

# Improving Strong Convergence Results for Hierarchical Optimization

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## Abstract

In this paper, an hierarchical circularly iterative method is introduced for solving a system of variational circularly inequalities with set of fixed points of strongly quasi-nonexpansive mapping problems. Under suitable conditions, strong convergence results are proved in the setting of Hilbert spaces. Our scheme can be regarded as a more general variant of the algorithm proposed by Maingé.

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## 1 Introduction

The concept of variational inequalities plays an important role in structural analysis, mechanics and economics. Recently, the hierarchical variational in-

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equalities and hierarchical iterative sequence problems have attracted many authors' attention(see[1]-[7], [9]-[11]).

Inspired by these results in the literature, a circularly iterative method in this paper is introduced for solving a system of variational inequalities with fixed-point set constraints. Under suitable conditions, strong convergence results are proved in the setting of Hilbert spaces. Our scheme can be regarded as a more general variant of the algorithm proposed by Maingé. The results presented in the paper improve and extend the corresponding results in [11].

## 2 Preliminaries

For the sake of convenience, we first recall some definitions and lemmas for our main results. We assume that  $H$  is a real Hilbert space with the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .  $C$  is a nonempty closed convex subset of  $H$  and  $Fix(T) = \{x \in C; Tx = x\}$  is the set of fixed points of a mapping  $T : D \rightarrow D$ . In the sequel, we denote the strong convergence and weak convergence of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  by  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ , respectively. It is well-known that, for any  $x \in H$ , there exists a unique nearest point in  $C$ , denoted by  $P_C(x)$ , such that

$$P_C(x) = \inf_{y \in C} \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x \in H.$$

Such a mapping  $P_C$  from  $H$  onto  $C$  is called the metric projection.

**Lemma 2.1.** (see [8]) *The metric projection  $P_C : H \rightarrow C$  has the following basic properties:*

(1)  $P_C$  is firmly nonexpansive, i.e.,

$$\langle P_C(x) - P_C(y), x - y \rangle \geq \|P_C(x) - P_C(y)\|^2, \quad \forall x, y \in H,$$

and so  $P_C$  is nonexpansive.

(2)  $\langle x - P_Cx, y - P_Cx \rangle \leq 0$ , for all  $x \in H$  and  $y \in C$ .

**Definition 2.2.** (1) A mapping  $T : H \rightarrow H$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -inverse-strongly monotone if there exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\langle Tx - Ty, x - y \rangle \geq \alpha \|Tx - Ty\|, \quad \forall x, y \in H.$$

(2) A mapping  $T : H \rightarrow H$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -Lipschitzian if

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \alpha \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in H.$$

(3) A mapping  $T : H \rightarrow H$  is said to be quasi-nonexpansive if  $\text{Fix}(T) \neq \Phi$  and

$$\|Tx - p\| \leq \|x - p\|, \quad \forall x \in H, \quad p \in \text{Fix}(T).$$

(4) A mapping  $T : H \rightarrow H$  is said to be strongly quasi-nonexpansive if  $T$  is quasi-nonexpansive and  $x_n - Tx_n \rightarrow 0$ , whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a bounded sequence in  $H$  and  $\|x_n - p\| - \|Tx_n - p\| \rightarrow 0$  for some  $p \in \text{Fix}(T)$ .

(5) (see[12]) A mapping  $T : H \rightarrow H$  is said to be  $\omega$ -demicontractive if  $\text{Fix}(T) \neq \Phi$  and

$$\langle x - Tx, x - p \rangle \geq \frac{1 - \omega}{2} \|x - Tx\|^2, \quad \forall x \in H \text{ quad } p \in \text{Fix}(T).$$

Obviously, the above inequality is equivalent to

$$\|Tx - p\|^2 \leq \|x - p\|^2 + \omega \|x - Tx\|^2,$$

and it is clear from the preceding definitions, that every quasi-nonexpansive mapping is 0-demicontractive.

**Lemma 2.3.** (see [13]) For  $x, y \in H$  and  $\omega \in [0, 1]$ , we have the following statements:

(a)  $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|;$

(b)  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\|^2 + 2\langle y, y + x \rangle;$

(c)  $\|(1 - \omega)x + \omega y\|^2 = (1 - \omega)\|x\|^2 + \omega\|y\|^2 - \omega(1 - \omega)\|x - y\|^2.$

For prove our result, we give the following lemma about the existence and uniqueness of solutions of some related hierarchical optimization problems.

**Lemma 2.4.** ([11]) *Let  $\{\alpha_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers such that there exists a subsequence  $\{n_i\}$  of  $\{n\}$  such that  $\alpha_{n_i} \leq \alpha_{n_i+1}$  for all  $i \in N$ . Then there exists a nondecreasing  $\{m_k\} \subset N$ , such that  $m_k \rightarrow \infty$  and the following properties are satisfied for all (sufficiently large) numbers sequence  $k \subset N$ :*

$$\alpha_{m_k} \leq \alpha_{m_k+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_k \leq \alpha_{m_k+1}.$$

*In fact,  $m_k = \max\{j \leq k : \alpha_j \leq \alpha_{j+1}\}$ .*

**Lemma 2.5.** ([11]) *Assume that  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence of nonnegative real numbers such that*

$$\alpha_{n+1} \leq (1 - \gamma_n)\alpha_n + \gamma_n\delta_n,$$

*where  $\{\gamma_n\}$  is a sequence in  $(0, 1)$  and  $\{\delta_n\}$  is a sequence such that*

(a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n = \infty$ ,

(b)  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n \leq 0$ .

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

**Lemma 2.6.** ([11]) *Let  $\{a_n\} \subset [0, \infty)$ ,  $\{\alpha_n\} \subset [0, 1]$ ,  $\{b_n\} \subset (-\infty, +\infty)$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , such that*

- $\{a_n\}$  is a bounded sequence;
- $a_{n+1} \leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 a_n + 2\alpha_n \lambda \sqrt{a_n} \sqrt{a_{n+1}} + \alpha_n b_n$ , for all  $n \in N$ ;
- whenever  $\{a_{n_k}\}$  is a subsequence of  $\{a_n\}$  satisfying  $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} (a_{n_{k+1}} - a_{n_k}) \geq 0$ , it follows that  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_{n_k} \leq 0$ ;
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ .

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

In [11], the existence and uniqueness of solutions of some related hierarchical optimization problems had been discussed.

**Theorem 2.7.** ([11]) *Let  $S_1, S_2 : H \rightarrow H$  be quasi-nonexpansive mappings and  $f_1, f_2 : H \rightarrow H$  be contractions. Then there exists a unique element  $(p, q) \in \text{Fix}(S_1) \times \text{Fix}(S_2)$  such that the following two inequalities,*

$$\begin{cases} \langle p - f_1(q), x - p \rangle \geq 0, & \forall x \in \text{Fix}(S_1), \\ \langle q - f_2(p), y - q \rangle \geq 0, & \forall y \in \text{Fix}(S_2). \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

At the same time, Maingé define two iterative sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  by

$$\begin{cases} x_0, y_0 \in H, \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)S_1x_n + \alpha_n f_1(S_2y_n), \\ y_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)S_2y_n + \alpha_n f_2(S_1x_n), \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $\alpha_n \in [0, 1]$  satisfy  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ . Then, he proved that the results as follows.

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $S_1, S_2 : H \rightarrow H$  be strongly quasi-nonexpansive mappings such that  $I - s_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are demiclosed at zero and let  $f_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) be contractions with the coefficient  $\hat{\alpha}$ . Then the iterative sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  by (2) strong converge to  $(p, q)$ , respectively, where  $(p, q)$  is the unique element in  $\text{Fix}(S_1) \times \text{Fix}(S_2)$  verifying (1).*

### 3 Main results

First, we discuss the existence and uniqueness of solutions of some related hierarchical optimization problems.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $S_1, S_2, S_3 : H \rightarrow H$  be quasi-nonexpansive mappings and  $f_1, f_2, f_3 : H \rightarrow H$  be contractions. Then there exists a unique element  $(p, q, r) \in \text{Fix}(S_1) \times \text{Fix}(S_2) \times \text{Fix}(S_3)$  such that the following inequalities,*

$$\begin{cases} \langle p - f_1(q), x - p \rangle \geq 0, & \forall x \in \text{Fix}(S_1), \\ \langle q - f_2(r), y - q \rangle \geq 0, & \forall y \in \text{Fix}(S_2), \\ \langle r - f_3(p), z - r \rangle \geq 0, & \forall z \in \text{Fix}(S_3). \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

**Proof.** The proof is a consequence of the well-known *Banach's* contraction principle but it is given here for the sake of completeness. It is known that both sets  $Fix(S_i)(i = 1, 2, 3)$  are closed and convex, and hence the projections  $P_{Fix(S_i)}(i = 1, 2, 3)$  are well defined. It is clear that the mapping

$$P_{Fix(S_1)} \bullet f_1 \bullet P_{Fix(S_2)} \bullet f_2 \bullet P_{Fix(S_3)} \bullet f_3$$

is a contraction. Hence, there exists a unique element  $p \in H$  such that

$$p = (P_{Fix(S_1)} \bullet f_1 \bullet P_{Fix(S_2)} \bullet f_2 \bullet P_{Fix(S_3)} \bullet f_3)p.$$

Put  $r = P_{Fix(S_3)}f_3p$  and  $q = P_{Fix(S_2)}f_2r$ . Then  $q \in P_{Fix(S_2)}$ ,  $r \in P_{Fix(S_3)}$  and  $p = P_{Fix(S_1)}f_1q$ .

Suppose that there is an element  $(p^*, q^*, r^*) \in Fix(S_1) \times Fix(S_2) \times Fix(S_3)$  such that the following inequalities,

$$\begin{cases} \langle p^* - f_1(q^*), x - p^* \rangle \geq 0, & \forall x \in Fix(S_1), \\ \langle q^* - f_2(r^*), y - q^* \rangle \geq 0, & \forall y \in Fix(S_2), \\ \langle r^* - f_3(p^*), z - r^* \rangle \geq 0, & \forall z \in Fix(S_3). \end{cases}$$

Then  $r^* = P_{Fix(S_3)}f_3p^*$ ,  $q^* = P_{Fix(S_2)}f_2r^*$  and  $p^* = P_{Fix(S_1)}f_1q^*$ . Hence,  $p^* = (P_{Fix(S_1)} \bullet f_1 \bullet P_{Fix(S_2)} \bullet f_2 \bullet P_{Fix(S_3)} \bullet f_3)p^*$ . This implies that  $p = p^*$  and hence  $q = q^*$ ,  $r = r^*$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

For mappings  $S_i, f_i : H \rightarrow H$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ), we define the iterative sequences  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  and  $\{z_n\}$  by

$$\begin{cases} x_0, y_0, z_0 \in H, \\ x_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)S_1x_n + \alpha_n f_1(S_2y_n), \\ y_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)S_2y_n + \alpha_n f_2(S_3z_n), \\ z_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n)S_3z_n + \alpha_n f_3(S_1x_n), \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where  $\alpha_n \in [0, 1]$  satisfy  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n = \infty$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $S_1, S_2, S_3 : H \rightarrow H$  be strongly quasi-nonexpansive mappings such that  $I - s_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) are demiclosed at zero and let  $f_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ )*

be contractions with the coefficient  $\hat{\alpha}$ . Then the iterative sequences  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  and  $\{z_n\}$  by (4) strong converge to  $(p, q, r)$ , respectively, where  $(p, q, r)$  is the unique element in  $Fix(S_1) \times Fix(S_2) \times Fix(S_3)$  verifying (3).

Recall that a mapping  $T : H \rightarrow H$  is demiclosed at zero if  $Tx = 0$  whenever  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  and  $Tx_n \rightarrow 0$ . We split the proof of Theorem 3.2 into the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.3.** *The sequences  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  and  $\{z_n\}$  are bounded.*

**Proof.** Since  $S_1, S_2, S_3 : H \rightarrow H$  be strongly quasi-nonexpansive mappings,  $f_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$  be contractions with the coefficient  $\hat{\alpha}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{n+1} - p\| &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)\|S_1x_n - p\| + \alpha_n\|f_1(S_2y_n) - p\| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)\|x_n - p\| + \alpha_n\|f_1(S_2y_n) - f_1(q)\| + \alpha_n\|f_1(q) - p\| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)\|x_n - p\| + \alpha_n\hat{\alpha}\|S_2y_n - q\| + \alpha_n\|f_1(q) - p\| \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)\|x_n - p\| + \alpha_n\hat{\alpha}\|y_n - q\| + \alpha_n\|f_1(q) - p\|. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we also have

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_{n+1} - q\| &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)\|y_n - q\| + \alpha_n\hat{\alpha}\|z_n - r\| + \alpha_n\|f_2(r) - q\|, \\ \|z_{n+1} - r\| &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)\|z_n - r\| + \alpha_n\hat{\alpha}\|x_n - p\| + \alpha_n\|f_3(p) - r\|. \end{aligned}$$

It implies that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|x_{n+1} - p\| + \|y_{n+1} - q\| + \|z_{n+1} - r\| \\ &\leq [1 - (1 - \hat{\alpha})\alpha_n](\|x_n - p\| + \|y_n - q\| + \|z_n - r\|) \\ &\quad + \alpha_n(\|f_1(q) - p\| + \|f_2(r) - q\| + \|f_3(p) - r\|) \\ &\leq \max\{\|x_n - p\| + \|y_n - q\| + \|z_n - r\|, \\ &\quad \frac{\|f_1(q) - p\| + \|f_2(r) - q\| + \|f_3(p) - r\|}{1 - \hat{\alpha}}\}. \end{aligned}$$

By induction, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|x_{n+1} - p\| + \|y_{n+1} - q\| + \|z_{n+1} - r\| \\ &\leq \max\{\|x_0 - p\| + \|y_0 - q\| + \|z_0 - r\|, \\ &\quad \frac{\|f_1(q) - p\| + \|f_2(r) - q\| + \|f_3(p) - r\|}{1 - \hat{\alpha}}\}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \in N$ . In particular, sequences  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  and  $\{z_n\}$  are bounded. Consequently, the sequences  $\{S_1x_n\}$ ,  $\{S_2y_n\}$  and  $\{S_3z_n\}$  are also bounded.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.** *For each  $n \in N$ , the following inequality holds:*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 \leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|(x_n - p)\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \hat{\alpha} \|y_n - q\| \|x_{n+1} - p\| \\ \quad + 2\alpha_n \langle f_1(q) - p, x_{n+1} - p \rangle, \\ \|y_{n+1} - q\|^2 \leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|(y_n - q)\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \hat{\alpha} \|z_n - r\| \|y_{n+1} - q\| \\ \quad + 2\alpha_n \langle f_2(r) - q, y_{n+1} - q \rangle, \\ \|z_{n+1} - r\|^2 \leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|(z_n - r)\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \hat{\alpha} \|x_n - p\| \|z_{n+1} - r\| \\ \quad + 2\alpha_n \langle f_1(p) - r, z_{n+1} - r \rangle. \end{array} \right. \quad (5)$$

**Proof.** Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 \\ &= \|(1 - \alpha_n)(S_1x_n - p) + \alpha_n(f_1(S_2y_n) - p)\|^2 \\ &\leq \|(1 - \alpha_n)(S_1x_n - p)\|^2 + 2\langle \alpha_n(f_1(S_2y_n) - p), x_{n+1} - p \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|(S_1x_n - p)\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \langle f_1(S_2y_n) - f_1(q), x_{n+1} - p \rangle \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle f_1(q) - p, x_{n+1} - p \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|(S_1x_n - p)\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \|f_1(S_2y_n) - f_1(q)\| \|x_{n+1} - p\| \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle f_1(q) - p, x_{n+1} - p \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|(x_n - p)\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \hat{\alpha} \|S_2y_n - q\| \|x_{n+1} - p\| \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle f_1(q) - p, x_{n+1} - p \rangle \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|(x_n - p)\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \hat{\alpha} \|y_n - q\| \|x_{n+1} - p\| \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_n \langle f_1(q) - p, x_{n+1} - p \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|y_{n+1} - q\|^2 \leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|(y_n - q)\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \hat{\alpha} \|z_n - r\| \|y_{n+1} - q\| \\ \quad + 2\alpha_n \langle f_2(r) - q, y_{n+1} - q \rangle, \\ \|z_{n+1} - r\|^2 \leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 \|(z_n - r)\|^2 + 2\alpha_n \hat{\alpha} \|x_n - p\| \|z_{n+1} - r\| \\ \quad + 2\alpha_n \langle f_1(p) - r, z_{n+1} - r \rangle. \end{array} \right.$$



By Lemma 3.3, we give following result,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 + \|y_{n+1} - q\|^2 + \|z_{n+1} - r\|^2 \\
 & \leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2(\|x_n - p\|^2 + \|y_n - q\|^2 + \|z_n - r\|^2) \\
 & + 2\alpha_n \hat{\alpha}(\|y_n - q\|\|x_{n+1} - p\| + \|z_n - r\|\|y_{n+1} - q\| + \|x_n - p\|\|z_{n+1} - r\|) \\
 & + 2\alpha_n(\langle f_1(q) - p, x_{n+1} - p \rangle + \langle f_2(r) - q, y_{n+1} - q \rangle \\
 & \quad + \langle f_1(p) - r, z_{n+1} - r \rangle). \quad (6)
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 3.5.** *If there exists a subsequence  $\{n_k\}$  of  $\{n\}$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\|x_{n_k+1} - p\|^2 + \|y_{n_k+1} - q\|^2 + \|z_{n_k+1} - r\|^2 - \|x_{n_k} - p\|^2 \\
 - \|y_{n_k} - q\|^2 - \|z_{n_k} - r\|^2) \geq 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\langle f_1(q) - p, x_{n_k+1} - p \rangle + \langle f_2(r) - q, y_{n_k+1} - q \rangle + \langle f_3(p) - r, z_{n_k+1} - r \rangle) \\
 \leq 0. \quad (7)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** In fact, we first consider the following assertion:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 & \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\|x_{n_k+1} - p\|^2 + \|y_{n_k+1} - q\|^2 \|z_{n_k+1} - r\|^2 - \|x_{n_k} - p\|^2 \\
 & \quad - \|y_{n_k} - q\|^2 - \|z_{n_k} - r\|^2) \\
 & \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} [(1 - \alpha_{n_k})\|S_1 x_{n_k} - p\|^2 + \alpha_{n_k}\|f_1(S_2 y_{n_k}) - q\|^2 \\
 & \quad + (1 - \alpha_{n_k})\|S_2 y_{n_k} - q\|^2 + \alpha_{n_k}\|f_2(S_3 z_{n_k}) - r\|^2 \\
 & \quad + (1 - \alpha_{n_k})\|S_3 z_{n_k} - r\|^2 + \alpha_{n_k}\|f_3(S_1 x_{n_k}) - p\|^2 \\
 & \quad - \|x_{n_k} - p\|^2 - \|y_{n_k} - q\|^2 - \|z_{n_k} - r\|^2] \\
 & = \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} [(\|S_1 x_{n_k} - p\|^2 - \|x_{n_k} - p\|^2) + (\|S_2 y_{n_k} - q\|^2 - \|y_{n_k} - q\|^2) \\
 & \quad + (\|S_3 z_{n_k} - r\|^2 - \|z_{n_k} - r\|^2)] \\
 & \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} [(\|S_1 x_{n_k} - p\|^2 - \|x_{n_k} - p\|^2) + (\|S_2 y_{n_k} - q\|^2 - \|y_{n_k} - q\|^2) \\
 & \quad + (\|S_3 z_{n_k} - r\|^2 - \|z_{n_k} - r\|^2)] \\
 & \leq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\|S_1 x_{n_k} - p\|^2 - \|x_{n_k} - p\|^2) \\
&= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\|S_2 y_{n_k} - q\|^2 - \|y_{n_k} - q\|^2) \\
&= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\|S_3 z_{n_k} - r\|^2 - \|z_{n_k} - r\|^2) \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.3, the sequences  $\{\|S_1 x_{n_k} - p\| + \|x_{n_k} - p\|\}$ ,  $\{\|S_2 y_{n_k} - q\| + \|y_{n_k} - q\|\}$  and  $\{\|S_3 z_{n_k} - r\| + \|z_{n_k} - r\|\}$  are bounded. So we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\|S_1 x_{n_k} - p\|^2 - \|x_{n_k} - p\|^2) \\
&= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\|S_2 y_{n_k} - q\|^2 - \|y_{n_k} - q\|^2) \\
&= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\|S_3 z_{n_k} - r\|^2 - \|z_{n_k} - r\|^2) \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $S_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$  are strongly quasi-nonexpansive,

$$\begin{cases} S_1 x_{n_k} - x_{n_k} \rightarrow 0 \\ S_2 y_{n_k} - y_{n_k} \rightarrow 0 \\ S_3 z_{n_k} - z_{n_k} \rightarrow 0, \end{cases}$$

by the iteration scheme (3), we have

$$\begin{cases} x_{n_k} - x_{n_{k+1}} \rightarrow 0 \\ y_{n_k} - y_{n_{k+1}} \rightarrow 0 \\ z_{n_k} - z_{n_{k+1}} \rightarrow 0. \end{cases}$$

It follows from the boundedness of  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  that there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_{k_l}}\}$  of  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  such that  $\{x_{n_{k_l}}\} \rightharpoonup x$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \langle f_1(q) - p, x_{n_{k_l}} - p \rangle \\
&= \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle f_1(q) - p, x_{n_k} - p \rangle \\
&= \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle f_1(q) - p, x_{n_{k+1}} - p \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $I - S_1$  is demiclosed at zero, it follows that  $x \in \text{Fix}(S_1)$ . It follows from (3), we get

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \langle f_1(q) - p, x_{n_{k_l}} - p \rangle = \langle f_1(q) - p, x - p \rangle \leq 0.$$

Consequently,

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle f_1(q) - p, x_{n_{k+1}} - p \rangle \leq 0.$$

By using the same argument, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle f_2(r) - q, y_{n_{k+1}} - q \rangle &\leq 0, \\ \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle f_3(p) - r, z_{n_{k+1}} - r \rangle &\leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain the desired inequality (6).  $\square$

Next, we prove Theorem 3.2. Denote

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &:= \|x_n - p\|^2 + \|y_n - q\|^2 + \|z_n - r\|^2 \\ b_n &:= 2(\langle f_1(q) - p, x_{n+1} - p \rangle + \langle f_2(r) - q, y_{n+1} - q \rangle + \langle f_3(p) - r, z_{n+1} - r \rangle). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} &\|y_n - q\| \|x_{n+1} - p\| + \|z_n - r\| \|y_{n+1} - q\| + \|x_n - p\| \|z_{n+1} - r\| \\ &\leq (\|x_n - p\|^2 + \|y_n - q\|^2 + \|z_n - r\|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad \times (\|x_{n+1} - p\|^2 + \|y_{n+1} - q\|^2 + \|z_{n+1} - r\|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

we have the following statements from Lemmas (3.3), (3.4) and (3.5):

- $\{a_n\}$  is a bounded sequence;
- $a_{n+1} \leq (1 - \alpha_n)^2 a_n + 2\alpha_n \lambda \sqrt{a_n} \sqrt{a_{n+1}} + \alpha_n b_n$ , for all  $n \in N$ ;
- whenever  $\{a_{n_k}\}$  is a subsequence of  $\{a_n\}$  satisfying  $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} (a_{n_{k+1}} - a_{n_k}) \geq 0$ , it follows that  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_{n_k} \leq 0$ .

Hence, it follows from Lemma 2.6 that  $a_n \rightarrow 0$ , It implies that

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

This means that  $x_n \rightarrow p$ ,  $y_n \rightarrow q$  and  $z_n \rightarrow r$ . The proof of Theorem 3.2 is completed.  $\square$

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