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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we present two new iterative algorithms for approximating a solution of the multiple-sets split feasibility problem. The suggested algorithms are based on the gradient method with selection technique. Weak and strong convergence theorems are demonstrated.

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## 1. Introduction

Inverse problems in various disciplines can be expressed as split feasibility problems and their generalizations, such as the multiple-sets split feasibility problem (MSSFP) and the split common fixed point problem (see, e.g. [1–8]), and many iterative algorithms have been presented to solve these problems, see for example [9–28] and references therein.

In the present paper, we focus on the multiple-set split feasibility problem which is a general way to characterize various inverse problems arising in many real-world application problems, such as medical image reconstruction and intensity-modulated radiation therapy.

Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be two real Hilbert spaces with their own inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and norm  $\| \cdot \|$ , respectively. Let  $s$  and  $t$  be positive integers and let  $\{C_i\}_{i=1}^s$  and  $\{Q_j\}_{j=1}^t$  be two finite families of closed convex subsets of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively. Let  $A: H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  be a bounded linear operator with its adjoint operator  $A^*$ . MSSFP

is to find a point  $x^*$  such that

$$x^* \in \bigcap_{i=1}^s C_i \quad \text{and} \quad Ax^* \in \bigcap_{j=1}^t Q_j. \quad (1)$$

Assume MSSFP (1) is consistent, i.e. it is solvable, and  $\emptyset \neq \Omega$  denotes its solution set.

The case where  $s = t = 1$ , called the split feasibility problem (SFP), was introduced by Censor and Elfving [29], modelling phase retrieval and other image restoration problems, and further studied and extended by many researchers; see, for instance, [30–41].

Note that  $x^*$  solves the MSSFP (1) implies that the distance from  $x^*$  to each  $C_i$  is zero and the distance from  $Ax^*$  to each  $Q_j$  is also zero. This motivates us to consider the proximity function

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^s \alpha_i \|x - P_{C_i}x\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^t \beta_j \|Ax - P_{Q_j}Ax\|^2 \quad (2)$$

where  $\{\alpha_i\}$  and  $\{\beta_j\}$  are positive real numbers, and  $P_{C_i}$  and  $P_{Q_j}$  are the metric projections onto  $C_i$  and  $Q_j$ , respectively.

It is known that  $x^*$  is a solution of MSSFP (1) iff  $g(x^*) = 0$ . Since  $g(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in H_1$ , a solution of MSSFP (1) is a minimizer of  $g$  over any closed convex subset, with minimum value of zero. Note that this proximity function is convex and differentiable with gradient

$$\nabla g(x) = \sum_{i=1}^s \alpha_i (I - P_{C_i})x + \sum_{j=1}^t \beta_j A^* (I - P_{Q_j})Ax.$$

Since the gradient  $\nabla g(x)$  is  $L$ -Lipschitz continuous [35] with constant

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^s \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^t \beta_j \|A\|^2,$$

one of the most popular methods for solving the minimization problem

$$\min_{x \in \Gamma} g(x) \quad (3)$$

is the gradient method that takes the following iterative manner

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= x_n - \tau_n \nabla g(x_n) \\ &= x_n - \tau_n \left( \sum_{i=1}^s \alpha_i (I - P_{C_i})x_n + \sum_{j=1}^t \beta_j A^* (I - P_{Q_j})Ax_n \right), \quad n \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Here, the stepsize  $\tau_n$  may be selected using various ways.

When  $s = t = 1$ , we have the following gradient algorithm for solving two-sets split feasibility problem

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \tau_n((I - P_C)x_n + A^*(I - P_Q)Ax_n), \quad n \geq 0. \quad (5)$$

On the other hand, we note that  $x^*$  is a solution of MSSFP (1) iff  $f(x^*) = 0$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \max_{1 \leq i \leq s} \|x - P_{C_i}x\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \max_{1 \leq j \leq t} \|Ax - P_{Q_j}Ax\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|x - P_{C_{i(x)}}x\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - P_{Q_{j(x)}}Ax\|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

in which

$$\begin{aligned} i(x) &\in \left\{ i \mid \max_{1 \leq i \leq s} \|x - P_{C_i}x\| \right\}, \\ j(x) &\in \left\{ j \mid \max_{1 \leq j \leq t} \|Ax - P_{Q_j}Ax\| \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we can construct a version of (5) to solve MSSFP (1). In each iteration, our algorithm needs to compute only two projections, one from  $\{P_{C_{i_n}}x_n\}_{i=1}^s$  and another one from  $\{(I - P_{Q_{j_n}})Ax_n\}_{j=1}^t$ .

It is our main purpose in this paper to present two new iterative algorithms for approximating a solution of MSSFP (1). The suggested algorithms are based on the gradient method with selection technique. Weak and strong convergence theorems are demonstrated.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of a real Hilbert space  $H$ . The (nearest point or metric) projection, denoted by  $P_C$ , from  $H$  onto  $C$  has the following characteristic [30] (for  $v^\dagger \in H$ )

$$\langle v^\dagger - P_Cv^\dagger, v - P_Cv^\dagger \rangle \leq 0, \quad (7)$$

for all  $v \in C$ .

It then follows that [42]

$$\langle v^\dagger - P_Cv^\dagger, v^\dagger - v \rangle \geq \|v^\dagger - P_Cv^\dagger\|^2, \quad (8)$$

for all  $v \in C$  and  $v^\dagger \in H$ .

It is obvious that  $P_C$  is nonexpansive, i.e.  $\|P_Cu - P_Cu^\dagger\| \leq \|u - u^\dagger\|$  for all  $u, u^\dagger \in H$ .

**Lemma 2.1 ([43]):** *Let  $C$  be a nonempty closed convex of a real Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $T: C \rightarrow C$  be a nonexpansive mapping. Then  $I - T$  is demi-closed at 0, i.e. if  $x_n \rightharpoonup x \in C$  and  $x_n - Tx_n \rightarrow 0$ , then  $x = Tx$ .*

Given a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $H_1$ ,  $\omega_w(x_n)$  stands for the set of cluster points in the weak topology, that is,

$$\omega_w(x_n) = \{x : \exists x_{n_i} \rightarrow x \text{ weakly}\}.$$

**Lemma 2.2** ([44]): *Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space and  $\{x_n\}$  a sequence in  $H$  such that there exists a nonempty closed set  $\Omega \in H$  satisfying*

- (i) *For every  $z \in \Omega$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - z\|$  exists;*
- (ii)  $\omega_w(x_n) \subset \Omega$ .

*Then, there exists  $\bar{z} \in \Omega$  such that  $\{x_n\}$  weakly converges to  $\bar{z}$ .*

**Lemma 2.3** ([45]): *Assume that  $\{\delta_n\}$  is a sequence of nonnegative real numbers such that*

$$\delta_{n+1} \leq (1 - \xi_n)\delta_n + \xi_n\sigma,$$

*where  $\{\xi_n\}$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  and  $\{\sigma_n\}$  is a sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that*

- (i)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \xi_n = \infty$ ;
- (ii)  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n \leq 0$  or  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\xi_n\sigma_n| < \infty$ .

*Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n = 0$ .*

### 3. Main results

Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be two real Hilbert spaces. Let  $s$  and  $t$  be positive integers and let  $\{C_i\}_{i=1}^s$  and  $\{Q_j\}_{j=1}^t$  be two finite families of closed convex subsets of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , respectively. Let  $A: H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  be a bounded linear operator with its adjoint operator  $A^*$ . Throughout, assume

$$\Omega = \left\{ \bar{z} : \bar{z} \in \bigcap_{i=1}^s C_i \text{ and } A\bar{z} \in \bigcap_{j=1}^t Q_j \right\} \neq \emptyset.$$

Next we present the following iterative algorithm to solve MSSFP (1).

**Algorithm 3.1:** Choose an arbitrary initial value  $x_1 \in H_1$ . Assume  $x_n$  has been constructed. Compute

$$\begin{aligned} z_n &= P_{C_{i_n}} x_n, \\ y_n &= A^*(I - P_{Q_{j_n}})Ax_n, \quad n \geq 1, \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} i_n &\in \left\{ i \mid \max_{i \in I_1} \|x_n - P_{C_i} x_n\|, I_1 = \{1, 2, \dots, s\} \right\}, \\ j_n &\in \left\{ j \mid \max_{j \in I_2} \|Ax_n - P_{Q_j} Ax_n\|, I_2 = \{1, 2, \dots, t\} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

If

$$\|x_n + y_n - z_n\| = 0, \quad (11)$$

then stop (in this case  $x_n \in \Omega$  by Remark 3.1 below); otherwise, continue and construct  $x_{n+1}$  via the manner

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \tau_n(x_n + y_n - z_n), \quad (12)$$

where

$$\tau_n = \lambda_n \frac{\|x_n - z_n\|^2 + \|y_n\|^2}{2\|x_n + y_n - z_n\|^2},$$

in which  $\lambda_n > 0$ .

**Remark 3.1:** The equality (11) holds if and only if  $x_n$  is a solution of MSSFP (1). First, assume the equality (11) holds. For any  $z \in \Omega$ , by (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle x_n + y_n - z_n, x_n - z \rangle \\ &= \langle x_n - P_{C_{i_n}} x_n, x_n - z \rangle + \langle A^*(I - P_{Q_{j_n}})Ax_n, x_n - z \rangle \\ &= \langle x_n - P_{C_{i_n}} x_n, x_n - z \rangle + \langle (I - P_{Q_{j_n}})Ax_n, Ax_n - Az \rangle \\ &\geq \|x_n - P_{C_{i_n}} x_n\|^2 + \|(I - P_{Q_{j_n}})Ax_n\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

which implies that

$$\|x_n - P_{C_{i_n}} x_n\| = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \|(I - P_{Q_{j_n}})Ax_n\| = 0. \quad (14)$$

According to the definitions of  $i_n$  and  $j_n$ , it follows from (14) that

$$\|x_n - P_{C_i} x_n\| = 0 \text{ for all } i \in I_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|Ax_n - P_{Q_j} Ax_n\| = 0 \text{ for all } j \in I_2.$$

Hence,  $x_n \in \bigcap_{i=1}^s C_i$  and  $Ax_n \in \bigcap_{j=1}^t Q_j$ . Therefore,  $x_n \in \Omega$ .

Assume that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 3.1 is infinite. In other words, Algorithm 3.1 does not terminate in a finite number of iterations. Next, we demonstrate the convergence analysis of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 3.1.

**Theorem 3.1:** *If  $0 < \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n < 4$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 3.1 converges weakly to a solution of MSSFP (1).*

**Proof:** Firstly, we show that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded. Picking up  $z \in \Omega$ , from (13), we have

$$\langle x_n + y_n - z_n, x_n - z \rangle \geq \|x_n - z_n\|^2 + \|y_n\|^2. \quad (15)$$

By (12) and (15), we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - z\|^2 &= \|x_n - z - \tau_n(x_n + y_n - z_n)\|^2 \\ &= \|x_n - z\|^2 - 2\tau_n \langle x_n + y_n - z_n, x_n - z \rangle \\ &\quad + \tau_n^2 \|x_n + y_n - z_n\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x_n - z\|^2 - \frac{\lambda_n(\|x_n - z_n\|^2 + \|y_n\|^2)^2}{\|x_n + y_n - z_n\|^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{\lambda_n^2(\|x_n - z_n\|^2 + \|y_n\|^2)^2}{4\|x_n + y_n - z_n\|^2} \\ &= \|x_n - z\|^2 - \lambda_n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{4}\right) \frac{(\|x_n - z_n\|^2 + \|y_n\|^2)^2}{\|x_n + y_n - z_n\|^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

This implies that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - z\|$  exists. Thus, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded, and so are the sequences  $\{Ax_n\}$ ,  $\{P_{Q_j}x_n\} (j \in I_2)$  and  $\{P_{C_i}x_n\} (i \in I_1)$ .

We next show that every weak cluster point of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  belongs to the solution set, i.e.  $\omega_w(x_n) \subset \Omega$ .

In terms of (16), we get

$$\lambda_n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{4}\right) \frac{(\|x_n - z_n\|^2 + \|y_n\|^2)^2}{\|x_n + y_n - z_n\|^2} \leq \|x_n - z - \|x_{n+1} - z\|^2$$

It follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\|x_n - z_n\|^2 + \|y_n\|^2)^2}{\|x_n + y_n - z_n\|^2} = 0.$$

This together with the boundedness of the sequence  $\{x_n + y_n - z_n\}$  implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - z_n\| = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y_n\| = 0.$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - P_{C_i}x_n\| = 0 \quad \text{for all } i \in I_1,$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Ax_n - P_{Q_j}Ax_n\| = 0 \quad \text{for all } j \in I_2.$$

By the demiclosedness (Lemma 2.1) of  $I - P_{C_i}$  (for all  $i \in I_1$ ) and  $I - P_{Q_j}$  (for all  $j \in I_2$ ), we deduce immediately  $\omega_w(x_n) \subset \Omega$ . To this end, the conditions of Lemma 2.2 are all satisfied. Consequently, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to a solution of MSSFP (1). This completes the proof.  $\blacksquare$

Algorithm 3.1 has only weak convergence. Now, we present a new algorithm with strong convergence.

**Algorithm 3.2:** Let  $u \in H_1$  and choose an arbitrary initial value  $x_1 \in H_1$ . Assume  $x_n$  has been constructed. Compute

$$\begin{aligned} z_n &= P_{C_{i_n}} x_n, \\ y_n &= A^*(I - P_{Q_{j_n}})Ax_n, \quad n \geq 1, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} i_n &\in \left\{ i \mid \max_{i \in I_1} \|x_n - P_{C_i} x_n\|, I_1 = \{1, 2, \dots, s\} \right\}, \\ j_n &\in \left\{ j \mid \max_{j \in I_2} \|Ax_n - P_{Q_j} Ax_n\|, I_2 = \{1, 2, \dots, t\} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

If

$$\|x_n + y_n - z_n\| = 0, \quad (19)$$

then stop; otherwise, continue and construct  $x_{n+1}$  via the manner

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha_n u + (1 - \alpha_n)[x_n - \tau_n(x_n + y_n - z_n)], \quad (20)$$

where  $\alpha_n \in (0, 1)$  and

$$\tau_n = \lambda_n \frac{\|x_n - z_n\|^2 + \|y_n\|^2}{2\|x_n + y_n - z_n\|^2},$$

in which  $\lambda_n \in (0, 4)$ .

Assume that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 3.2 is infinite. In other words, Algorithm 3.2 does not terminate in a finite number of iterations.

**Theorem 3.2:** Suppose the sequences  $\{\alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\lambda_n\}$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (C1)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ ;
- (C2)  $0 < \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n < 4$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  generated by Algorithm 3.2 converges strongly to  $z = P_{\Omega}u$ .



**Proof:** Set  $u_n = x_n - \tau_n(x_n + y_n - z_n)$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . By (16), we have

$$\|u_n - z\|^2 \leq \|x_n - z\|^2 - \lambda_n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{4}\right) \frac{(\|x_n - z_n\|^2 + \|y_n\|^2)^2}{\|x_n + y_n - z_n\|^2}. \quad (21)$$

In particular, we have  $\|u_n - z\| \leq \|x_n - z\|$ . Thus, from (20), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - z\| &= \|\alpha_n u + (1 - \alpha_n)u_n - z\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n \|u - z\| + (1 - \alpha_n) \|u_n - z\| \\ &\leq \alpha_n \|u - z\| + (1 - \alpha_n) \|x_n - z\| \\ &\leq \max\{\|x_n - z\|, \|u - z\|\}. \end{aligned}$$

By induction, we derive

$$\|x_{n+1} - z\| \leq \max\{\|x_0 - z\|, \|u - z\|\}.$$

Hence,  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded and so are the sequences  $\{Ax_n\}$ ,  $\{P_{Q_j}x_n\}(j \in I_2)$  and  $\{P_{C_i}x_n\}(i \in I_1)$ .

From (20), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - z\|^2 &= \|\alpha_n(u - z) + (1 - \alpha_n)(u_n - z)\|^2 \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n) \|u_n - z\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \langle u - z, x_{n+1} - z \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

By virtue of (21) and (22), we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - z\|^2 &\leq (1 - \alpha_n) \|x_n - z\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \langle u - z, x_{n+1} - z \rangle \\ &\quad - (1 - \alpha_n) \lambda_n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{4}\right) \frac{(\|x_n - z_n\|^2 + \|y_n\|^2)^2}{\|x_n + y_n - z_n\|^2} \\ &= (1 - \alpha_n) \|x_n - z\|^2 + \alpha_n \left[ 2 \langle u - z, x_{n+1} - z \rangle \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{(1 - \alpha_n)}{\alpha_n} \lambda_n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{4}\right) \frac{(\|x_n - z_n\|^2 + \|y_n\|^2)^2}{\|x_n + y_n - z_n\|^2} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Set  $\theta_n = \|x_n - z\|^2$  and

$$\delta_n = 2 \langle u - z, x_{n+1} - z \rangle - \frac{(1 - \alpha_n)}{\alpha_n} \lambda_n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{4}\right) \frac{(\|x_n - z_n\|^2 + \|y_n\|^2)^2}{\|x_n + y_n - z_n\|^2}$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ . Then, from (23), we have

$$0 \leq \theta_{n+1} \leq (1 - \alpha_n) \theta_n + \alpha_n \delta_n, \quad n \geq 1. \quad (24)$$

It is obvious that

$$\delta_n \leq 2 \langle u - z, x_{n+1} - z \rangle \leq 2 \|u - z\| \|x_{n+1} - z\|.$$

So,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n < \infty.$$

Next, we show that  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n \geq -1$  by contradiction. Assume that  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n < -1$ . Then there exists  $m$  such that  $\delta_n \leq -1$  for all  $n \geq m$ . It follows from (24) that

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{n+1} &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)\theta_n + \alpha_n\delta_n \\ &= \theta_n + \alpha_n(\delta_n - \theta_n) \\ &\leq \theta_n - \alpha_n, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \geq m$ .

Thus,

$$\theta_{n+1} \leq \theta_m - \sum_{i=m}^n \alpha_i.$$

Hence, by taking  $\limsup$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the last inequality, we obtain

$$0 \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \theta_{n+1} \leq \theta_m - \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=m}^n \alpha_i = -\infty,$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n \geq -1$  and it is finite. Consequently, we can take a subsequence  $\{n_k\}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \delta_{n_k} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{(1 - \alpha_{n_k})}{\alpha_{n_k}} \lambda_{n_k} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_{n_k}}{4}\right) \frac{(\|x_{n_k} - z_{n_k}\|^2 + \|y_{n_k}\|^2)^2}{\|x_{n_k} + y_{n_k} - z_{n_k}\|^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2\langle u - z, x_{n_k+1} - z \rangle \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Since  $\{x_{n_k+1}\}$  is bounded, there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_{k_i}+1}\}$  of  $\{x_{n_k+1}\}$  such that the limit  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \langle u - z, x_{n_{k_i}+1} - z \rangle$  exists. Consequently, from (25), the following limit also exists

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{(1 - \alpha_{n_{k_i}})}{\alpha_{n_{k_i}}} \lambda_{n_{k_i}} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_{n_{k_i}}}{4}\right) \frac{(\|x_{n_{k_i}} - z_{n_{k_i}}\|^2 + \|y_{n_{k_i}}\|^2)^2}{\|x_{n_{k_i}} + y_{n_{k_i}} - z_{n_{k_i}}\|^2}.$$

This together with conditions (C1) and (C2) implies that

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\|x_{n_{k_i}} - z_{n_{k_i}}\|^2 + \|y_{n_{k_i}}\|^2)^2}{\|x_{n_{k_i}} + y_{n_{k_i}} - z_{n_{k_i}}\|^2} = 0,$$

which yields

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n_{k_i}} - z_{n_{k_i}}\| = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|y_{n_{k_i}}\| = 0.$$

By a similar proof as in Theorem 3.1, we conclude that any weak cluster point of  $\{x_{n_{k_i}}\}$  belongs to  $\Omega$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n_{k_i}+1} - x_{n_{k_i}}\| &\leq \alpha_{n_{k_i}} \|u - x_{n_{k_i}}\| + \|u_{n_{k_i}} - x_{n_{k_i}}\| \\ &= \alpha_{n_{k_i}} \|u - x_{n_{k_i}}\| + \tau_{n_{k_i}} \|x_{n_{k_i}} + y_{n_{k_i}} - z_{n_{k_i}}\| \\ &= \alpha_{n_{k_i}} \|u - x_{n_{k_i}}\| + \frac{\|x_{n_{k_i}} - z_{n_{k_i}}\|^2 + \|y_{n_{k_i}}\|^2}{\|x_{n_{k_i}} + y_{n_{k_i}} - z_{n_{k_i}}\|} \\ &\rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

This indicates that  $\omega_w(x_{n_{k_i}+1}) \subset \Omega$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $x_{n_{k_i}+1}$  converges weakly to  $x^\dagger \in \Omega$ . Now by (25), we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n &= \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \delta_{n_{k_i}} \\ &= \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{(1 - \alpha_{n_{k_i}})}{\alpha_{n_{k_i}}} \lambda_{n_{k_i}} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_{n_{k_i}}}{4}\right) \frac{(\|x_{n_{k_i}} - z_{n_{k_i}}\|^2 + \|y_{n_{k_i}}\|^2)^2}{\|x_{n_{k_i}} + y_{n_{k_i}} - z_{n_{k_i}}\|^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2\langle u - z, x_{n_{k_i}+1} - z \rangle \right] \\ &\leq \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} 2\langle u - z, x_{n_{k_i}+1} - z \rangle \\ &= 2\langle u - z, x^\dagger - z \rangle \\ &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

due to the fact that  $z = P_\Omega u$  and (8). Finally, applying Lemma 2.3 to (23), we conclude that  $x_n \rightarrow z$ . This completes the proof.  $\blacksquare$

#### 4. Concluding remarks

In this paper, we present two new iterative algorithms with selection technique for approximating a solution of the multiple-sets split feasibility problem. In each iteration, our algorithm needs to compute only two projections, one from  $\{P_{C_{i_n}} x_n\}_{i=1}^s$  and another one from  $\{(I - P_{Q_{j_n}})Ax_n\}_{j=1}^t$ . The suggested algorithms are based on the gradient method. We prove that the presented two algorithms have weak and strong convergence, respectively.

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