



# Numerical approximation of a Tikhonov type regularizer by a discretized frozen steepest descent method



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## ABSTRACT

We present a frozen regularized steepest descent method and its finite dimensional realization for obtaining an approximate solution for the nonlinear ill-posed operator equation  $F(x) = y$ . The proposed method is a modified form of the method considered by Argyros et al. (2014). The balancing principle considered by Pereverzev and Schock (2005) is used for choosing the regularization parameter. The error estimate is derived under a general source condition and is of optimal order. The provided numerical example proves the efficiency of the proposed method.

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## 1. Introduction

Inverse problems arise in many practical applications, such as inverse scattering problem and tomographic, parameter identification in partial differential equations (see [1–3]). They can be modeled as an operator equation

$$F(x) = y, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $F : D(F) \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$  is a nonlinear Fréchet differentiable operator between the Hilbert spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ . Throughout this study,  $D(F)$ ,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\| \cdot \|$ , respectively, stand for the domain of  $F$ , innerproduct and norm which can always be identified from the context in which they appear. Fréchet derivative of  $F$  is denoted by  $F'(\cdot)$  and its adjoint by  $F'(\cdot)^*$ . Further we assume that Eq. (1.1) has a solution  $\hat{x}$ , which is not depending continuously on the right-hand side data  $y$ . The problems in which the solution  $\hat{x}$  is not depending continuously on the right hand data are called ill-posed problems. It is a common practice to use iterative methods or iterative regularization methods for approximating  $\hat{x}$ . For example, Landweber method [4,5], Levenberg–Marquardt method [6], Gauss–Newton [7,8], Conjugate Gradient [9], Newton-like methods [10,11], TIGRA (Tikhonov–gradient method) [12].

It is assumed further that we have only approximate data  $y^\delta \in Y$  with

$$\|y - y^\delta\| \leq \delta.$$

The steepest descent method was considered by Scherzer [13], Neubauer and Scherzer [14] for approximately solving (1.1). In general, the steepest descent method for (1.1) with  $y^\delta$  in place of  $y$  can be written as

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k S_k, \quad (1.2)$$

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where  $s_k$  is the search direction taken as the negative gradient of the minimization functional involved and  $\alpha_k$  is the descent. For solving Eq. (1.1) with  $y^\delta$  in place of  $y$ , method (1.2) was studied by Scherzer [13] when  $s_k = -F'(x_k)^*(F(x_k) - y^\delta)$  and  $\alpha_k = \frac{\|s_k\|}{\|F'(x_k)^*s_k\|}$ , and Neubauer and Scherzer [14] studied (the minimal error method) method (1.2) when  $s_k = -F'(x_k)^*(F(x_k) - y^\delta)$  and  $\alpha_k = \frac{\|F(x_k) - y^\delta\|}{\|F'(x_k)^*s_k\|}$ . For linear operator  $F$ , Gilyazov [15] studied ( $\alpha$ -process) method (1.2) when  $s_k = -F'(x_k)^*(F(x_k) - y^\delta)$  and  $\alpha_k = \frac{\langle (F^*F)^\alpha s_k, s_k \rangle}{\langle (F^*F)^\alpha s_k, F^*F s_k \rangle}$ . Vasin [16] considered a regularized version of the steepest descent method in which  $s_k = -F'(x_k)^*(F(x_k) - y^\delta) + \alpha(x_k - x_0)$  and  $\alpha_k = \frac{\|s_k\|^2}{\|F'(x_k)^*s_k\|^2 + \alpha\|s_k\|^2}$ . Here and below  $x_0$  is the initial guess. Also, observe that the TIGRA-method of Ramlau [12] is of the form (1.2) with  $s_k = -[F'(x_k)^*(F(x_k) - y^\delta) + \alpha_k(x_0 - x_k)]$  and  $\alpha_k = \beta_k$ . Note that, in all these methods, one has to compute the Fréchet derivative of  $F$  at each iterate  $x_k$  and  $\alpha_k$  in each iteration step which is in general very expensive.

In the present study, we consider a modified form of (1.2), namely the frozen regularized steepest method defined for each  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  by

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \beta[F'(x_0)^*(F(x_k) - y^\delta) + \alpha(x_k - x_0)], \tag{1.3}$$

where  $x_0$  is the initial point,  $\beta > 0$  is a fixed parameter and  $\alpha > 0$  is the regularization parameter. Further, note that in method (1.3), we have frozen the Fréchet derivative at  $x_0$  throughout the iteration. That is why, we call method (1.3) the frozen regularized steepest method. This is one of the advantage of the proposed method. Observe that (1.3) is of the form (1.2) with  $s_k = -[F'(x_0)^*(F(x_k) - y^\delta) + \alpha(x_k - x_0)]$  and  $\alpha_k = \beta$  for each  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Since  $\alpha_k = \beta$  one need not have to compute  $\alpha_k$  in each step as in the earlier studies such as [13,14,16]. In other words, the computational work is reduced considerably in the proposed method (1.3).

Note that method (1.3) coincide with the method considered in [17] when  $\beta = 1$ , but our convergence analysis is different from that of [17] and is based on the property of the norm of a self adjoint operator in the Hilbert space (see Section 2). Moreover the condition on the radius of the convergence ball in [17] is too restrictive than the condition in this study. The numerical experiments (see comparison Table 1) also show that the method considered in this paper provides better error estimate than that of the method considered in [17]. We also consider the finite dimensional realization of the method (1.3) in Section 3. The error analysis and the algorithm for implementing the method (1.3) are given in Section 4. Finally the numerical results are given in Section 5.

## 2. Convergence analysis of method (1.3)

Denote by  $B_r(x)$ ,  $\bar{B}_r(x)$  the open and closed ball in  $X$ , respectively, with center  $x \in X$  and of radius  $r > 0$ . Throughout this paper we assume that the operator  $F$  satisfies the following assumptions.

### Assumption 2.1.

- (a) There exists a constant  $k_0 > 0$  such that for every  $x \in D(F)$  and  $v \in X$ , there exists an element  $\Phi(x, x_0, v) \in X$  satisfying

$$[F'(x) - F'(x_0)]v = F'(x_0)\Phi(x, x_0, v), \quad \|\Phi(x, x_0, v)\| \leq k_0\|v\|\|x - x_0\|.$$

- (b)

$$\|F'(x_0)\| \leq M.$$

Notice that in the literature the stronger than (a) condition (a)'

$$[F'(x) - F'(z)]v = F'(z)\xi(x, z, v), \quad \|\xi(x, z, v)\| \leq K\|v\|\|x - z\|$$

is used for some  $\xi(x, z, v) \in X$ . However,

$$k_0 \leq K$$

holds in general and  $\frac{K}{k_0}$  can be arbitrarily large [18]. It is also worth noticing that (a)' implies (a) but not necessarily vice versa and element  $\xi$  is less accurate and more difficult to find than  $\Phi$  (see the numerical example in [17]).

**Assumption 2.2.** There exists a continuous, strictly monotonically increasing function  $\varphi : (0, a] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  with  $a \geq \|F'(x_0)\|^2$  satisfying;

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$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \varphi(\lambda) = 0$$

$$\sup_{\lambda \geq 0} \frac{\alpha\varphi(\lambda)}{\lambda + \alpha} \leq \varphi(\alpha), \quad \forall \alpha \in (0, a].$$

- there exists  $v \in X$  with  $\|v\| \leq 1$  such that

$$x_0 - \hat{x} = \varphi(F'(x_0)^*F'(x_0))v.$$

It is known that for  $\alpha > 0$ ,

$$F'(x_0)^*(F(x) - y^\delta) + \alpha(x - x_0) = 0 \tag{2.1}$$

has a unique solution  $x_\alpha^\delta$  in  $B_r(x_0)$  provided  $0 < r < \frac{1}{k_0}$  [17, Theorem 2.] (see also [19, Section 3]). Also it is known (cf. [17, Theorem 4]) that if Assumptions 2.1 and 2.2 are satisfied, then

$$\|x_\alpha^\delta - \hat{x}\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - k_0 r} \left( \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \varphi(\alpha) \right). \tag{2.2}$$

Let  $\delta_0 > 0$ ,  $a_0 > 0$  be some constants with  $\delta_0^2 < a_0$  and  $\|x_0 - \hat{x}\| \leq r$ . Let  $\delta \in (0, \delta_0]$  and  $\alpha \in [\delta^2, a_0]$ . Further, let  $\beta$ ,  $q_{\alpha,\beta}$  be parameters such that

$$\beta \leq \frac{1}{M^2 + a_0} \tag{2.3}$$

and

$$q_{\alpha,\beta} = 1 - \alpha\beta + \frac{3\beta M^2 k_0}{2} r. \tag{2.4}$$

**Remark 2.3.**

1. Suppose  $0 < r < \frac{2\alpha}{3M^2 k_0}$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} q_{\alpha,\beta} &= 1 - \alpha\beta + \frac{3\beta M^2 k_0}{2} r \\ &< 1 - \alpha\beta + \frac{3\beta M^2 k_0}{2} \frac{2\alpha}{3M^2 k_0} = 1, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $q_{\alpha,\beta} < 1$  for all  $0 < r < \frac{2\alpha}{3M^2 k_0}$ .

2. Notice that, if  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ , then  $r \rightarrow 0$  and in this case  $x_0 = \hat{x}$ . Further, in practice, we choose  $\alpha$  from a set  $\{0 < \alpha_0 < \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N < 1\}$  (see Section 4.2) and hence  $r > 0$ .

Hereafter, we assume that  $0 < r < \min\{\frac{1}{2k_0}, \frac{2\alpha}{3M^2 k_0}\}$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $x_n$  be as in (1.3) and let  $0 < r < \min\{\frac{1}{2k_0}, \frac{2\alpha}{3M^2 k_0}\}$ . Then for each  $\delta \in (0, \delta_0]$ ,  $\alpha \in [\delta^2, a_0]$ , the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is in  $B_{2r}(x_0)$  and converges to  $x_\alpha^\delta$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Further,

$$\|x_{n+1} - x_\alpha^\delta\| \leq q_{\alpha,\beta}^{n+1} \|x_0 - x_\alpha^\delta\|, \tag{2.5}$$

where  $q_{\alpha,\beta}$  is as in (2.4).

**Proof.** Clearly,  $x_0 \in \overline{B_{2r}(x_0)}$ . Let  $A_n := \int_0^1 F'(x_\alpha^\delta + t(x_n - x_\alpha^\delta))dt$ . Since  $x_\alpha^\delta \in B_r(x_0)$ ,  $A_0$  is well defined. Assume that for some  $n > 0$ ,  $x_n \in B_{2r}(x_0)$  and  $A_n$  is well defined. Then, since  $x_\alpha^\delta$  satisfies Eq. (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} - x_\alpha^\delta &= x_n - x_\alpha^\delta - \beta[F'(x_0)^*(F(x_n) - F(x_\alpha^\delta)) + \alpha(x_n - x_\alpha^\delta)] \\ &= x_n - x_\alpha^\delta - \beta[F'(x_0)^*A_n + \alpha I](x_n - x_\alpha^\delta) \\ &= x_n - x_\alpha^\delta - \beta[F'(x_0)^*(A_n - F'(x_0))](x_n - x_\alpha^\delta) \\ &\quad - \beta[F'(x_0)^*F'(x_0) + \alpha I](x_n - x_\alpha^\delta) \\ &= [I - \beta(F'(x_0)^*F'(x_0) + \alpha I)](x_n - x_\alpha^\delta) \\ &\quad - \beta[F'(x_0)^*(A_n - F'(x_0))](x_n - x_\alpha^\delta). \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

Using Assumptions 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} - x_\alpha^\delta &= [I - \beta(F'(x_0)^*F'(x_0) + \alpha I)](x_n - x_\alpha^\delta) \\ &\quad - \beta F'(x_0)^*F'(x_0) \int_0^1 \Phi(x_\alpha^\delta + t(x_n - x_\alpha^\delta), x_0, x_n - x_\alpha^\delta) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Now since  $I - \beta(F'(x_0)^*F'(x_0) + \alpha I)$  is a positive self-adjoint operator,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|I - \beta(F'(x_0)^*F'(x_0) + \alpha I)\| \\ &= \sup_{\|x\|=1} |(I - \beta(F'(x_0)^*F'(x_0) + \alpha I))x, x| \\ &= |\sup_{\|x\|=1} (1 - \beta\alpha)\langle x, x \rangle - \beta \langle F'(x_0)^*F'(x_0)x, x \rangle| \\ &\leq 1 - \alpha\beta. \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

The last step follows from relation

$$\beta|(F'(x_0)^*F'(x_0)x, x)| \leq \beta\|F'(x_0)\|^2 \leq \beta M^2 \leq \frac{1}{M^2 + \alpha} M^2 = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{M^2 + \alpha} \leq 1 - \beta\alpha.$$

Hence, by Assumption 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - x_\alpha^\delta\| &\leq (1 - \alpha\beta)\|x_n - x_\alpha^\delta\| \\ &\quad + \beta M^2 k_0 \int_0^1 ((1-t)\|x_\alpha^\delta - x_0\| + t\|x_n - x_0\|) dt \|x_n - x_\alpha^\delta\| \\ &\leq \left(1 - \alpha\beta + \beta \frac{3k_0 M^2 r}{2}\right) \|x_n - x_\alpha^\delta\| \\ &\leq q_{\alpha,\beta} \|x_n - x_\alpha^\delta\|. \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

Since  $q_{\alpha,\beta} < 1$  (see Remark 2.3), we have

$$\|x_{n+1} - x_\alpha^\delta\| < \|x_0 - x_\alpha^\delta\| \leq r$$

and

$$\|x_{n+1} - x_0\| \leq \|x_{n+1} - x_\alpha^\delta\| + \|x_0 - x_\alpha^\delta\| \leq 2r$$

i.e.,  $x_{n+1} \in B_{2r}(x_0)$ . Also, for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,

$$\|x_\alpha^\delta + t(x_{n+1} - x_\alpha^\delta) - x_0\| = \|(1-t)(x_\alpha^\delta - x_0) + t(x_{n+1} - x_\alpha^\delta)\| < 2r.$$

Hence,  $x_\alpha^\delta + t(x_{n+1} - x_\alpha^\delta) \in B_{2r}(x_0)$  and  $A_{n+1}$  is well defined. Thus, by induction  $x_n$  is well defined and remains in  $B_{2r}(x_0)$  for each  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . By letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (1.3), we obtain the convergence of  $x_n$  to  $x_\alpha^\delta$ . The estimate (2.5) now follows from (2.8). □

**Remark 2.5.**

1. If Assumption 2.1 is fulfilled only for all  $x \in B_r(x_0) \cap Q \neq \emptyset$ , where  $Q$  is an convex closed a priori set, for which  $\hat{x} \in Q$ , then we can modify method (1.3) by the following way

$$x_{n+1,\alpha}^\delta = P_Q(T(x_{n,\alpha}^\delta))$$

to obtain the same estimate in the following Theorem 2.4; here  $P_Q$  is the metric projection onto the set  $Q$  and  $T$  is the step operator in (1.3).

2. Instead of Assumption 2.1, if we use the following Lipschitz condition:

$$\|F'(x_1) - F'(x_2)\| \leq L_0 \|x_1 - x_2\| \tag{2.9}$$

then from (2.6) and (2.7), one can prove that (2.5) holds with  $\bar{q}_{\alpha,\beta} := 1 - \alpha\beta + \beta ML_0 r$  instead of  $q_{\alpha,\beta}$ , provided  $0 < r < \frac{\alpha}{ML_0}$ .

3. Also by using (2.9) instead of Assumption 2.1, one can prove (2.1) has a unique solution if  $0 < r < \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{L_0}$  and

$$\|x_\alpha^\delta - \hat{x}\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \frac{L_0 r}{\sqrt{\alpha}}} \left( \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \varphi(\alpha) \right).$$

**3. Finite dimensional realization of method (1.3)**

For implementing method (1.3) one needs numerical calculations in finite dimensional spaces. One of the approaches in this regard is through discretization (see [1, page 63]). Here the regularization is achieved by a finite dimensional approximation alone. Regularization of ill-posed problems by projection methods can be found in the literature, for e.g in [20–23]. This section is concerned with the finite dimensional realization of the method (1.3). Precisely, our aim in this

section is to obtain an approximation for  $x_\alpha^\delta$ , in the finite dimensional space  $R(P_h)$  of  $X$ . Here  $\{P_h\}_{h>0}$  is a family of orthogonal projections of  $X$  onto  $R(P_h)$ , the range of  $P_h$ . For the results that follow, we impose the following conditions. Let

$$\epsilon_h := \|F'(x_0)(I - P_h)\|$$

and

$$b_h := \|(I - P_h)\hat{x}\|.$$

We assume that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \epsilon_h = 0$  and  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} b_h = 0$ . The above assumption is satisfied if  $P_h \rightarrow I$  point-wise and if  $F'(\cdot)$  is compact operator. Further, we assume that there exist  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ ,  $b_0 > 0$  and  $\delta_0 > 0$  such that  $\epsilon_h < \epsilon_0$  and  $b_h < b_0$ .

We have taken the discretized version of (1.3) as

$$x_{k+1,\alpha}^{h,\delta} = x_{k,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - \beta P_h [F'(x_0)^*(F(x_{k,\alpha}^{h,\delta}) - y^\delta) + \alpha(x_{k,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_0^{h,\delta})] \tag{3.1}$$

where  $x_0^{h,\delta} =: P_h x_0$ . Let

$$(\delta_0 + \epsilon_0)^2 < \bar{\alpha}_0.$$

Next we prove that, for  $\alpha > 0$

$$P_h F'(x_0)^*(FP_h(x) - y^\delta) + \alpha P_h(x - x_0) = 0 \tag{3.2}$$

has a unique solution  $x_\alpha^{h,\delta}$  in  $B_r(x_0) \cap R(P_h)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\hat{x}$  be a solution of (1.1), Assumption 2.1 satisfied and let  $F : D(F) \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$  be Fréchet differentiable in a ball  $B_r(x_0) \cap R(P_h) \subseteq D(F)$  with  $0 < r < \frac{1}{2k_0}$ . Then (3.2) possesses a unique solution  $x_\alpha^{h,\delta}$  in  $B_r(x_0) \cap R(P_h)$ .

**Proof.** For  $x \in B_r(x_0) \cap R(P_h)$ , let

$$M_h = \int_0^1 F'(\hat{x} + t(x - \hat{x})) dt.$$

If  $P_h F'(x_0)^* M_h P_h + \alpha I$  is invertible, then

$$\begin{aligned} (P_h F'(x_0)^* M_h P_h + \alpha I)(x - P_h \hat{x}) &= \alpha P_h(x_0 - \hat{x}) + P_h F'(x_0)^*(y^\delta - y) \\ &\quad + P_h F'(x_0)^* M_h (I - P_h) \hat{x} \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

has a unique solution  $x_\alpha^{h,\delta} \in R(P_h)$ . Observe that

$$F(P_h x) - y^\delta = F(P_h x) - F(\hat{x}) + y - y^\delta = M_h(P_h x - \hat{x}) + y - y^\delta$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} &P_h F'(x_0)^*(FP_h(x) - y^\delta) + \alpha P_h(x - x_0) \\ &= P_h F'(x_0)^*(M_h(P_h x - \hat{x}) + y - y^\delta) + \alpha P_h(x - x_0) \\ &= (P_h F'(x_0)^* M_h P_h + \alpha I)P_h(x - \hat{x}) - \alpha P_h(x_0 - \hat{x}) \\ &\quad - P_h F'(x_0)^* M_h (I - P_h) \hat{x} - P_h F'(x_0)^*(y^\delta - y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore by (3.3)  $P_h F'(x_0)^*(FP_h(x) - y^\delta) + \alpha P_h(x - x_0) = 0$  has a unique solution  $x_\alpha^{h,\delta}$ . Clearly,  $x_\alpha^{h,\delta} \in B_r(x_0) \cap R(P_h)$ . So, it remains to show that  $P_h F'(x_0)^* M_h P_h + \alpha I$  is invertible for  $x \in B_r(x_0) \cap R(P_h)$ . Note that by Assumption 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|(P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha I)^{-1} P_h F'(x_0)^*(M_h - F'(x_0)) P_h\| \\ &= \sup_{\|v\| \leq 1} \|(P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha I)^{-1} P_h F'(x_0)^*(M_h - F'(x_0)) P_h v\| \\ &\leq \sup_{\|v\| \leq 1} \left\| (P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha P_h)^{-1} P_h F'(x_0)^* \int_0^1 (F'(\hat{x} + t(x - \hat{x})) - F'(x_0)) dt P_h v \right\| \\ &\leq \sup_{\|v\| \leq 1} \left\| (P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha I)^{-1} P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) \int_0^1 \Phi(\hat{x} + t(x - \hat{x}), x_0, P_h v) dt \right\| \\ &\leq \sup_{\|v\| \leq 1} \left\| (P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha I)^{-1} P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) [P_h + I - P_h] \int_0^1 \Phi(\hat{x} + t(x - \hat{x}), x_0, P_h v) dt \right\| \\ &\leq \left[ k_0 + k_0 \frac{\epsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \right] \int_0^1 \|\hat{x} + t(x - \hat{x}) - x_0\| dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left[ k_0 + k_0 \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \right] \int_0^1 [(1-t)\|\hat{x} - x_0\| + t\|x - x_0\|] dt \\ &\leq k_0 \left( 1 + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \right) \frac{r+r}{2} < 2k_0r < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $I + (P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha I)^{-1} P_h F'(x_0)^* (M_h - F'(x_0)) P_h$  is invertible. Now from the relation

$$\begin{aligned} &P_h F'(x_0)^* M_h P_h + \alpha I \\ &= (P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha I) \\ &\quad [I + (P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha I)^{-1} P_h F'(x_0)^* (M_h - F'(x_0)) P_h] \end{aligned}$$

it follows that  $P_h F'(x_0)^* M_h P_h + \alpha I$  is invertible.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta}$  be as in (3.1) and let  $0 < r < \min\{\frac{2\alpha}{3M^2k_0}, \frac{1}{2k_0}\}$ . Then for each  $\delta \in (0, \delta_0]$ ,  $\alpha \in ((\delta + \varepsilon_h)^2, \bar{\alpha}_0]$ ,  $\varepsilon_h \leq \varepsilon_0$  the sequence  $\{x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta}\}$  is in  $B_{2r}(x_0) \cap R(P_h)$  and converges to  $x_\alpha^{h,\delta}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Further,

$$\|x_{n+1,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}\| \leq q_{\alpha,\beta}^{n+1} \|P_h x_0 - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}\|, \tag{3.4}$$

where  $q_{\alpha,\beta}$  is as in (2.4).

**Proof.** Since  $x_\alpha^{h,\delta}$  satisfies Eq. (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta} &= x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - \beta [P_h F'(x_0)^* (F(x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta}) - F(x_\alpha^{h,\delta})) + \alpha P_h (x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta})] \\ &= x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - \beta [P_h F'(x_0)^* A_n^h + \alpha P_h] (x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}) \\ &= x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - \beta [P_h F'(x_0)^* (A_n^h - F'(x_0))] (x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}) \\ &\quad - \beta [P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha P_h] (x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}) \\ &= [I - \beta (P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha I)] (x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}) \\ &\quad - \beta [P_h F'(x_0)^* (A_n^h - F'(x_0))] (x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $A_n^h =: \int_0^1 F'(x_\alpha^{h,\delta} + t(x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta})) dt$ . Using Assumption 2.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta} &= [I - \beta (P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha I)] (x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}) \\ &\quad - \beta [P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0)] \int_0^1 \Phi(x_\alpha^{h,\delta} + t(x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}), x_0, (x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta})) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Now since  $I - \beta (P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha I)$  is a positive self-adjoint operator, as in (2.7)

$$\|I - \beta (P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha I)\| \leq 1 - \beta\alpha.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}\| &\leq (1 - \beta\alpha) \|x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}\| \\ &\quad + \beta M^2 k_0 \int_0^1 ((1-t)\|x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - x_0\| + t\|x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_0\|) dt \|x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}\| \\ &\leq \left( 1 - \alpha\beta + \beta \frac{3k_0 M^2 r}{2} \right) \|x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}\| \\ &\leq \left( 1 - \alpha\beta + \beta \frac{3k_0 M^2 r}{2} \right) \|x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}\|. \end{aligned}$$

The rest of the proof is analogous to the proof of Theorem 2.4.  $\square$

**Remark 3.3.** Instead of Assumption 2.1, if we use (2.9) then Theorem 3.1 holds with  $0 < r < \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{L_0}$  and Theorem 3.2 holds with  $\bar{q}_{\alpha,\beta} := 1 - \alpha\beta + \beta M L_0 r$  instead of  $q_{\alpha,\beta}$ , provided  $0 < r < \frac{\alpha}{M L_0}$ .

#### 4. Error bounds under source conditions

Note that by (2.1), we have

$$P_h F'(x_0)^* (F(x_\alpha^\delta) - y^\delta) + \alpha P_h (x_\alpha^\delta - x_0) = 0. \tag{4.1}$$

So, by (3.2) and (4.1), we obtain

$$P_h F'(x_0)^*(F(x_\alpha^{h,\delta}) - F(x_\alpha^\delta)) + \alpha P_h(x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^\delta) = 0.$$

That is,

$$(P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha I)(x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - P_h x_\alpha^\delta) = P_h F'(x_0)^*(F'(x_0) - T)(x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^\delta) + P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0)(I - P_h)x_\alpha^\delta,$$

where  $T = \int_0^1 F'(x_\alpha^\delta + t(x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^\delta))dt$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - P_h x_\alpha^\delta\| \\ &= \|(P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha P_h)^{-1} [P_h F'(x_0)^*(F'(x_0) - T)(x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^\delta) + P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0)(I - P_h)x_\alpha^\delta]\| \\ &\leq \|(P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha P_h)^{-1} [P_h F'(x_0)^* \\ &\quad \times \int_0^1 [F'(x_\alpha^\delta + t(x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^\delta)) - F'(x_0)]dt(x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^\delta)]\| + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \|x_\alpha^\delta\| \\ &\leq \|(P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) P_h + \alpha P_h)^{-1} [P_h F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0)[P_h + I - P_h] \\ &\quad \times \int_0^1 \varphi(x_\alpha^\delta + t(x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^\delta), x_0, x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^\delta)]\| dt + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \|x_\alpha^\delta\| \\ &\leq k_0 \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}}\right) \int_0^1 [(1-t)\|x_\alpha^\delta - x_0\| + t\|x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - x_0\|] dt \|x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^\delta\| \\ &\quad + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} (\|x_\alpha^\delta - x_0\| + \|x_0\|) \\ &\leq 2k_0 r \|x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^\delta\| + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} (r + \|x_0\|) \\ &\leq 2k_0 r [\|x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - P_h x_\alpha^\delta\| + \|(I - P_h)x_\alpha^\delta\|] + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} (r + \|x_0\|), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\|x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - P_h x_\alpha^\delta\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - 2k_0 r} \left[ 2k_0 r \|(I - P_h)x_\alpha^\delta\| + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} (r + \|x_0\|) \right]. \tag{4.2}$$

Further, we observe that

$$\|P_h x_0 - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}\| \leq \|P_h(x_0 - x_\alpha^{h,\delta})\| \leq r. \tag{4.3}$$

Combining the estimates in (2.2), (4.2), (4.3) and Theorem 3.2 we obtain the following:

**Theorem 4.1.** Let the assumptions in Theorem 3.2 hold and let  $x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta}$  be as in (3.2). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - \hat{x}\| &\leq q_{\alpha,\beta}^n r + \frac{1}{1 - 2k_0 r} \left[ b_h + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} (\|x_0\| + r) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{1 - 2k_0 r} 2 \left( \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \varphi(\alpha) \right). \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

Further if  $n_\delta := \min\{n : q_{\alpha,\beta}^n < \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}}\}$  and  $b_h \leq \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}}$  then

$$\|x_{n_\delta,\alpha}^h - \hat{x}\| \leq C \left( \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \varphi(\alpha) \right) \tag{4.5}$$

where  $C := r + \frac{1}{1 - 2k_0 r} [1 + \max\{r + \|x_0\|, 2\}]$ .

**Proof.** By triangle inequality, we have  $\|x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - \hat{x}\| \leq \|x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^{h,\delta}\| + \|x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - x_\alpha^\delta\| + \|x_\alpha^\delta - \hat{x}\|$ . Therefore, from (4.2), (4.3), Theorem 3.2 and (2.2), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n,\alpha}^{h,\delta} - \hat{x}\| &\leq q_{\alpha,\beta}^n r + \|x_\alpha^{h,\delta} - P_h x_\alpha^\delta\| + \|(I - P_h)x_\alpha^\delta\| + \|x_\alpha^\delta - \hat{x}\| \\ &\leq q_{\alpha,\beta}^n r + \frac{1}{1 - 2k_0 r} \left[ 2k_0 r \|(I - P_h)x_\alpha^\delta\| + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} (\|x_0\| + r) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \|(I - P_h)x_\alpha^\delta\| + \frac{1}{1 - k_0r} \left( \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \varphi(\alpha) \right) \\
 \leq & q_{\alpha,\beta}^n r + \frac{1}{1 - 2k_0r} \left[ \|(I - P_h)x_\alpha^\delta\| + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} (\|x_0\| + r) \right] \\
 & + \frac{1}{1 - k_0r} \left( \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \varphi(\alpha) \right) \\
 \leq & q_{\alpha,\beta}^n r + \frac{1}{1 - 2k_0r} \left[ \|(I - P_h)(x_\alpha^\delta - \hat{x} + \hat{x})\| + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} (\|x_0\| + r) \right] \\
 & + \frac{1}{1 - k_0r} \left( \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \varphi(\alpha) \right) \\
 \leq & q_{\alpha,\beta}^n r + \frac{1}{1 - 2k_0r} \left[ \|x_\alpha^\delta - \hat{x}\| + \|(I - P_h)\hat{x}\| + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} (\|x_0\| + r) \right] \\
 & + \frac{1}{1 - k_0r} \left( \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \varphi(\alpha) \right) \\
 \leq & q_{\alpha,\beta}^n r + \frac{1}{1 - 2k_0r} \left[ b_h + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} (\|x_0\| + r) \right] \\
 & + \left( 1 + \frac{1}{1 - 2k_0r} \right) \frac{1}{1 - k_0r} \left( \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \varphi(\alpha) \right) \\
 \leq & q_{\alpha,\beta}^n r + \frac{1}{1 - 2k_0r} \left[ b_h + \frac{\varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} (\|x_0\| + r) \right] \\
 & + \frac{1}{1 - 2k_0r} 2 \left( \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \varphi(\alpha) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

This proves (4.4), and (4.5) follows from (4.4). □

#### 4.1. A priori choice of the parameter

Note that the estimate  $\frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \varphi(\alpha)$  in Theorem 4.1 is of optimal order for the choice  $\alpha := \alpha_{\delta,h}$  which satisfies  $\frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} = \varphi(\alpha)$ . Let  $\psi(\lambda) := \lambda\sqrt{\varphi^{-1}(\lambda)}$ ,  $0 < \lambda \leq a$ . Then  $\alpha_{\delta,h} = \varphi^{-1}[\psi^{-1}(\delta + \varepsilon_h)]$  satisfies  $\frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} = \varphi(\alpha)$ .

In view of the above observation, Theorem 4.1 leads to the following:

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $\psi(\lambda) = \lambda\sqrt{\varphi^{-1}(\lambda)}$ ,  $0 < \lambda \leq a$  and assumptions in Theorem 4.1 hold. For  $\delta > 0$ , let  $\alpha_\delta = \varphi^{-1}[\psi^{-1}(\delta + \varepsilon_h)]$  and let  $n_\delta$  be as in Theorem 4.1. Then

$$\|x_{n_\delta,\alpha_\delta}^{h,\delta} - \hat{x}\| = O(\psi^{-1}(\delta + \varepsilon_h)).$$

#### 4.2. Balancing principle

Note that the best function  $\varphi$  measuring the rate of convergence in Theorem 4.1 is usually unknown. Therefore, in practical applications different parameters  $\alpha = \alpha_i$  are often selected from some finite set

$$D := \{\alpha_i : 0 < \alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \dots < \alpha_N < 1\},$$

and corresponding elements  $x_{n,\alpha_i}^{h,\delta}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  are studied on line. Let

$$n_i := \min \left\{ n : q_{\alpha,\beta}^n \leq \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha_i}} \right\}$$

and let  $x_{\alpha_i}^h := x_{n_i,\alpha_i}^{h,\delta}$ . Then from Theorem 4.1, we have

$$\|x_{\alpha_i}^h - \hat{x}\| \leq C \left( \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha_i}} + \varphi(\alpha_i) \right), i = 1, 2, \dots, N.$$

We choose the regularization parameter  $\alpha$  from the set  $D_N$  defined by

$$D_N := \{\alpha_i = \mu^{2i}\alpha_0 < 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, N\},$$



where  $\alpha_0 = (\delta + \varepsilon_h)^2$  (see [24,25]) and  $\mu > 1$ . Using the ideas in [24], we consider all possible functions  $\varphi$  satisfying Assumption 2.1 and  $\varphi(\alpha_i) \leq \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha_i}}$ . Any of such functions is called admissible for  $\hat{\chi}$  and it can be used as a measure for the convergence of  $\chi_{\alpha_i}^h \rightarrow \hat{\chi}$  (see [26]).

The main result of this section is the following theorem, proof of which is analogous to the proof of Theorem 4.4 in [10].

**Theorem 4.3.** Assume that there exists  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, N\}$  such that  $\varphi(\delta) \leq \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha_i}}$ . Let assumptions of Theorem 4.1 be satisfied and let

$$l := \max \left\{ i : \varphi(\alpha_i) \leq \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha_i}} \right\} < N,$$

$$k = \max \left\{ i : \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, i; \|\chi_{\alpha_i}^h - \chi_{\alpha_j}^h\| \leq 4C \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha_j}} \right\},$$

where  $C$  is as in Theorem 4.1. Then  $l \leq k$  and

$$\|\chi_{\alpha_k}^h - \hat{\chi}\| \leq 6C\mu\psi^{-1}(\delta + \varepsilon_h).$$

**Remark 4.4.** The balancing algorithm associated with the choice of the parameter specified in Theorem 4.1 involves the following steps:

- Choose  $\alpha_0 = (\delta + \varepsilon_h)^2$  and  $\mu > 1$ .
  - Choose  $\alpha_i := \mu^{2i}\alpha_0, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$ .
1. Set  $i = 0$ .
  2. Choose  $n_i := \min \left\{ n : q_{\alpha_i, \beta}^n \leq \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha_i}} \right\}$ .
  3. Solve  $x_i := \chi_{n_i, \alpha_i}^{h, \delta}$  by using the iteration (3.1).
  4. If  $\|x_i - x_j\| > 4C \frac{1}{\mu^j}, j < i$ , then take  $k = i - 1$  and return  $x_k$ .
  5. Else, set  $i = i + 1$  and go to 2.

### 5. Numerical examples

Let  $V_1 \subseteq V_2 \subseteq V_3 \subseteq \dots$  be a sequence of finite-dimensional subspaces of  $X$  with  $\overline{\bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} V_m} = X$  and  $P_h, (h = \frac{1}{m})$  is the orthogonal projector of  $X$  onto  $R(P_h) := V_m \subset D(F)$ . Precisely, we choose the orthonormal system of box function  $\Phi_i(t, \tau) = \Psi_k(t)\Psi_l(\tau), i = (k - 1)m + l, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m_1, l = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m_1, i = 1, 2, \dots, m (= m_1^2)$ . where  $\Psi_k(t), \Psi_l(\tau)$  are  $L_2$ -orthonormalized characteristic functions of the intervals  $[k - 1, k], [l - 1, l]$  [26], respectively, as a basis of  $V_m$  in  $\Omega = [0, m_1] \times [0, m_1]$ .

We consider the following integral equation (inverse gravimetry problem (see [27] and references in it)) for the implementation of the method (3.1).

Let  $F : H^1(\Omega) \subset L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)$  defined by

$$F(u) \equiv - \iint_{\Omega} \frac{1}{[(x - x')^2 + (y - y')^2 + u^2(x', y')]^{1/2}} dx' dy' = f(x, y), \tag{5.1}$$

where  $\Omega = [0, m_1] \times [0, m_1]$ . The Fréchet derivative of the operator  $F$  at the point  $u_0(x, y)$  is expressed by the formula

$$F'(u_0)h = \iint_{\Omega} \frac{u_0(x', y') h(x', y')}{[(x - x')^2 + (y - y')^2 + (u_0(x', y'))^2]^{3/2}} dx' dy'. \tag{5.2}$$

Applying to the integral equations (5.1) the two-dimensional analogy of rectangle’s formula with uniform grid for every variable, we obtain the following system of nonlinear equations:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \sum_{j=1}^{m_1} \frac{1}{[(x_k - x'_j)^2 + (y_l - y'_i)^2 + u^2(x'_j, y'_i)]^{1/2}} \Delta x \Delta y = f(x_k, y_l);$$

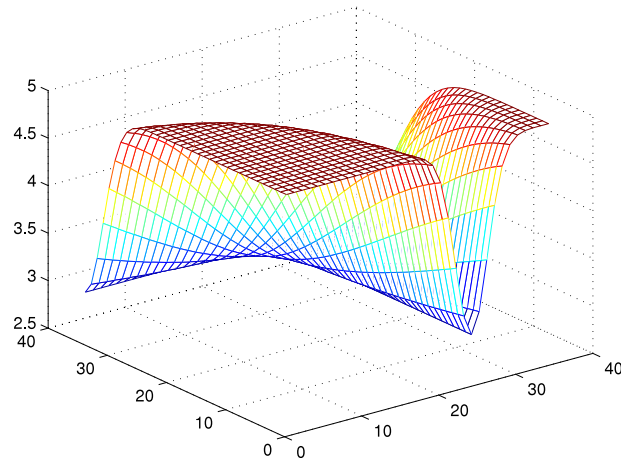
( $k = 1, 2, \dots, m_1, l = 1, 2, \dots, m_1$ ). The discrete variant of the derivative  $F'(u_0)$  has the form

$$\{F_n^0 h_n\}_{k,l} = \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \sum_{j=1}^{m_1} \frac{\Delta x \Delta y u_0(x'_j, y'_i) h(x'_j, y'_i)}{[(x_k - x'_j)^2 + (y_l - y'_i)^2 + u_0^2(x'_j, y'_i)]^{3/2}}, \tag{5.3}$$

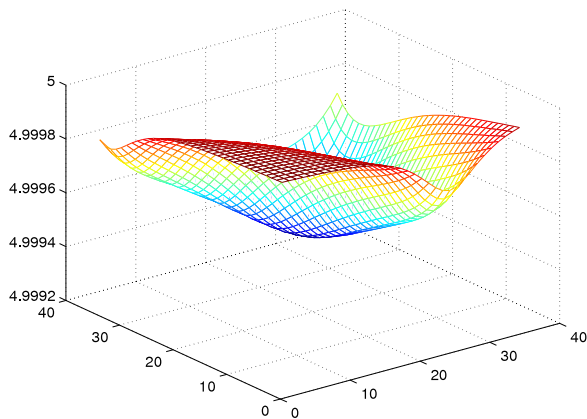
where  $u_0(x, y) \equiv H$  is constant.

**Table 1**  
Comparison table for relative and residual error for method (1.3) and method in [17].

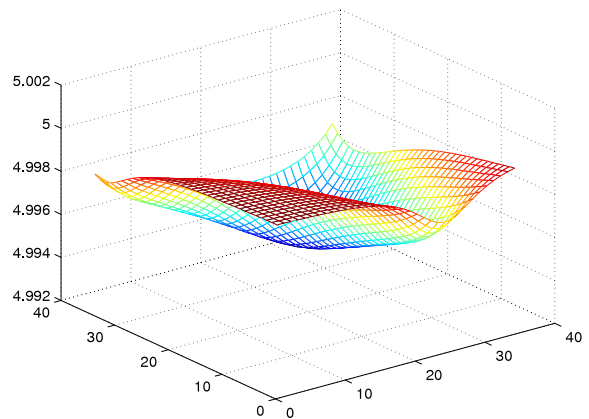
$\delta$	Relative error and residual error for the method (1.3)			Relative error and residual error for the method in [17]		
	$\alpha_k$	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_2$	$\alpha_k$	$\Delta_1$	$\Delta_2$
0.01	8.3521e-5	1.8576e-4	3.8057e-5	5.0625e-4	8.1214e-4	7.9872e-4
0.001	8.3521e-7	1.8577e-4	3.8123e-5	5.0625e-6	8.1214e-4	7.9871e-4
0.0002	7.3324e-8	1.8578e-4	3.8129e-5	2.0250e-7	8.1214e-4	7.9871e-4
0.0001	8.3521e-9	1.8579e-4	3.8130e-5	5.0625e-8	8.1214e-4	7.9871e-4



**Fig. 1.** Exact solution.



(a) Approximate solution for  $\delta = 0.01$ .



(b) Approximate solution for  $\delta = 0.0001$ .

**Fig. 2.** Approximate solution.

We take the exact solution as

$$\hat{u}(x, y) = 5 - 2\exp^{-[(x/10-3.5)^2(y/10-2.5)^2]} - 3\exp^{-[(x/10-5.5)^2(y/10-4.5)^2]},$$

and  $f^\delta = F(\hat{u}) + \delta$ . Let  $\Delta x = \Delta y = 1$ ,  $m_1 = 35$ ,  $H \equiv 5$ .

Note that on the set

$$Q = \{1.0 \leq u(x, y) \leq 10.0\}$$

$$\|F'(u) - F'(u_0)\| \leq L_0 \|u - u_0\| \text{ (see [27,28]).}$$

The results of numerical experiments are presented in Table 1. Here  $\tilde{u}_n$  is the numerical solution obtained by our method; the relative error of solution and residual are

$$\Delta_1 = \frac{\|\hat{u} - \tilde{u}_n\|}{\|\hat{u}_n\|}, \quad \Delta_2 = \frac{\|F_n(\tilde{u}_n) - f_n\|}{\|f_n\|}$$

respectively, for a noisy right-hand side.

Comparison Table 1 shows that the relative and residual error for method (1.3) is smaller than that of the method in [17] for a given data error.

Fig. 1, gives the exact solution, Fig. 2(a) gives the approximate solution for  $\delta = 0.01$  and Fig. 2(b) gives the approximate solution for  $\delta = 0.0001$ .

## 6. Conclusion

In this study, we considered a discretized frozen steepest descent method for numerical approximation of a Tikhonov type regularizer. The balancing principle considered by Pereverzev and Schock in [24] was used for choosing the regularization parameter. We provide a numerical example to verify the theoretical results.

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