

## FROZEN STEEPEST DESCENT METHOD FOR NONLINEAR ILL-POSED HAMMERSTEIN TYPE OPERATOR EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this study, we consider an inverse free iterative method for approximating a solution of the nonlinear ill-posed Hammerstein type equation  $KF(x) = y$ . Our approach is to solve  $Kz = y$  and then  $F(x) = z$ . We use Tikhonov regularization method for approximating the solutions of  $Kz = y$  and Frozen steepest descent method for solution of  $F(x) = z$ . The adaptive parameter choice strategy of Pereverzev and Schock (2005) is used for choosing the regularization parameter.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we considered the problem of approximating the solution  $\hat{x}$  of the nonlinear ill-posed Hammerstein type equation

$$(1.1) \quad KF(x) = y$$

where  $F : D(F) \subseteq X \rightarrow Z$  is a Fréchet differentiable nonlinear operator,  $K : Z \rightarrow Y$  is a bounded linear operator and  $X, Y, Z$  are Hilbert spaces. Throughout this paper,  $D(F)$  stands for the domain of  $F$ ,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  stand for inner product and norm, respectively. Fréchet derivative of  $F$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{F}'(\cdot)$  and its adjoint by  $F'(\cdot)^*$ . A typical example of the Hammerstein type equation (1.1) is

$$KF(x)(t) := \int_0^1 k(s, t)x^3(s)ds$$

where  $K : L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow L^2[0, 1]$  is a bounded linear operator defined by

$$Kz(t) = \int_0^1 k(s, t)z(s)ds,$$

with kernel  $k(s, t) \in L^2([0, 1] \times [0, 1])$  and  $F : D(F) \subseteq L^2[0, 1] \rightarrow L^2[0, 1]$  is the nonlinear operator defined by

$$Fx(s) = x^3(s).$$

In general (1.1) is ill-posed in the sense that the solution need not depends continuously on the right-hand side data  $y$ . In [6], George studied an iterative Newton-Tikhonov regularization (NTR) method for approximating a  $x_0$ -minimum norm solution  $\hat{x}$  of (1.1), where  $\hat{x}$  is called an  $x_0$ -minimum norm solution, if

$$\|\hat{x} - x_0\| = \min\{\|x - x_0\| : KF(x) = y, x \in D(F)\}.$$

Further in practice, only an approximation of  $y$ , say  $y^\delta$  with  $\|y - y^\delta\| \leq \delta$  are available. So one has to consider

$$(1.2) \quad KF(x) = y^\delta$$

instead of (1.1). As in [1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14], we approach the problem (1.2) by solving the equation

$$(1.3) \quad Kz = y^\delta$$

first and then

$$(1.4) \quad F(x) = z.$$

For approximating  $\hat{x}$ , iterative regularization method are studied by Argyros et.al [1], Argyros et.al [4], George [6], George and Nair[7], George and Kuhanandan [8], George and Shobha [10] and Shobha et.al [14]. Note that, in all these methods, one has to compute the inverse involving Fréchet derivative of  $F$  at each iterate  $x_k$  or at initial guess  $x_0$ .

In the present study, we apply Tikhonov regularization to solve the linear operator equation (1.3) and then we consider the inverse free iterative method to solve the non-linear operator equation (1.4). The method involves, Fréchet derivative of  $F$  only at  $x_0$ (see (3.2)).

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: Section 2 contains preliminaries, Section 3 contains convergence analysis of inverse free iterative method, Section 4 contains error bounds and source conditions and Section 5 contains finite dimensional realization of inverse free iterative method. Finally the paper ends with an academic example in Section 6.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Denote by  $B_r(x)$ ,  $\overline{B}_r(x)$  the open and closed ball in  $X$ , respectively, with center  $x \in X$  and of radius  $r > 0$ . The following assumption is used for obtaining the error estimate.

**Assumption 2.1.** *There exists a continuous, strictly monotonically increasing function  $\varphi : (0, a] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  with  $a \geq \|K\|^2$  satisfying;*

•

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

•

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

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

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

Let

$$(2.1) \quad z_\alpha^\delta = (K^*K + \alpha I)^{-1} K^*(y^\delta - KF(x_0)) + F(x_0).$$

It is known that (see (4.3) in [8]) under the Assumption 2.1

$$(2.2) \quad \|F(\hat{x}) - z_\alpha^\delta\| \leq \varphi(\alpha) + \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}}.$$

### 3. CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS

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  $\alpha \in [\delta_0^2, a_0]$ . Then as in [3], for  $\alpha > 0$ , one can prove that

$$(3.1) \quad F'(x_0)^*(F(x) - z_\alpha^\delta) + \frac{\alpha}{c}(x - x_0) = 0$$

has a unique solution  $x_\alpha^\delta$  in  $B_r(x_0)$  provided  $0 < r < \frac{1}{2k_0}$ . To obtain an approximation for  $x_\alpha^\delta$ , we consider the iteration defined for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  by

$$(3.2) \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - \beta[F'(x_0)^*(F(x_n) - z_\alpha^\delta) + \frac{\alpha}{c}(x_n - x_0)].$$

We need the following assumption for the convergence analysis of (3.2).

**Assumption 3.1.**

(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)

$$\forall x \in B_r(\hat{x}), \|F'(x)\| \leq m.$$

Further, let  $\beta, q_{\alpha,\beta}$  be parameters such that

$$(3.3) \quad \beta \leq \frac{1}{m^2 + \frac{a_0}{c}}$$

and

$$(3.4) \quad q_{\alpha,\beta} = 1 - \frac{\alpha\beta}{c} + \frac{3\beta m^2 k_0}{2} r.$$

The main result of this paper is the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let Assumption 3.1 holds and let  $(x_n)$  be as in (3.2) and  $0 < r < \min\{\frac{1}{2k_0}, \frac{2\alpha}{3m^2k_0}\}$ . Then for each  $\delta \in (0, \delta_0]$  and  $c \leq \alpha$ . Then the sequence  $(x_n)$  is in  $B_{2r}(x_0)$  and converges to  $x_\alpha^\delta$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Further,*

$$(3.5) \quad \|x_{n+1} - x_\alpha^\delta\| \leq q_{\alpha,\beta}^{n+1} \|x_0 - x_\alpha^\delta\|,$$

where  $q_{\alpha,\beta}$  is as in (3.4).

**Proof:** Clearly,  $x_0 \in \overline{B_{2r}(x_0)}$ . Let  $M_n := \int_0^1 F'(x_\alpha^\delta + t(x_n - x_\alpha^\delta)) dt$ . Since  $x_\alpha^\delta \in B_r(x_0)$ ,  $M_0$  is well defined. Assume that for some  $n > 0$ ,  $x_n \in B_{2r}(x_0)$  and  $M_n$  is well defined. Then, since  $x_\alpha^\delta$  satisfies the equation (3.1), we have

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} x_{n+1} - x_\alpha^\delta &= x_n - x_\alpha^\delta - \beta \left[ F'(x_0)^*(F(x_n) - F(x_\alpha^\delta)) + \frac{\alpha}{c}(x_n - x_\alpha^\delta) \right] \\ &= x_n - x_\alpha^\delta - \beta \left[ F'(x_0)^* M_n + \frac{\alpha}{c} I \right] (x_n - x_\alpha^\delta) \\ &= x_n - x_\alpha^\delta - \beta [F'(x_0)^*(M_n - F'(x_0))] (x_n - x_\alpha^\delta) \\ &\quad - \beta \left[ F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) + \frac{\alpha}{c} I \right] (x_n - x_\alpha^\delta) \\ &= \left[ I - \beta \left( F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) + \frac{\alpha}{c} I \right) \right] (x_n - x_\alpha^\delta) \\ &\quad - \beta [F'(x_0)^*(M_n - F'(x_0))] (x_n - x_\alpha^\delta). \end{aligned}$$

Using Assumptions 3.1, we have

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

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

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

The last step follows from the relation

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta |\langle F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0) x, x \rangle| &\leq \beta \|F'(x_0)\|^2 \\
&\leq \beta m^2 \\
&\leq \frac{1}{m^2 + \frac{\alpha_0}{c}} m^2 \\
&\leq \frac{1}{m^2 + \frac{\alpha}{c}} m^2 = 1 - \frac{\alpha/c}{m^2 + \alpha/c} \leq 1 - \frac{\alpha\beta}{c}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Assumption 3.1, we have

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

Since  $q_{\alpha,\beta} < 1$ , 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  $M_{n+1}$  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 (3.2), we obtain the convergence of  $x_n$  to  $x_\alpha^\delta$ . The estimate (3.5) now follows from (3.8). □

#### 4. ERROR BOUNDS UNDER SOURCE CONDITIONS

In this section, we need the following assumptions in addition to the earlier assumptions to obtain the error bound.

**Assumption 4.1.** *There exists a continuous, strictly monotonically increasing function  $\varphi_1 : (0, b] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  with  $b \geq \|F'(x_0)\|^2$  satisfying;*

•

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \varphi_1(\lambda) = 0$$

•

$$\sup_{\lambda \geq 0} \frac{\alpha \varphi_1(\lambda)}{\lambda + \alpha} \leq \varphi_1(\alpha), \quad \forall \alpha \in (0, b].$$

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

$$x_0 - \hat{x} = \varphi_1(F'(x_0)^* F'(x_0))v.$$

**Assumption 4.2.** *For each  $x \in B_r(x_0)$ , there exists a bounded linear operator  $G(x, x_0)$  such that*

$$F'(x) = F'(x_0)G(x, x_0)$$

with  $\|G(x, x_0)\| \leq k_1$

Let  $k_1 < \frac{1-k_0r}{1-c}$  and assume that  $\varphi_1(\alpha) \leq \varphi(\alpha)$ . Proof of the following Theorems 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 are analogous to the proof of Theorems 3.14, 3.15 and 3.16 in [1].

**THEOREM 4.3.** *(cf. [1], Theorem 3.14) Let  $x_\alpha^\delta$  be the solution of (3.1) and Assumption 4.1 and Assumption 4.2 hold. Let  $0 < r < \min \left\{ \frac{1}{2k_0}, \frac{2\alpha}{3cm^2k_0} \right\}$  and  $k_1 < \frac{1-k_0r}{1-c}$ . Then*

$$\|x_\alpha^\delta - \hat{x}\| \leq \frac{\varphi_1(\alpha) + \|F(\hat{x}) - z_\alpha^\delta\|}{1 - k_0r - (1-c)k_1}.$$

**THEOREM 4.4.** *(cf. [1], Theorem 3.15) Let  $(x_n)$  be as in (3.2). Assumption 2.1 hold and  $\varphi_1(\alpha) \leq \varphi(\alpha)$  and assumptions in Theorem 4.3 and Theorem 3.2 hold. Then*

$$\|x_n - \hat{x}\| \leq q_{\alpha, \beta}^n r + K \left( 2\varphi(\alpha) + \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \right)$$

where  $K = \frac{1}{1 - K_0r - (1-c)k_1}$ .

**THEOREM 4.5.** *(cf. [1], Theorem 3.16) Let  $(x_n)$  be as in (3.2) and assumptions in Theorem 4.4 holds. Let*

$$n_k = \min \left\{ n : q_{\alpha, \beta}^n \leq \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \right\}.$$

Then

$$\|x_{n_k} - \hat{x}\| = \bar{K} \left( \varphi(\alpha) + \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \right).$$

where  $\bar{K} = \max\{2K, r + K\}$

## 5. FINITE DIMENSIONAL REALIZATION OF METHOD (1.3)

Let  $V_1 \subseteq V_2 \subseteq V_3 \subseteq \dots$  be a sequence of finite-dimensional subspaces of  $X$  with  $\overline{\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} V_n} = X$  and  $P_h$  is the orthogonal projection of  $X$  onto  $V_n$ . Let

$$\varepsilon_h := \|K(I - P_h)\|,$$

$$\tau_h := \|F'(x)(I - P_h)\|, \quad \forall x \in D(F).$$

Let  $\{b_h : h > 0\}$  is such that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|(I - P_h)x_0\|}{b_h} = 0$ ,  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|(I - P_h)F(x_0)\|}{b_h} = 0$  and  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} b_h = 0$ . We assume that  $\varepsilon_h \rightarrow 0$  and  $\tau_h \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . The above assumption is satisfied if,  $P_h \rightarrow I$  point wise and if  $K$  and  $F'(x)$  are compact operators. Further we assume that  $\varepsilon_h < \varepsilon_0$ ,  $\tau_h \leq \tau_0$ ,  $b_h \leq b_0$ .

In the discretized Tikhonov regularization method for solving equation (2.1), the solution of  $z_\alpha^{h,\delta}$  of the equation

$$(5.1) \quad \left( P_h K^* K P_h + \frac{\alpha}{c} P_h \right) (z_\alpha^{h,\delta} - P_h F(x_0)) = P_h K^* [y^\delta - K F(x_0)]$$

is taken as an approximation for  $F(\hat{x})$ .

**THEOREM 5.1.** (See [9], Theorem 2.4) Let  $z_\alpha^{h,\delta}$  be as in (5.1). Further if  $b_h \leq \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}}$  and Assumption 2.1 holds. Then

$$(5.2) \quad \|F(\hat{x}) - z_{\alpha,h}^\delta\| \leq C \left( \varphi(\alpha) + \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \right).$$

where  $C = \max\{mr, 1\} + 1$

**5.1. A priori choice of the parameter.** Note that the estimate  $\varphi(\frac{\alpha}{c}) + \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha}}$  in (5.2) is of optimal order for the choice  $\alpha := \alpha(\delta, h)$  which satisfies  $\varphi(\alpha(\delta, h)) = \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha(\delta, h)}}$ . Let  $\psi(\lambda) := \lambda \sqrt{\varphi^{-1}(\lambda)}$ ,  $0 < \lambda \leq a$ . Then we have  $\delta + \varepsilon_h = \sqrt{\alpha(\delta, h)} \varphi(\alpha(\delta, h)) = \psi(\varphi(\alpha(\delta, h)))$  and

$$\alpha(\delta, h) = \varphi^{-1}(\psi^{-1}(\delta + \varepsilon_h)).$$

So from (5.2) we have  $\|F(\hat{x}) - z_\alpha^{h,\delta}\| \leq 2C \psi^{-1}(\delta + \varepsilon_h)$ .

**5.2. An adaptive choice of the parameter.** Let

$$D_N = \{\alpha_i = \mu^i \alpha_0 : i = 1, 2, \dots, N, \mu > 1, \alpha_0 > 0\}$$

be the set of possible values of the parameter  $\alpha$ .

Let

$$(5.3) \quad l := \max \left\{ i : \varphi(\alpha_i) \leq \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha_i}} \right\} < N,$$

$$(5.4) \quad k = \max \{i : \alpha_i \in D_N^+\}$$

where  $D_N^+ = \left\{ \alpha_i \in D_N : \|z_{\alpha_i}^\delta - z_{\alpha_j}^\delta\| \leq \frac{4C(\delta + \varepsilon_h)}{\sqrt{\alpha_j}}, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, i-1 \right\}$ .

**THEOREM 5.2.** (cf. [9], Theorem 2.5) Let  $l$  be as in (5.3),  $k$  be as in (5.4) and  $z_{\alpha_k}^{h,\delta}$  be as in (5.1) with  $\alpha = \alpha_k$ . Then  $l \leq k$  and

$$\|F(\hat{x}) - z_{\alpha_k}^{h,\delta}\| \leq C \left( 2 + \frac{4\mu}{\mu-1} \right) \mu\psi^{-1}(\delta + \varepsilon_h).$$

**Proof:** Analogous to the proof of Theorem 2.5 in [9].

The discretized version of (3.2) as

$$(5.5) \quad x_{n+1, \alpha_k}^{h,\delta} = x_{n, \alpha_k}^{h,\delta} - \beta P_h \left[ F'(x_0)^*(F(x_{n, \alpha_k}^{h,\delta}) - z_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}) + \frac{\alpha_k}{c}(x_{n, \alpha_k}^{h,\delta} - x_0^{h,\delta}) \right]$$

where  $x_0^{h,\delta} =: P_h x_0$  and  $c \leq \alpha_k$ . Let

$$(\delta_0 + \varepsilon_0)^2 < \bar{a}_0.$$

It is known that for [9, Theorem 3.7.] under the Assumption 2.1

$$(5.6) \quad P_h F'(x_0)^*(F P_h(x) - z_{\alpha}^{h,\delta}) + \frac{\alpha_k}{c} P_h(x - x_0) = 0$$

has a unique solution  $x_{\alpha_k}^{h,\delta}$  in  $B_r(x_0) \cap R(P_h)$  and the following Theorems hold.

**THEOREM 5.3.** (cf. [9], Theorem 3.8) Suppose  $x_{\alpha_k}^{h,\delta}$  is the solution of 5.6 and Assumption 2.1 and Theorem hold. In addition if  $\tau_0 < 1$ , then

$$\|x_{\alpha_k}^{h,\delta} - x_{\alpha_k}^\delta\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \tau_0} \left( \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha_k}} \right).$$

**Proof:** Proof is analogous to the proof of Theorem 3.8 in [9].  $\square$

The proof of the following Theorem 5.4 is analogous to the proof of Theorem 3.2 in Section 3.

**THEOREM 5.4.** Let  $x_{n, \alpha_k}^{h,\delta}$  be as in (5.5) and let  $0 < r < \min \left\{ \frac{2\alpha}{3M^2 c k_0}, \frac{1}{2k_0} \right\}$ . Then for each  $\delta \in (0, \delta_0]$ ,  $\alpha_k \in ((\delta + \varepsilon_h)^2, \bar{a}_0]$ ,  $\varepsilon_h \leq \varepsilon_0$  the sequence  $\{x_{n, \alpha_k}^{h,\delta}\}$  is in  $B_{2r}(x_0) \cap R(P_h)$  and converges to  $x_{\alpha_k}^{h,\delta}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Further,

$$(5.7) \quad \|x_{n+1, \alpha_k}^{h,\delta} - x_{\alpha_k}^{h,\delta}\| \leq q_{\alpha_k, \beta}^{n+1} \|P_h x_0 - x_{\alpha_k}^{h,\delta}\|,$$

where  $q_{\alpha_k, \beta}$  is as in (3.4) with  $\alpha = \alpha_k$ .

**THEOREM 5.5.** Let  $x_{\alpha_k}^{h,\delta}$  be the solution of (5.6) and Assumption in Theorem 4.3, 5.3 and 5.4 hold. If  $\varphi_1(\alpha) \leq \varphi(\alpha)$ , then

$$\|x_{n, \alpha_k}^{h,\delta} - \hat{x}\| \leq q_{\alpha_k, \beta}^n r + \left( \left( K + \frac{1}{1 - \tau_0} \right) + KC \left( 2 + \frac{4\mu}{\mu-1} \right) \right) \mu\psi^{-1}(\delta + \varepsilon_h).$$

where  $q_{\alpha_k, \beta}$  is as in (3.4) with  $\alpha = \alpha_k$ .



By combing the results in Theorem 5.4 and Theorem 5.5, we obtain the following Theorem.

**THEOREM 5.6.** *Let  $x_{n,\alpha_k}^{h,\delta}$  be as in (5.5) and assumptions in Theorem 5.5 holds. Let*

$$n_k = \min \left\{ n : q_{\alpha_k,\beta}^n \leq \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha_k}} \right\}.$$

Then

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

5.3. **Algorithm.** The balancing algorithm associated with the choice of the parameter specified in this Section involves the following steps:

- For  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, N\}$

$$z_{\alpha_i}^\delta - z_{\alpha_j}^\delta = (\alpha_j - \alpha_i)(K^*K + \alpha_i I)^{-1}[K^*(y^\delta - KF(x_0))];$$

- Choose  $\alpha_0 = (\delta + \varepsilon_h)^2$  and  $\mu > 1$ ;
- Choose  $\alpha_i := \mu^{2i}\alpha_0, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$ ;
- Solve for  $w_i : (K^*K + \alpha_i I)w_i = K^*(y^\delta - KF(x_0))$ ;
- Solve for  $j < i, z_{ij} : (K^*K + \alpha_i I)z_{ij} = (\alpha_j - \alpha_i)w_i$ ;
- $\|z_{ij}\| > 4C \frac{(\delta + \varepsilon_h)}{\sqrt{\alpha_j}}$ , then take  $k=i-1$ ;
- Otherwise repeat with  $i+1$  in place of  $i$ ;
- Choose  $n_k := \min \left\{ n : q_{\alpha_k,\beta}^n \leq \frac{\delta + \varepsilon_h}{\sqrt{\alpha_k}} \right\}$ ;
- Solve  $x_k := x_{n_k,\alpha_k}^{h,\delta}$  by using the iteration (5.5).

## 6. NUMERICAL EXAMPLE

We consider the space  $X = Y = L^2(0,1)$  and the operator  $KF : X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $F : D(F) \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$  is a nonlinear operator defined by

$$F(u) = \int_0^1 k(t,s)u^3(s)ds$$

and  $K : X \rightarrow Y$  is a bounded linear operator defined by

$$K(x)(t) = \int_0^1 k(t,s)x(s)ds.$$

Here

$$k(t,s) = \begin{cases} (1-t)s, & 0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1 \\ (1-s)t & 0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

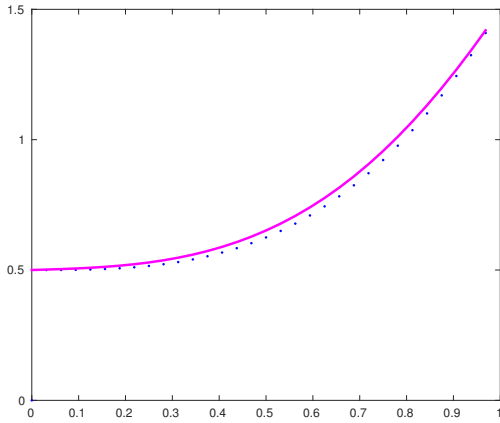
The Fréchet derivative of  $F$  is given by

$$F'(u)w = 3 \int_0^1 k(t,s)u^2(s)w(s)ds$$

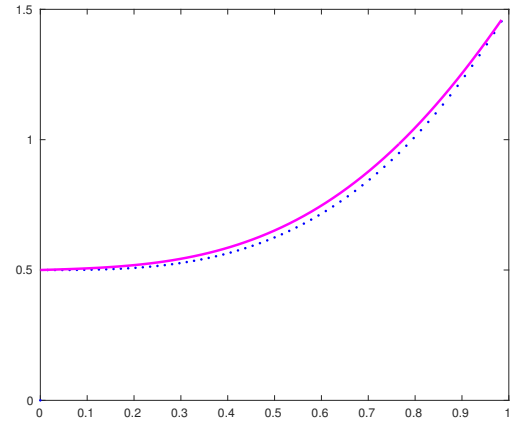
We have taken exact solution  $\hat{x}(t) = 0.5 + t^3$  and initial guess  $x_0(t) = 0.5 + t^3 - \frac{3}{56}(t - t^8)$ . Let  $\beta = 1/1000$ . Then the error estimates are given in Table 1 and approximate and exact solutions for various values of  $\delta$  are given in figures (a) to (f).

$N$	$k$	$\alpha_k$	$\ x_{n_k, \alpha_k}^{h, \delta} - \hat{x}\ $	$\frac{\ x_{n_k, \alpha_k}^{h, \delta} - \hat{x}\ }{\sqrt{\delta + \varepsilon_h}}$
32	4	1.06E-01	2.36E-02	7.47E-02
62	4	1.06E-01	1.67E-02	5.28E-02
124	4	1.06E-01	1.18E-02	3.74E-02
256	4	1.06E-01	8.35E-03	2.64E-02
512	4	1.06E-01	5.91E-03	1.87E-02
1024	4	1.06E-01	4.18E-03	1.32E-02

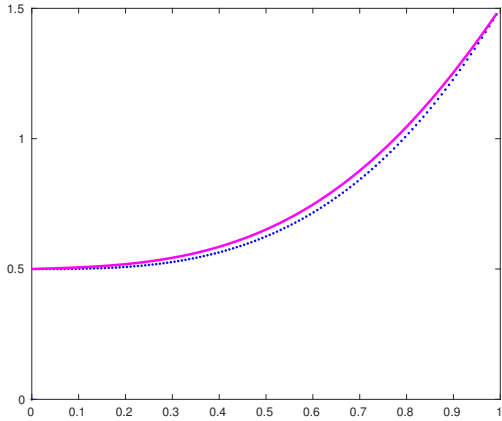
TABLE 1. Error estimate



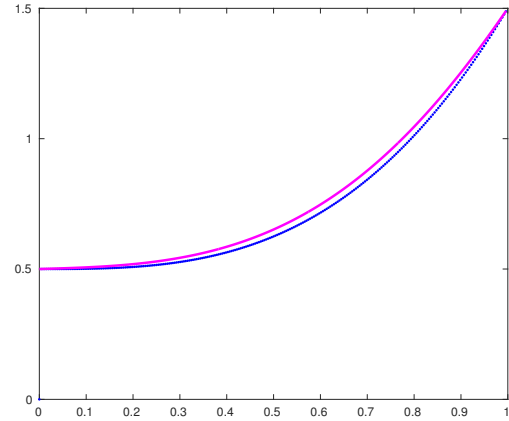
(a)  $N = 32$



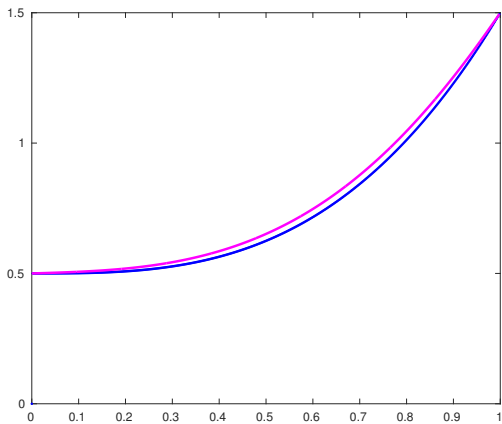
(b)  $N = 64$



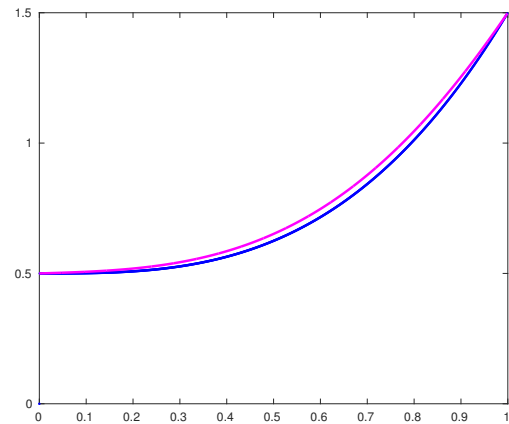
(c)  $N = 128$



(d)  $N = 256$



(e)  $N = 512$



(f)  $N = 1024$

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