

## CONVERGENCE OF AN IMPLICIT NET FOR SOLVING EQUILIBRIUM PROBLEMS AND QUASI-VARIATIONAL INCLUSIONS

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*In this article, we discuss iterative methods for finding a common solution of equilibrium problems and quasi-variational inclusion problems in Hilbert spaces. We introduce an implicit method which defines a net consisting of projection method and resolvent method. Convergence result of the proposed net is proved provided some additional conditions are fulfilled.*

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a real Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and induced norm  $\| \cdot \|$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  a nonempty closed convex subset of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $\varphi: \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bifunction. In this article, we concern the following equilibrium problem which aims to find a point  $u^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}$  such that

$$\varphi(u^\dagger, u) \geq 0, \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{C}. \quad (1)$$

Let the solution set of the equilibrium problem (1) be denoted by  $\text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \varphi)$ .

As a powerful tool, the equilibrium problem has been continuously concerned and studied by many scholars, see e.g. [3, 5, 14, 15, 24]). Now, it is well-known ([2, 17]) that the formulation (1) includes variational inequality problems ([32, 34, 37]), optimization problems ([12, 21, 22]), split problems ([8]), as well as fixed point problems ([1, 9, 11, 23, 26–30, 33, 38]).

Note that solving equilibrium problem (1) can be translated into a fixed point problem by using the resolvent technique. In fact, the resolvent of a bifunction  $\varphi: \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the set-valued operator ([2])

$$F(u^\dagger) := \{w^\dagger \in \mathcal{C} : \varphi(w^\dagger, v^\dagger) + \langle v^\dagger - w^\dagger, w^\dagger - u^\dagger \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall v^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}\}.$$

Under some conditions, we have  $\text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \varphi) = \text{Fix}(F)$ , where  $\text{Fix}(F)$  stands for the set of fixed points of  $F$ . By utilizing the resolvent method, Combettes and Hirstoaga [6] proposed an iterative algorithm of finding a point in  $\text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \varphi)$ .

Now, we consider the following generalized equilibrium problem of finding a point  $u^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}$  such that

$$\varphi(u^\dagger, u) + \langle f(u^\dagger), u - u^\dagger \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{C}. \quad (2)$$

Let the solution set of the generalized equilibrium problem (2) be denoted by  $\text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \varphi, f)$ .

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With the help of the resolvent technique, Takahashi and Takahashi [25] introduced the following iterative algorithm for finding a common point in  $\text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \varphi, f) \cap \text{Fix}(T)$

$$\begin{cases} \varphi(u_n, u) + \frac{1}{\varsigma_n} \langle u - u_n, u_n - (x_n - \varsigma_n f(x_n)) \rangle \geq 0, \forall u \in \mathcal{C}, \\ x_{n+1} = \tau_n x_n + (1 - \tau_n) T[\mu_n \hat{u} + (1 - \mu_n) u_n], \forall n \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $T : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is a nonexpansive operator.

Consequently, various methods and techniques are proposed for solving a common problem associated with equilibrium problems, please see [4, 13, 18, 19] and the references therein. Let  $\psi : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  and  $\Psi : \mathcal{H} \rightrightarrows 2^{\mathcal{H}}$  be two nonlinear operators. In this article, we investigate the following quasi-variational inclusion problem of finding a point  $u^\dagger \in \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$0 \in \Psi(u^\dagger) + \psi(u^\dagger). \quad (3)$$

The solution set of (3) is denoted by  $\text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \Psi, \psi)$ .

The quasi-variational inclusion and the relevant iterative algorithms have been investigated and proposed in the literature, see [7, 20, 31, 35, 36]. A basic algorithm for finding a point in  $\text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \Psi, \psi)$  is the following resolvent algorithm which generates a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  iteratively by

$$x_0 \in \mathcal{C}, x_{n+1} = (I + \tau \Psi)_\alpha^{-1}(x_n - \tau \psi(x_n)), \forall n \geq 0.$$

In this paper, our main purpose is to investigate the common problem of the generalized equilibrium problem (2) and the quasi-variational inclusion (3). We construct an implicit algorithm which defines a net for finding a common solution of the generalized equilibrium problem (2) and the quasi-variational inclusion (3). Under some conditions, we show that the proposed net converges weakly to a point in  $\text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \varphi, f) \cap \text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \Psi, \psi)$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Recall that an operator  $g : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is said to be  $\kappa$ -Lipschitz continuous if there is a positive constant  $\kappa$  such that

$$\|g(u^\dagger) - g(u)\| \leq \kappa \|x - y\|, \forall u^\dagger, u \in \mathcal{C}.$$

- (i)  $g$  is said to be nonexpansive if  $\kappa = 1$ .
- (ii)  $g$  is said to be contractive if  $\kappa < 1$ .

An operator  $g : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is said to be firmly nonexpansive if

$$\|g(u) - g(u^\dagger)\|^2 \leq \langle u - u^\dagger, g(u) - g(u^\dagger) \rangle$$

for all  $u, u^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}$ .

An operator  $f : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone if for some  $\alpha > 0$ , the following inequality holds

$$\langle f(u^\dagger) - f(u), u^\dagger - u \rangle \geq \alpha \|f(u^\dagger) - f(u)\|^2, \forall u^\dagger, u \in \mathcal{C}.$$

In this case, we call  $f$   $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone. It is easy to show that  $\alpha$ -inverse-strongly monotone operator  $f$  is  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ -Lipschitz continuous.

Let  $\varphi : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bifunction. Suppose that the following four conditions are fulfilled

- ( $\varphi 1$ ) :  $\varphi(u^\dagger, u^\dagger) = 0, \forall u^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}$ ;
- ( $\varphi 2$ ) :  $\varphi(u^\dagger, v^\dagger) + \varphi(v^\dagger, u^\dagger) \leq 0, \forall u^\dagger, v^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}$ ;
- ( $\varphi 3$ ) :  $\lim_{t \downarrow 0} \varphi(tw^\dagger + (1 - t)u^\dagger, v^\dagger) \leq \varphi(u^\dagger, v^\dagger), \forall u^\dagger, v^\dagger, w^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}$ ;
- ( $\varphi 4$ ) : for each  $u^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $v^\dagger \mapsto \varphi(u^\dagger, v^\dagger)$  is convex and lower semicontinuous.

Recall that a linear bounded operator  $\phi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is said to be  $\sigma$  strongly positive if there exists a constant  $\sigma > 0$  such that

$$\langle \phi(u^\dagger), u^\dagger \rangle \geq \sigma \|u^\dagger\|^2, \forall u^\dagger \in \mathcal{H}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Recall that the well-known metric projection  $\text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is defined by

$$\text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}(u^\dagger) := \arg \min_{u \in \mathcal{C}} \|u - u^\dagger\|, u^\dagger \in \mathcal{H}.$$

$\text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}$  is firmly nonexpansive and satisfies

$$u^\dagger \in \mathcal{H}, \langle u^\dagger - \text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}(u^\dagger), u - \text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}(u^\dagger) \rangle \leq 0, \forall u \in \mathcal{C}. \quad (4)$$

Assume that  $\Psi : \mathcal{H} \rightrightarrows 2^{\mathcal{H}}$  is a multi-valued operator. Write  $\text{dom}(\Psi) = \{u^\dagger \in \mathcal{H} : \Psi(u^\dagger) \neq \emptyset\}$  and  $\Psi^{-1}(0) := \{u^\dagger \in \mathcal{H} : 0 \in \Psi(u^\dagger)\}$ .

Recall that an operator  $\Psi : \mathcal{H} \rightrightarrows 2^{\mathcal{H}}$  is said to be monotone if and only if

$$\langle u - u^\dagger, p - q \rangle \geq 0, \forall u, u^\dagger \in \text{dom}(\Psi)$$

where  $p \in \Psi(u)$  and  $q \in \Psi(u^\dagger)$ .

A monotone operator  $\Psi : \mathcal{H} \rightrightarrows 2^{\mathcal{H}}$  is maximal monotone if and only if the graph of  $\Psi$  is not strictly contained in the graph of any other monotone operator.

Assume that  $\Psi : \mathcal{H} \rightrightarrows 2^{\mathcal{H}}$  is a maximal monotone operator. Define an operator  $J_\alpha^\Psi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \text{dom}(\Psi)$  by the following way

$$J_\tau^\Psi := (I + \tau \Psi)^{-1}$$

where  $\tau > 0$  is a constant.

$J_\alpha^\Psi$  is said to be the resolvent of  $\psi$ , which has the following properties

- (i)  $J_\alpha^\Psi$  is single-valued and firmly nonexpansive.
- (ii) For any  $\tau > 0$ ,  $\Psi^{-1}(0) = \text{Fix}(J_\tau^\Psi) := \{u^\dagger \in \mathcal{H} : J_\tau^\Psi(u^\dagger) = u^\dagger\}$ .

**Lemma 2.1** ([6]). *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $\varphi : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  be a bifunction fulfilling conditions (φ1)-(φ4) above. Then, for  $\varsigma > 0$  and  $u^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}$ , there exists a point  $w^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}$  satisfying*

$$\varphi(w^\dagger, v^\dagger) + \frac{1}{\varsigma} \langle v^\dagger - w^\dagger, w^\dagger - u^\dagger \rangle \geq 0, \forall v^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}.$$

Write

$$F_\varsigma(u^\dagger) := \{w^\dagger \in \mathcal{C} : \varphi(w^\dagger, v^\dagger) + \frac{1}{\varsigma} \langle v^\dagger - w^\dagger, w^\dagger - u^\dagger \rangle \geq 0, \forall v^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}\}.$$

Then, we have

- (i)  $F_\varsigma$  is single-valued and firmly nonexpansive;
- (ii)  $\text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \varphi)$  is closed convex and  $\text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \varphi) = \text{Fix}(F_\varsigma)$ .

**Lemma 2.2** ([16]). *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $f : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator. Then, the following result holds*

$$\|(I - \varsigma f)u^\dagger - (I - \varsigma f)u\|^2 \leq \|u^\dagger - u\|^2 + \varsigma(\varsigma - 2\alpha)\|f(u^\dagger) - f(u)\|^2, \forall u^\dagger, u \in \mathcal{C},$$

where  $\varsigma$  is a positive constant.

It is obviously that  $I - \varsigma f$  is nonexpansive if  $0 \leq \varsigma \leq 2\alpha$ .

**Lemma 2.3** ([10]). *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $T : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be a nonexpansive operator. Let  $\{u_n\} \subset \mathcal{C}$  be a sequence. If  $u_n \rightharpoonup u^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $u_n - Tu_n \rightarrow \hat{u}$ , then we have  $(I - T)u^\dagger = \hat{u}$ .*

### 3. Main results

In this section, we propose an implicit net and show that it converges weakly to a common solution of the generalized equilibrium problem (2) and the quasi-variational inclusion (3).

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $\varphi : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bifunction satisfying conditions  $(\varphi 1)$ - $(\varphi 4)$ . Let  $g : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be a  $\kappa$  contractive operator. Let  $\Psi : \mathcal{H} \rightrightarrows 2^{\mathcal{H}}$  be a maximal monotone operator fulfilling  $\text{dom}(\Psi) \subset \mathcal{C}$ . Let  $f : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be an  $\alpha$ -inverse strongly monotone operator and  $\psi : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be a  $\beta$ -inverse strongly monotone operator. Let  $\phi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be a  $\sigma$  strongly positive bounded linear operator. Let  $\tau, \gamma, \varsigma$  and  $\mu$  be four constants such that  $\varsigma \in (0, 2\alpha)$ ,  $\tau \in (0, 2\beta)$ ,  $\gamma \in (0, \frac{\sigma}{\kappa})$  and  $\mu \in (0, 1)$ .

**Algorithm 3.1.** For each  $t \in (0, \frac{1}{(1-\mu)(\sigma-\gamma\kappa)})$ , define a net  $\{x_t\}$  by the following implicit manner

$$\begin{cases} \varphi(u_t, x) + \frac{1}{\varsigma} \langle x - u_t, u_t - \text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}[t\gamma g(x_t) + (I - t\phi)(x_t - \varsigma f(x_t))] \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{C}, \\ x_t = \mu J_{\tau}^{\Psi}(I - \tau\psi)x_t + (1 - \mu)u_t, \quad \forall t \in (0, \frac{1}{(1-\mu)(\sigma-\gamma\kappa)}). \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose that  $\Gamma := \text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \varphi, f) \cap \text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \Psi, \psi) \neq \emptyset$ . Then, as  $t \rightarrow 0+$ , the net  $\{x_t\}$  defined by Algorithm 3.1 converges weakly to a point in  $\Gamma$ .

*Proof.* We divide our proof into several steps.

**Step 1.** The net  $\{x_t\}$  defined by Algorithm 3.1 is well-defined.

For each  $t > 0$ , set

$$\Phi_t := F_{\varsigma} \text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}[t\gamma g + (I - t\phi)(I - \varsigma f)]$$

and

$$G_t := \mu J_{\tau}^{\Psi}(I - \tau\psi) + (1 - \mu)\Phi_t.$$

Based on Lemma 2.1, we have  $u_t = \Phi_t(x_t)$  and  $F_{\varsigma}$  is firmly nonexpansive. By Lemma 2.2,  $I - \varsigma f$  is nonexpansive for all  $\varsigma \in (0, 2\alpha)$ . Then, for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{C}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi_t(x) - \Phi_t(y)\| &= \|F_{\varsigma} \text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}[t\gamma g + (I - t\phi)(I - \varsigma f)]x - F_{\varsigma} \text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}[t\gamma g + (I - t\phi)(I - \varsigma f)]y\| \\ &\leq t\gamma\|g(x) - g(y)\| + |I - t\phi|\|(I - \varsigma f)x - (I - \varsigma f)y\| \\ &\leq t\gamma\kappa\|x - y\| + (1 - \sigma t)\|x - y\| \\ &= [1 - (\sigma - \gamma\kappa)t]\|x - y\|. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Since  $J_{\tau}^{\Psi}(I - \tau\psi)$  is nonexpansive, from (6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|G_t x - G_t y\| &= \|\mu J_{\tau}^{\Psi}(I - \tau\psi)x + (1 - \mu)\Phi_t(x) - \mu J_{\tau}^{\Psi}(I - \tau\psi)y - (1 - \mu)\Phi_t(y)\| \\ &\leq \mu\|J_{\tau}^{\Psi}(I - \tau\psi)x - J_{\tau}^{\Psi}(I - \tau\psi)y\| + (1 - \mu)\|\Phi_t(x) - \Phi_t(y)\| \\ &\leq \mu\|x - y\| + (1 - \mu)[1 - (\sigma - \gamma\kappa)t]\|x - y\| \\ &= [1 - (1 - \mu)(\sigma - \gamma\kappa)t]\|x - y\|. \end{aligned}$$

If  $t \in (0, \frac{1}{(1-\mu)(\sigma-\gamma\kappa)})$ , then  $G_t$  is a contractive operator. Hence, for each  $t \in (0, \frac{1}{(1-\mu)(\sigma-\gamma\kappa)})$ ,  $G_t$  has a unique fixed point in  $\mathcal{C}$ , denoted by  $x_t$ . Namely,  $x_t = G_t(x_t)$ . Therefore, (5) is well-defined.

**Step 2.** The net  $\{x_t\}$  generated by (5) is bounded.

Let  $p^\dagger \in \Gamma$ . Then, we have  $J_\tau^\Psi(p^\dagger - \tau\psi(p^\dagger)) = F_\zeta \text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}[p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger)] = p^\dagger$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_t - p^\dagger\| &= \|F_\zeta \text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}[t\gamma g(x_t) + (I - t\phi)(x_t - \zeta f(x_t))] - F_\zeta \text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}[(p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))]\| \\
&\leq \|t\gamma g(x_t) + (I - t\phi)(x_t - \zeta f(x_t)) - (p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\| \\
&= \|t\gamma(g(x_t) - g(p^\dagger)) + (I - t\phi)[x_t - \zeta f(x_t) - (p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))]\| \\
&\quad + t[\gamma g(p^\dagger) - \phi(p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))]\| \\
&\leq t\gamma\|g(x_t) - g(p^\dagger)\| + |I - t\phi|\|x_t - \zeta f(x_t) - (p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\| \\
&\quad + t\|\gamma g(p^\dagger) - \phi(p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\| \\
&\leq [1 - (\sigma - \gamma\kappa)t]\|x_t - p^\dagger\| + t\|\gamma g(p^\dagger) - \phi(p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\|.
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

According to (5) and (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x_t - p^\dagger\| &= \|\mu J_\tau^\Psi(I - \tau\psi)x_t + (1 - \mu)u_t - p^\dagger\| \\
&\leq \mu\|J_\tau^\Psi(I - \tau\psi)x_t - J_\tau^\Psi(p^\dagger - \tau\psi(p^\dagger))\| + (1 - \mu)\|u_t - p^\dagger\| \\
&\leq \mu\|x_t - p^\dagger\| + (1 - \mu)\|u_t - p^\dagger\|.
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x_t - p^\dagger\| &\leq \|u_t - p^\dagger\| \\
&\leq [1 - (\sigma - \gamma\kappa)t]\|x_t - p^\dagger\| + t\|\gamma g(p^\dagger) - \phi(p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\|,
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

which implies that

$$\|x_t - p^\dagger\| \leq \frac{\|\gamma g(p^\dagger) - \phi(p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\|}{\sigma - \gamma\kappa}.$$

So,  $\{x_t\}$  is bounded.

**Step 3.**  $\{x_t\}$  is relatively norm compact as  $t \rightarrow 0+$ .

Taking into account (7) and Lemma 2.2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_t - p^\dagger\|^2 &\leq \|t(\gamma g(x_t) - \phi(p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))) + (I - t\phi)[x_t - \zeta f(x_t) - (p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))]\|^2 \\
&\leq [t\|\gamma g(x_t) - \phi(p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\| + |I - t\phi|\|x_t - \zeta f(x_t) - (p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\|]^2 \\
&\leq [t\sigma\|\gamma g(x_t) - \phi(p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\|/\sigma + (1 - \sigma t)\|x_t - \zeta f(x_t) - (p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\|]^2 \\
&\leq t\|\gamma g(x_t) - \phi(p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\|^2/\sigma + (1 - \sigma t)\|x_t - \zeta f(x_t) - (p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\|^2 \\
&\leq t\|\gamma g(x_t) - \phi(p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\|^2/\sigma + (1 - \sigma t)\|x_t - p^\dagger\|^2 \\
&\quad - \varsigma(2\alpha - \varsigma)\|f(x_t) - f(p^\dagger)\|^2].
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Combining (8) and (9), we receive

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x_t - p^\dagger\|^2 &\leq \|u_t - p^\dagger\|^2 \\
&\leq t\|\gamma g(x_t) - \phi(p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\|^2/\sigma + (1 - \sigma t)[\|x_t - p^\dagger\|^2 \\
&\quad - \varsigma(2\alpha - \varsigma)\|f(x_t) - f(p^\dagger)\|^2].
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$(1 - \sigma t)\varsigma(2\alpha - \varsigma)\|f(x_t) - f(p^\dagger)\|^2 \leq t\|\gamma g(x_t) - \phi(p^\dagger - \zeta f(p^\dagger))\|^2/\sigma \rightarrow 0 \quad (t \rightarrow 0+).$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \|f(x_t) - f(p^\dagger)\| = 0. \tag{10}$$

Owing to (5) and Lemma 2.1, we achieve

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_t - p^\dagger\|^2 &= \|F_\varsigma \text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}[t\gamma g(x_t) + (I - t\phi)(x_t - \varsigma f(x_t))] - F_\varsigma \text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}[(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger))]\|^2 \\
&\leq \langle [t\gamma g(x_t) + (I - t\phi)(x_t - \varsigma f(x_t))] - [(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger))], u_t - p^\dagger \rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (\| [t\gamma g(x_t) + (I - t\phi)(x_t - \varsigma f(x_t))] - [(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger))] \|^2 \\
&\quad + \|u_t - p^\dagger\|^2 - \| [t\gamma g(x_t) + (I - t\phi)(x_t - \varsigma f(x_t))] \\
&\quad - [(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger))] - u_t + p^\dagger \|^2). 
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_t - p^\dagger\|^2 &\leq \| [t\gamma g(x_t) + (I - t\phi)(x_t - \varsigma f(x_t))] - [(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger))] \|^2 \\
&\quad - \| [t\gamma g(x_t) + (I - t\phi)(x_t - \varsigma f(x_t))] - [(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger))] - u_t + p^\dagger \|^2 \\
&\leq t \|\gamma g(x_t) - \phi(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger))\|^2 / \sigma + (1 - \sigma t) \|x_t - p^\dagger\|^2 \\
&\quad - \| [t\gamma g(x_t) + (I - t\phi)(x_t - \varsigma f(x_t))] - u_t + \varsigma f(p^\dagger) \|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

This together with (8) implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x_t - p^\dagger\|^2 &\leq \|u_t - p^\dagger\|^2 \\
&\leq t \|\gamma g(x_t) - \phi(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger))\|^2 / \sigma + (1 - \sigma t) \|x_t - p^\dagger\|^2 \\
&\quad - \| [t\gamma g(x_t) + (I - t\phi)(x_t - \varsigma f(x_t))] - u_t + \varsigma f(p^\dagger) \|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\| [t\gamma g(x_t) + (I - t\phi)(x_t - \varsigma f(x_t))] - u_t + \varsigma f(p^\dagger) \|^2 \leq t \|\gamma g(x_t) - \phi(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger))\|^2 / \sigma \rightarrow 0.$$

With the help of (10), we deduce

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \|x_t - u_t\| = 0. \tag{12}$$

Then,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \|x_t - J_\tau^\Psi(I - \tau\psi)x_t\| = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (1 - \mu) \|x_t - u_t\| = 0. \tag{13}$$

Thanks to (12), we attain

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_t - p^\dagger\|^2 &\leq \langle [t\gamma g(x_t) + (I - t\phi)(x_t - \varsigma f(x_t))] - [(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger))], u_t - p^\dagger \rangle \\
&\leq t\gamma \langle g(x_t) - g(p^\dagger), u_t - p^\dagger \rangle + (I - t\phi) \langle (x_t - \varsigma f(x_t)) - (p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger)), u_t - p^\dagger \rangle \\
&\quad + t \langle \gamma g(p^\dagger) - \phi(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger)), u_t - p^\dagger \rangle \\
&\leq t\gamma \|g(x_t) - g(p^\dagger)\| \|u_t - p^\dagger\| + |I - t\phi| \|(x_t - \varsigma f(x_t)) - (p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger))\| \\
&\quad \times \|u_t - p^\dagger\| + t \langle \gamma g(p^\dagger) - \phi(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger)), u_t - p^\dagger \rangle \\
&\leq [1 - (\sigma - \gamma\kappa)t] \|x_t - p^\dagger\| \|u_t - p^\dagger\| + t \langle \gamma g(p^\dagger) - \phi(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger)), u_t - p^\dagger \rangle \\
&\leq \frac{1 - (\sigma - \gamma\kappa)t}{2} \|x_t - p^\dagger\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|u_t - p^\dagger\|^2 \\
&\quad + t \langle \gamma g(p^\dagger) - \phi(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger)), u_t - p^\dagger \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x_t - p^\dagger\|^2 &\leq \|u_t - p^\dagger\|^2 \leq [1 - (\sigma - \gamma\kappa)t] \|x_t - p^\dagger\|^2 \\
&\quad + 2t \langle \gamma g(p^\dagger) - \phi(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger)), u_t - p^\dagger \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\|x_t - p^\dagger\|^2 \leq \frac{2}{\sigma - \gamma\kappa} \langle \gamma g(p^\dagger) - \phi(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger)), u_t - p^\dagger \rangle. \quad (14)$$

Next we show that  $\{x_t\}$  is relatively norm compact as  $t \rightarrow 0+$ . Let  $\{t_n\} \subset (0, 1)$  be a sequence such that  $t_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Put  $x_n^{(1)} := x_{t_n}$  and  $u_n^{(1)} := u_{t_n}$ . From (13), we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n^{(1)} - J_\tau^\Psi(I - \tau\psi)x_n^{(1)}\| = 0. \quad (15)$$

By (14), we have

$$\|x_n^{(1)} - p^\dagger\|^2 \leq \frac{2}{\sigma - \gamma\kappa} \langle \gamma g(p^\dagger) - \phi(p^\dagger - \varsigma f(p^\dagger)), u_n^{(1)} - p^\dagger \rangle. \quad (16)$$

Since  $\{x_n^{(1)}\}$  is bounded, there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_i}^{(1)}\} \subset \{x_n^{(1)}\}$  such that  $x_{n_i}^{(1)} \rightharpoonup x^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ . Applying Lemma 2.3, we deduce that  $x^\dagger \in \text{Fix}(J_\tau^\Psi(I - \tau\psi)) = \text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \Psi, \psi)$ .

On the other hand, utilizing (12), we have  $u_{n_i}^{(1)} \rightharpoonup x^\dagger$ . Note that

$$u_{n_i}^{(1)} = \Phi_{t_{n_i}}(x_{n_i}^{(1)}) = F_\varsigma \text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}[t_{n_i} \gamma g(x_{n_i}^{(1)}) + (I - t_{n_i} \phi)(x_{n_i}^{(1)} - \varsigma f(x_{n_i}^{(1)}))]$$

and the operator  $F_\varsigma \text{proj}_{\mathcal{C}}(I - \varsigma f)$  is nonexpansive. By Lemma 2.3, we get  $x^\dagger \in \text{Sol}(\mathcal{C}, \varphi, f)$ . Therefore,  $x^\dagger \in \Gamma$ . Substituting  $p^\dagger$  with  $x^\dagger$  in (16), we obtain

$$\|x_{n_i}^{(1)} - x^\dagger\|^2 \leq \frac{2}{\sigma - \gamma\kappa} \langle \gamma g(x^\dagger) - \phi(x^\dagger - \varsigma f(x^\dagger)), u_{n_i}^{(1)} - x^\dagger \rangle. \quad (17)$$

Since  $u_{n_i}^{(1)} \rightharpoonup x^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}$ , it follows from (17) that  $x_{n_i}^{(1)} \rightarrow x^\dagger$ . This has proved the relative norm-compactness of the net  $\{x_t\}$  as  $t \rightarrow 0+$ .

**Step 4.** The whole net  $x_t \rightarrow x^\dagger$  as  $t \rightarrow 0+$ .

Since  $\{x_t\}$  is relatively norm compact as  $t \rightarrow 0+$ . Let  $\{s_n\} \subset (0, 1)$  be another sequence such that  $s_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Set  $x_n^{(2)} := x_{s_n}$  and  $u_n^{(2)} := u_{s_n}$ . Since  $\{x_n^{(2)}\}$  is bounded, there is another subsequence  $\{x_{n_j}^{(2)}\} \subset \{x_n^{(2)}\}$  satisfying  $x_{n_j}^{(2)} \rightharpoonup y^\dagger$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . Consequently, we deduce  $y^\dagger \in \Gamma$  and

$$\|x_{n_j}^{(2)} - y^\dagger\|^2 \leq \frac{2}{\sigma - \gamma\kappa} \langle \gamma g(y^\dagger) - \phi(y^\dagger - \varsigma f(y^\dagger)), u_{n_j}^{(2)} - y^\dagger \rangle. \quad (18)$$

Since  $u_{n_j}^{(2)} \rightharpoonup y^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}$ , it follows from (18) that  $x_{n_j}^{(2)} \rightarrow y^\dagger$ . Take into account of (14), we acquire

$$\|x_{n_i}^{(1)} - y^\dagger\|^2 \leq \frac{2}{\sigma - \gamma\kappa} \langle \gamma g(y^\dagger) - \phi(y^\dagger - \varsigma f(y^\dagger)), u_{n_i}^{(1)} - y^\dagger \rangle. \quad (19)$$

and

$$\|x_{n_j}^{(2)} - x^\dagger\|^2 \leq \frac{2}{\sigma - \gamma\kappa} \langle \gamma g(x^\dagger) - \phi(x^\dagger - \varsigma f(x^\dagger)), u_{n_j}^{(2)} - x^\dagger \rangle. \quad (20)$$

Letting  $i \rightarrow \infty$  in (19) and noting that  $u_{n_i}^{(1)} \rightharpoonup x^\dagger$  ( $i \rightarrow \infty$ ), we have

$$\langle \gamma g(y^\dagger) - \phi(y^\dagger - \varsigma f(y^\dagger)), x^\dagger - y^\dagger \rangle \geq 0. \quad (21)$$

Letting  $j \rightarrow \infty$  in (20) and noting that  $u_{n_j}^{(2)} \rightharpoonup y^\dagger$  ( $j \rightarrow \infty$ ), we have

$$\langle \gamma g(x^\dagger) - \phi(x^\dagger - \varsigma f(x^\dagger)), y^\dagger - x^\dagger \rangle \geq 0. \quad (22)$$

Combining (21) and (22), we conclude that  $x^\dagger = y^\dagger$ . Therefore, the whole net  $x_t \rightarrow x^\dagger$  as  $t \rightarrow 0+$ . The proof is completed.  $\square$

#### 4. Conclusions

Equilibrium problems and quasi-variational inclusion problems provide a unified frame for solving many problems arising from science and engineering. In this paper, we investigate a common problem of the generalized equilibrium problem (2) and the quasi-variational inclusion (3) in Hilbert spaces. With the help of resolvent method, we propose an implicit algorithm [Algorithm 3.1] for finding a common solution of the generalized equilibrium problem (2) and the quasi-variational inclusion (3). We show that the net  $\{x_t\}$  defined by Algorithm 3.1 weakly converges to a common solution of the generalized equilibrium problem (2) provided some mild conditions are satisfied.

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