2$ be the nonempty closed convex subsets of H_1 and H_2 , respectively. Let $P: H_1 \longrightarrow H_1$ and $Q: H_2 \longrightarrow$

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 H_2 be two demi-contractive mappings with constants k_1 and k_2 , respectively, with the condition $k \in (0,1)$, where $k = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$ such that (I - P) and (I - Q) are demi-closed at zero, and $\operatorname{Fix}(P) \neq \emptyset$ and $\operatorname{Fix}(Q) \neq \emptyset$. Let $A : H_1 \longrightarrow H_3$ and $B : H_2 \longrightarrow H_3$ be bounded linear mappings. Assume that $(x_1, y_1) \in C \times Q$ and the iteration scheme $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ is defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)(x_n - \gamma_n A^* (Ax_n - By_n)) + \alpha_n P(x_n - \gamma_n A^* (Ax_n - By_n)); \\ y_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)(y_n + \gamma_n B^* (Ax_n - By_n)) + \alpha_n Q(y_n + \gamma_n B^* (Ax_n - By_n)), \end{cases}$$

where λ_A and λ_B denote the spectral radii of A^*A and B^*B , respectively, $\{\gamma_n\}$ is a positive real sequence such that $\gamma_n \in (\epsilon, \frac{2}{\lambda_A + \lambda_B} - \epsilon)$ (for ϵ small enough), $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence in (k, 1) such that for some $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1), 0 < \alpha \le \alpha_n \le \beta < 1$.

If $\Omega := \operatorname{Fix}(P) \cap \operatorname{Fix}(Q) \cap SEP \neq \emptyset$, then:

- (I) The sequence $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ weakly converges to a solution of problem (1.9).
- (II) In addition, if P and Q are demi-compact, then $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ strongly converges to a solution of problem (1.9).

On taking B = I and $H_2 = H_3$ in Corollary 3.1, we obtain the following convergence theorem for the split feasibility problem (1.8).

Corollary 3.2 Let H_1 and H_2 be real Hilbert spaces, $C \subseteq H_1$ and $Q \subseteq H_2$ be nonempty closed convex subsets of H_1 and H_2 , respectively. Let $P : H_1 \longrightarrow H_1$ and $Q : H_2 \longrightarrow H_2$ be two demi-contractive mappings with constants k_1 and k_2 , respectively, with the condition $k \in (0,1)$, where $k = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$ such that (I - P) and (I - Q) are demi-closed at zero, and $\operatorname{Fix}(P) \neq \emptyset$ and $\operatorname{Fix}(Q) \neq \emptyset$. Let $A : H_1 \longrightarrow H_3$ be a bounded linear mapping. Assume that $(x_1, y_1) \in C \times Q$ and the iteration scheme $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ is defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)(x_n - \gamma_n A^* (Ax_n - y_n)) + \alpha_n P(x_n - \gamma_n A^* (Ax_n - y_n)); \\ y_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)(y_n + \gamma_n (Ax_n - y_n)) + \alpha_n Q(y_n + \gamma_n (Ax_n - y_n)), \end{cases}$$

where λ_A denotes the spectral radii of A^*A , $\{\gamma_n\}$ is a positive real sequence such that $\gamma_n \in (\epsilon, \frac{1}{\lambda_A} - \epsilon)$ (for ϵ small enough), $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence in (k, 1) such that for some $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1)$, $0 < \alpha \leq \alpha_n \leq \beta < 1$.

If $\Omega := \operatorname{Fix}(P) \cap \operatorname{Fix}(Q) \cap \operatorname{SFP} \neq \emptyset$, then:

- (I) The sequence $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ weakly converges to a solution of problem (1.8).
- (II) In addition, if P and Q are demi-compact, then $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ strongly converges to a solution of problem (1.8).

4 Applications

4.1 Application to the split equality convex differentiable optimization problem The familiar problem

minimize
$$\psi(x)$$
 (4.1)
subject to $x \in C$,

in which $\psi : C \longrightarrow C$ is convex and differentiable has a special optimality criterion. A vector x^* solves (4.1) if and only if it solves the following variational inequality problem: find $x^* \in C$ such that

$$\langle \nabla \psi(x^*), y - x^* \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$
 (4.2)

By putting $F(x^*, y) = \langle \nabla \psi(x^*), y - x^* \rangle$ in (1.1), we see that the variational inequality problem (4.2) and the equilibrium problem (1.1) have the same set of solutions.

In 2015, Ma *et al.* [15] introduced the so-called split equality mixed variational inequality problem which is finding $x^* \in C$ and $y^* \in Q$ such that

$$egin{aligned} &\langle\psi\left(x^*
ight),x-x^*
ight
angle+\phi(x)-\phi\left(x^*
ight)\geq 0, &\forall x\in C,\ &\langle\zeta\left(y^*
ight),y-y^*
ight
angle+\varphi(y)-\varphi\left(y^*
ight)\geq 0, &\forall y\in Q, & ext{and}\ &Ax^*=By^*, \end{aligned}$$

where $\psi : C \longrightarrow H_1$ and $\zeta : Q \longrightarrow H_2$ are the mappings.

The split equality mixed convex differentiable optimization problem can be viewed as analogous to the problem of finding $x^* \in C$ and $y^* \in Q$ such that

$$\langle \nabla \psi (x^*), x - x^* \rangle + \langle T(x^*), x - x^* \rangle + \phi(x) - \phi(x^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall x \in C,$$

$$\langle \nabla \zeta (y^*), y - y^* \rangle + \langle S(y^*), y - y^* \rangle + \phi(y) - \phi(y^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in Q, \text{ and}$$

$$Ax^* = By^*,$$
 (4.3)

where $\psi : C \longrightarrow H_1$ and $\zeta : Q \longrightarrow H_2$ are convex and differentiable mappings. The set of solutions of the split equality mixed convex differentiable optimization problem (4.3) is denoted by SEMCDOP($\psi, \zeta, T, S, \phi, \varphi$).

If B = I and $H_2 = H_3$, then the split mixed convex differentiable optimization problem can be viewed as analogous to the problem of finding $x^* \in C$ such that

$$\langle \nabla \psi(x^*), x - x^* \rangle + \langle T(x^*), x - x^* \rangle + \phi(x) - \phi(x^*) \ge 0, \quad \forall x \in C,$$

and such that $y^* = Ax^* \in Q$ solves

$$\left\langle \nabla \zeta \left(y^* \right), y - y^* \right\rangle + \left\langle S \left(y^* \right), y - y^* \right\rangle + \varphi(y) - \varphi \left(y^* \right) \ge 0, \quad \forall y \in Q.$$

$$(4.4)$$

The set of solutions of the split mixed convex differentiable optimization problem (4.4) is denoted by SMCDOP(ψ , ζ , T, S, ϕ , φ).

By setting $F(x^*, x) = \langle \nabla \psi(x^*), x - x^* \rangle$ and $G(y^*, y) = \langle \nabla \zeta(y^*), y - y^* \rangle$, for $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$, it is easy to see that *F* and *G* satisfy all the conditions (A1)-(A7) since the gradients $\nabla \psi$ and $\nabla \zeta$ are monotone mappings due to convexity and differentiability of ψ and ζ , respectively. Then from Theorem 3.1, we have the following result.

Theorem 4.1 Let H_1 , H_2 , and H_3 be real Hilbert spaces, $C \subseteq H_1$ and $Q \subseteq H_2$ be nonempty closed convex subsets of H_1 and H_2 , respectively. Suppose that the mappings $\psi : C \longrightarrow H_1$ and $\zeta : Q \longrightarrow H_2$ are convex and differentiable with optimality criterion, and the mappings

 $T: C \longrightarrow C$ and $S: Q \longrightarrow Q$ satisfy the conditions (A3), (A6), (A7). Let $\phi: C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ and $\phi: Q \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be proper lower semicontinuous and convex mappings such that $C \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$ and $Q \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$. Let $P: H_1 \longrightarrow H_1$ and $Q: H_2 \longrightarrow H_2$ be two demicontractive mappings with constants k_1 and k_2 , respectively, with the condition $k \in (0, 1)$, where $k = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$ such that (I - P) and (I - Q) are demi-closed at zero, and $\operatorname{Fix}(P) \neq \emptyset$ and $\operatorname{Fix}(Q) \neq \emptyset$. Let $A: H_1 \longrightarrow H_3$ and $B: H_2 \longrightarrow H_3$ be bounded linear mappings. Assume that $(x_1, y_1) \in C \times Q$ and the iteration scheme $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ is defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \langle \nabla \psi(u_n), u - u_n \rangle + \langle T(u_n), u - u_n \rangle + \phi(u) - \phi(u_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle u - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \ge 0; \\ \langle \nabla \zeta(v_n), v - v_n \rangle + \langle S(v_n), v - v_n \rangle + \phi(v) - \phi(v_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle v - v_n, v_n - y_n \rangle \ge 0; \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)(u_n - \gamma_n A^*(Au_n - Bv_n)) + \alpha_n P(u_n - \gamma_n A^*(Au_n - Bv_n)); \\ y_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)(v_n + \gamma_n B^*(Au_n - Bv_n)) + \alpha_n Q(v_n + \gamma_n B^*(Au_n - Bv_n)), \end{cases}$$

for every $u \in C$, $v \in Q$ and $n \ge 1$ where λ_A and λ_B denote the spectral radii of A^*A and B^*B , respectively, $\{\gamma_n\}$ is a positive real sequence such that $\gamma_n \in (\epsilon, \frac{2}{\lambda_A + \lambda_B} - \epsilon)$ (for ϵ small enough), $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence in (k, 1), and $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) for some $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1), 0 < \alpha \le \alpha_n \le \beta < 1$;
- (ii) $\liminf_{n\to\infty} r_n > 0$ and $\lim_{n\to\infty} |r_{n+1} r_n| = 0$.
- *If* $\Omega := \operatorname{Fix}(P) \cap \operatorname{Fix}(Q) \cap \operatorname{SEMCDOP}(\psi, \zeta, T, S, \phi, \varphi) \neq \emptyset$, *then*:
 - (I) The sequence $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ weakly converges to a solution of problem (4.3).
 - (II) In addition, if P and Q are demi-compact, then $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ strongly converges to a solution of problem (4.3).

If we take B = I and $H_2 = H_3$ in Theorem 4.1, then we have the following convergence result for the split mixed convex differentiable optimization problem (4.4).

Corollary 4.1 Let H_1 and H_2 be real Hilbert spaces, $C \subseteq H_1$ and $Q \subseteq H_2$ be nonempty closed convex subsets of H_1 and H_2 , respectively. Suppose that the mappings $\psi : C \longrightarrow H_1$ and $\zeta : Q \longrightarrow H_2$ are convex and differentiable with optimality criterion, and the mappings $T : C \longrightarrow C$ and $S : Q \longrightarrow Q$ satisfy the conditions (A3), (A6), (A7). Let $\phi : C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ and $\varphi : Q \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be proper lower semicontinuous and convex mappings such that $C \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$ and $Q \cap \operatorname{dom} \varphi \neq \emptyset$. Let $P : H_1 \longrightarrow H_1$ and $Q : H_2 \longrightarrow H_2$ be two demicontractive mappings with constants k_1 and k_2 , respectively, with the condition $k \in (0,1)$, where $k = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$ such that (I - P) and (I - Q) are demi-closed at zero, and $\operatorname{Fix}(P) \neq \emptyset$ and $\operatorname{Fix}(Q) \neq \emptyset$. Let $A : H_1 \longrightarrow H_3$ be a bounded linear mapping. Assume that $(x_1, y_1) \in$ $C \times Q$ and the iteration scheme $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ is defined as follows:

$$\langle \nabla \psi(u_n), u - u_n \rangle + \langle T(u_n), u - u_n \rangle + \phi(u) - \phi(u_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle u - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \ge 0; \langle \nabla \zeta(v_n), v - v_n \rangle + \langle S(v_n), v - v_n \rangle + \phi(v) - \phi(v_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle v - v_n, v_n - y_n \rangle \ge 0; x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)(u_n - \gamma_n A^*(Au_n - v_n)) + \alpha_n P(u_n - \gamma_n A^*(Au_n - v_n)); y_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)(v_n + \gamma_n (Au_n - v_n)) + \alpha_n Q(v_n + \gamma_n (Au_n - v_n)),$$

for every $u \in C$, $v \in Q$, and $n \ge 1$ where λ_A denotes the spectral radius of A^*A , $\{\gamma_n\}$ is a positive real sequence such that $\gamma_n \in (\epsilon, \frac{1}{\lambda_A} - \epsilon)$ (for ϵ small enough), $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence in (k, 1), and $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ satisfying the following conditions:

(i) for some $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1), 0 < \alpha \le \alpha_n \le \beta < 1$;

(ii) $\liminf_{n\to\infty} r_n > 0$ and $\lim_{n\to\infty} |r_{n+1} - r_n| = 0$.

If $\Omega := \operatorname{Fix}(P) \cap \operatorname{Fix}(Q) \cap \operatorname{SMCDOP}(\psi, \zeta, T, S, \phi, \varphi) \neq \emptyset$, then:

- (I) The sequence $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ weakly converges to a solution of problem (4.4).
- (II) In addition, if P and Q are demi-compact, then $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ strongly converges to a solution of problem (4.4).

4.2 Application to the split equality convex minimization problem

Problem (1.19) is called a split equality convex minimization problem. From Theorem 3.1, we can conclude to the following convergence result for problem (1.19).

Theorem 4.2 Let H_1 , H_2 , and H_3 be real Hilbert spaces, $C \subseteq H_1$ and $Q \subseteq H_2$ be nonempty closed convex subsets of H_1 and H_2 , respectively. Let $\phi : C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ and $\phi : Q \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be proper lower semicontinuous and convex mappings such that $C \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$ and $Q \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$. Let $P : H_1 \longrightarrow H_1$ and $Q : H_2 \longrightarrow H_2$ be two demi-contractive mappings with constants k_1 and k_2 , respectively, with the condition $k \in (0, 1)$, where $k = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$ such that (I - P) and (I - Q) are demi-closed at zero, and $\operatorname{Fix}(P) \neq \emptyset$ and $\operatorname{Fix}(Q) \neq \emptyset$. Let $A : H_1 \longrightarrow H_3$ and $B : H_2 \longrightarrow H_3$ be bounded linear mappings. Assume that $(x_1, y_1) \in C \times Q$ and the iteration scheme $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ is defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \phi(u) - \phi(u_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle u - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \ge 0, & \forall u \in C; \\ \varphi(v) - \varphi(v_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle v - v_n, v_n - y_n \rangle \ge 0, & \forall v \in Q; \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)(u_n - \gamma_n A^*(Au_n - Bv_n)) + \alpha_n P(u_n - \gamma_n A^*(Au_n - Bv_n)); \\ y_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)(v_n + \gamma_n B^*(Au_n - Bv_n)) + \alpha_n Q(v_n + \gamma_n B^*(Au_n - Bv_n)), & n \ge 1, \end{cases}$$

where λ_A and λ_B denote the spectral radii of A^*A and B^*B , respectively, $\{\gamma_n\}$ is a positive real sequence such that $\gamma_n \in (\epsilon, \frac{2}{\lambda_A + \lambda_B} - \epsilon)$ (for ϵ small enough), $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence in (k, 1), and $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) for some $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1), 0 < \alpha \le \alpha_n \le \beta < 1$;
- (ii) $\liminf_{n\to\infty} r_n > 0$ and $\lim_{n\to\infty} |r_{n+1} r_n| = 0$.

If $\Omega := \operatorname{Fix}(P) \cap \operatorname{Fix}(Q) \cap \operatorname{SECMP}(\phi, \varphi) \neq \emptyset$, then:

- (I) The sequence $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ weakly converges to a solution of problem (1.19).
- (II) In addition, if P and Q are demi-compact, then $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ strongly converges to a solution of problem (1.19).

If we take B = I and $H_2 = H_3$ in Theorem 4.2, then we have the following convergence result for the split convex minimization problem (1.20).

Corollary 4.2 Let H_1 and H_2 be real Hilbert spaces, $C \subseteq H_1$ and $Q \subseteq H_2$ be nonempty closed convex subsets of H_1 and H_2 , respectively. Let $\phi : C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ and $\phi : Q \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be proper lower semicontinuous and convex mappings such that $C \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$ and $Q \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$. Let $P : H_1 \longrightarrow H_1$ and $Q : H_2 \longrightarrow H_2$ be two demi-contractive mappings with constants k_1 and k_2 , respectively, with the condition $k \in (0, 1)$, where $k = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$ such that (I - P) and (I - Q) are demi-closed at zero, and $\operatorname{Fix}(P) \neq \emptyset$ and $\operatorname{Fix}(Q) \neq \emptyset$. Let $A : H_1 \longrightarrow H_3$ be a bounded linear mapping. Assume that $(x_1, y_1) \in C \times Q$ and the iteration

scheme $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ is defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \phi(u) - \phi(u_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle u - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \ge 0, & \forall u \in C; \\ \varphi(v) - \varphi(v_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle v - v_n, v_n - y_n \rangle \ge 0, & \forall v \in Q; \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)(u_n - \gamma_n A^*(Au_n - Bv_n)) + \alpha_n P(u_n - \gamma_n A^*(Au_n - Bv_n)); \\ y_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)(v_n + \gamma_n B^*(Au_n - Bv_n)) + \alpha_n Q(v_n + \gamma_n B^*(Au_n - Bv_n)), & n \ge 1, \end{cases}$$

where λ_A denotes the spectral radii of A^*A , $\{\gamma_n\}$ is a positive real sequence such that $\gamma_n \in (\epsilon, \frac{1}{\lambda_A} - \epsilon)$ (for ϵ small enough), $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence in (k, 1), and $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) for some $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1)$, $0 < \alpha \le \alpha_n \le \beta < 1$;
- (ii) $\liminf_{n\to\infty} r_n > 0$ and $\lim_{n\to\infty} |r_{n+1} r_n| = 0$.
- If $\Omega := \operatorname{Fix}(P) \cap \operatorname{Fix}(Q) \cap \operatorname{SCMP}(\phi, \varphi) \neq \emptyset$, then:
 - (I) The sequence $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ weakly converges to a solution of problem (1.20).
 - (II) In addition, if P and Q are demi-compact, then $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ strongly converges to a solution of problem (1.20).

4.3 Application to the split equality mixed equilibrium problem

It is easy to see that on taking $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$ and T = S = 0 in problem (1.17), then the split equality generalized mixed equilibrium problem (1.17) becomes the split equality mixed equilibrium problem (1.15), which was considered by Ma *et al.* [15]. The following is the convergence result for problem (1.15).

Theorem 4.3 Let H_1, H_2 , and H_3 be real Hilbert spaces, $C \subseteq H_1$ and $Q \subseteq H_2$ be nonempty closed convex subsets of H_1 and H_2 , respectively. Suppose that the bi-mappings $F : C \times C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $G : Q \times Q \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfy the conditions (A1), (A2), (A4), (A5), and (A7). Let $\phi : C \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ and $\phi : Q \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be proper lower semicontinuous and convex mappings such that $C \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$ and $Q \cap \operatorname{dom} \phi \neq \emptyset$. Let $P : H_1 \longrightarrow H_1$ and $Q : H_2 \longrightarrow H_2$ be two demi-contractive mappings with constants k_1 and k_2 , respectively, with the condition $k \in (0, 1)$, where $k = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$ such that (I - P) and (I - Q) are demi-closed at zero, and $\operatorname{Fix}(P) \neq \emptyset$ and $\operatorname{Fix}(Q) \neq \emptyset$. Let $A : H_1 \longrightarrow H_3$ and $B : H_2 \longrightarrow H_3$ be bounded linear mappings. Assume that $(x_1, y_1) \in C \times Q$ and the iteration scheme $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ is defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} F(u_n, u) + \phi(u) - \phi(u_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle u - u_n, u_n - x_n \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall u \in C; \\ G(v_n, v) + \phi(v) - \phi(v_n) + \frac{1}{r_n} \langle v - v_n, v_n - y_n \rangle \ge 0, \quad \forall v \in Q; \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)(u_n - \gamma_n A^*(Au_n - Bv_n)) + \alpha_n P(u_n - \gamma_n A^*(Au_n - Bv_n)); \\ y_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)(v_n + \gamma_n B^*(Au_n - Bv_n)) + \alpha_n Q(v_n + \gamma_n B^*(Au_n - Bv_n)), \quad n \ge 1, \end{cases}$$

where λ_A and λ_B denote the spectral radii of A^*A and B^*B , respectively, $\{\gamma_n\}$ is a positive real sequence such that $\gamma_n \in (\epsilon, \frac{2}{\lambda_A + \lambda_B} - \epsilon)$ (for ϵ small enough), $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence in (k, 1), and $\{r_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) for some $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1), 0 < \alpha \le \alpha_n \le \beta < 1$;
- (ii) $\liminf_{n\to\infty} r_n > 0$ and $\lim_{n\to\infty} |r_{n+1} r_n| = 0$.
- If $\Omega := \operatorname{Fix}(P) \cap \operatorname{Fix}(Q) \cap \operatorname{SEMEP}(F, G, \phi, \varphi) \neq \emptyset$, then:

- (I) The sequence $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ weakly converges to a solution of problem (1.15).
- (II) In addition, if P and Q are demi-compact, then $\{(x_n, y_n)\}$ strongly converges to a solution of problem (1.15).

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