

# **Forward‑partial inverse‑half‑forward splitting algorithm for solving monotone inclusions**

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### **Abstract**

In this paper we provide a splitting algorithm for solving coupled monotone inclusions in a real Hilbert space involving the sum of a normal cone to a vector subspace, a maximally monotone, a monotone-Lipschitzian, and a cocoercive operator. The proposed method takes advantage of the intrinsic properties of each operator and generalizes the method of partial inverses and the forwardbackward-half forward splitting, among other methods. At each iteration, our algorithm needs two computations of the Lipschitzian operator while the cocoercive operator is activated only once. By using product space techniques, we derive a method for solving a composite monotone primaldual inclusions including linear operators and we apply it to solve constrained composite convex optimization problems. Finally, we apply our algorithm to a constrained total variation least-squares problem and we compare its performance with efficient methods in the literature.

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# **1 Introduction**

In this paper we study the numerical resolution of the following inclusion problem. The normal cone to *V* is denoted by  $N_V$ .

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**Problem 1.1** Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space and let *V* be a closed vector subspace of  $H$ . Let  $A : \mathcal{H} \to 2^{\mathcal{H}}$  be a maximally monotone operator, let  $B : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  be a monotone and *L*-Lipschitzian operator for some  $L \in ]0, +\infty[$ , and let  $C : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  be a  $\beta$ -cocoercive operator for some  $\beta \in ]0, +\infty[$ . The problem is to

find 
$$
x \in \mathcal{H}
$$
 such that  $0 \in Ax + Bx + Cx + N_vx$ , (1.1)

under the assumption that its solutions set *Z* is nonempty.

Problem 1.1 models a wide class of problems in engineering including mechanical problems  $[33, 35, 36]$  $[33, 35, 36]$  $[33, 35, 36]$  $[33, 35, 36]$  $[33, 35, 36]$  $[33, 35, 36]$ , differential inclusions  $[2, 46]$  $[2, 46]$  $[2, 46]$ , game theory  $[1, 13]$  $[1, 13]$  $[1, 13]$ , restoration and denoising in image processing  $[18, 19, 26]$  $[18, 19, 26]$  $[18, 19, 26]$  $[18, 19, 26]$  $[18, 19, 26]$  $[18, 19, 26]$ , traffic theory  $[9, 32, 34]$  $[9, 32, 34]$  $[9, 32, 34]$  $[9, 32, 34]$  $[9, 32, 34]$  $[9, 32, 34]$ , among others.

In the case when  $V = H$  and the resolvent of *B* is available, Problem 1.1 can be solved by the algorithms in [\[27,](#page-16-7) [28\]](#page-16-8) and, if *B* is linear, by the algorithm in [[39\]](#page-16-9). Moreover, if the resolvent of *B* is difficult to compute, Problem 1.1 can be solved by the *forward-backwardhalf forward* algorithm (FBHF) proposed in [[14](#page-15-5)]. FBHF implement explicit activations of *B* and *C* and generalizes the classical forward-backward splitting [\[40\]](#page-16-10) and Tseng's splitting [[50](#page-17-1)] when  $B = 0$  and  $C = 0$ , respectively.

In the case when  $V \neq H$ , a splitting algorithm for solving the case  $B = C = 0$  is proposed in [\[47\]](#page-17-2) using the partial inverse of *A* with respect to *V* and extensions for the cases  $B = 0$ and  $C = 0$  are proposed in [\[10](#page-15-6)] and [\[11\]](#page-15-7), respectively. On the other hand, the algorithms proposed in [[4–](#page-15-8)[8,](#page-15-9) [12](#page-15-10), [17,](#page-15-11) [21–](#page-16-11)[23](#page-16-12), [25](#page-16-13), [27,](#page-16-7) [29](#page-16-14), [30](#page-16-15), [37,](#page-16-16) [38](#page-16-17), [41,](#page-16-18) [43–](#page-16-19)[45,](#page-16-20) [51](#page-17-3)] can solve Problem 1.1 under additional assumptions or without exploiting the vector subspace structure and the intrinsic properties of the operators involved. Indeed, the algorithms in [[6–](#page-15-12)[8,](#page-15-9) [12](#page-15-10), [21](#page-16-11), [30](#page-16-15)] need to compute the resolvents of *B* and *C*, which are not explicit in general or they can be numerically expensive. In addition, previous methods do not take advantage of the vector subspace structure of Problem 1.1. The schemes proposed in [[4](#page-15-8), [22,](#page-16-21) [29](#page-16-14), [37\]](#page-16-16) take advantage of the properties of *B*, but the cocoercivity of *C* and the vector subspace structure are not leveraged. In fact, the algorithms in  $[4, 22, 29, 37]$  $[4, 22, 29, 37]$  $[4, 22, 29, 37]$  $[4, 22, 29, 37]$  $[4, 22, 29, 37]$  $[4, 22, 29, 37]$  $[4, 22, 29, 37]$  $[4, 22, 29, 37]$  may consider  $B + C$  as a monotone and Lipschitzian operator and activate it twice by iteration. In contrast, the algorithms in [[17](#page-15-11), [25](#page-16-13), [41](#page-16-18), [44,](#page-16-22) [45](#page-16-20)] activates  $B + C$  only once by iteration, but they need to store in the memory the two past iterations and the step-size is reduced signifcantly. In addition, the methods proposed in [\[5,](#page-15-13) [23](#page-16-12), [27,](#page-16-7) [38](#page-16-17), [43,](#page-16-19) [51](#page-17-3)] take advantage of the cocoercivity of *C*, but they do not exploit neither the properties of *B* nor the vector subspace structure of the problem.

Furthermore, note that Problem 1.1 can be solved by the algorithms proposed in [\[14,](#page-15-5) [16](#page-15-14)] by considering  $N_V$  as any maximally monotone operator via product space techniques. These approaches do not exploit the vector subspace structure of the problem and need to update additional auxiliary dual variables at each iteration, which affects their efficiency in large scale problems. Moreover, since  $B + C$  is monotone and  $(\beta^{-1} + L)$ -Lipschitzian, Problem 1.1 can be solved by [[11\]](#page-15-7). However, this implementation needs two computations of *C* by iteration which afects its efficiency when *C* is computationally expensive and also may increment drastically the number of iterations to achieve the convergence criterion, as perceived in [\[14,](#page-15-5) Section 7.1] in the case  $V = H$ .

In this paper we propose a splitting algorithm which fully exploits the vector subspace structure, the cocoercivity of *C*, and the Lipschitzian property of *B*. In the particular case when  $V = H$ , we recover [\[14](#page-15-5)], which generalizes the forward-backward splitting and Tseng's splitting [[50](#page-17-1)]. For general vector subspaces, our algorithm also recovers the methods proposed in [\[10,](#page-15-6) [11](#page-15-7), [47](#page-17-2)]. By using standard product space techniques, we apply our algorithm to solve composite primal-dual monotone inclusions including a normal cone to a vector subspace, cocoercive, and Lipschitzian-monotone operators and composite convex

optimization problems under vector subspace constraints. We implement our method in the context of TV-regularized least-squares problems with constraints and we compare its performance with previous methods in the literature including [[24](#page-16-23)]. We observe that, in the case when the matrix in the data fdelity term has large norm values, our implementation is more efficient.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section [2](#page-2-0) we set our notation. In Section [3](#page-3-0) we provide our main algorithm for solving Problem 1.1 and its proof of convergence. In Section [4](#page-6-0) we derive a method for solving a composite monotone primal-dual inclusion, including monotone, Lipschitzian, cocoercive, and bounded linear operators. In this section we also derive an algorithm for solve constrained composite convex optimization problems. Finally, in Section [5](#page-10-0) we provide numerical experiments illustrating the efficiency of our proposed method.

#### <span id="page-2-0"></span>**2 Notations and Preliminaries**

Throughout this paper  $H$  and  $G$  are real Hilbert spaces. We denote their scalar products by  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$ , the associated norms by  $|| \cdot ||$ , and by  $\rightarrow$  the weak convergence. Given a linear bounded operator  $L : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{G}$ , we denote its adjoint by  $L^* : \mathcal{G} \to \mathcal{H}$ . Id denotes the identity operator on H. Let  $D \subset H$  be non-empty and let  $T : D \to H$ . Let  $\beta \in ]0, +\infty[$ . The operator  $T$  is  $\beta$ –cocoercive if

$$
(\forall x \in D)(\forall y \in D) \quad \langle x - y | Tx - Ty \rangle \ge \beta ||Tx - Ty||^2 \tag{2.1}
$$

and it is *L*−Lipschitzian if

$$
(\forall x \in D)(\forall y \in D) \quad ||Tx - Ty|| \le L||x - y||. \tag{2.2}
$$

Let *A* :  $\mathcal{H} \to 2^{\mathcal{H}}$  be a set-valued operator. The domain of *A* is dom  $A = \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid Ax \neq \emptyset\}$ , the graph of *A* is ran  $A = \{u \in \mathcal{H} \mid Gx \in \mathcal{H} \}$  and the graph of the range of *A* is  $\text{ran } A = \{ u \in \mathcal{H} \mid (\exists x \in \mathcal{H}) \mid u \in Ax \},\n\text{ and the graph of } A \text{ is } \text{area } A = \{ f(x, u) \in \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \mid u \in Ax \}.$ *A* is gra $\overline{A} = \{ (x, u) \in H \times H \mid u \in A_x \}$ . The set of zeros of *A* is zer $A = \{ x \in H \mid 0 \in Ax \}$ , the inverse of *A* is  $A^{-1} : H \rightarrow 2^H : u \mapsto \{ x \in H \mid u \in Ax \}$  and the resolvent of *A* is the inverse of *A* is  $A^{-1}$ :  $\mathcal{H} \to 2^{\mathcal{H}}$ :  $u \mapsto \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid u \in Ax\}$ , and the resolvent of *A* is  $I = (\text{Id} + A)^{-1}$ . The operator *A* is monotone if  $J_A = (\text{Id} + A)^{-1}$ . The operator *A* is monotone if

$$
(\forall (x, u) \in \text{graA})(\forall (y, v) \in \text{graA}) \quad \langle x - y | u - v \rangle \ge 0 \tag{2.3}
$$

and it is maximally monotone if it is monotone and there exists no monotone operator  $B: \mathcal{H} \to 2^{\mathcal{H}}$  such that gra *B* properly contains gra *A*, i.e., for every  $(x, u) \in \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}$ ,

$$
(x, u) \in \text{gra}A \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (\forall (y, v) \in \text{gra}A) \quad \langle x - y | u - v \rangle \ge 0. \tag{2.4}
$$

We denote by  $\Gamma_0(\mathcal{H})$  the class of proper lower semicontinuous convex functions *f* :  $H \rightarrow$ ] − ∞, +∞]. Let *f* ∈ Γ<sub>0</sub>(H). The Fenchel conjugate of *f* is defined by  $f^*$ :  $u \mapsto \sup_{x \in \mathcal{H}} (\langle x | u \rangle - f(x))$ , which is a function in  $\Gamma_0(\mathcal{H})$ , the subdifferential of *f* is the maximally monotone operator

$$
\partial f: x \mapsto \{u \in \mathcal{H} \mid (\forall y \in \mathcal{H}) f(x) + \langle y - x \mid u \rangle \le f(y) \},
$$

we have that  $(\partial f)^{-1} = \partial f^*$ , and that zer  $\partial f$  is the set of minimizers of *f*, which is denoted by arg min<sub> $x \in H$ </sub> *f* . We denote by

$$
\text{prox}_{f}: x \mapsto \underset{y \in \mathcal{H}}{\text{arg min}} \Big( f(y) + \frac{1}{2} \|x - y\|^2 \Big). \tag{2.5}
$$

We have  $prox_f = J_{\partial f}$ . Moreover, it follows from [[3](#page-15-15), Theorem 14.3] that

$$
(\forall \gamma > 0) \quad \text{prox}_{\gamma f} + \gamma \text{prox}_{f^*/\gamma} \circ (\text{Id}/\gamma) = \text{Id}.\tag{2.6}
$$

Given a non-empty closed convex set  $C \subset H$ , we denote by  $P_C$  the projection onto *C*, by  $\iota_C \in \Gamma_0(\mathcal{H})$  the indicator function of *C*, which takes the value 0 in *C* and +∞ otherwise, and by  $N_C = \partial(\iota_C)$  the normal cone to *C*. The partial inverse of *A* with respect to a closed vector subspace *V* of  $H$ , denoted by  $A_V$ , is defined by

$$
(\forall (x, y) \in \mathcal{H}^2) \quad y \in A_V x \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (P_V y + P_{V^\perp} x) \in A(P_V x + P_{V^\perp} y). \tag{2.7}
$$

Note that  $A_{\mathcal{H}} = A$  and  $A_{\{0\}} = A^{-1}$ . For further properties of monotone operators, nonexpansive mappings, and convex analysis, the reader is referred to [[3](#page-15-15)].

The following is a simplifed version of the algorithm proposed in [\[14](#page-15-5), Theorem 2.3].

**Proposition 2.1** [[14](#page-15-5), *Theorem 2.3*] *Let*  $\hat{L} \in ]0, +\infty[$ , *let*  $\hat{\beta} \in ]0, +\infty[$ , *let*  $A : \mathcal{H} \to 2^{\mathcal{H}}$  *be a maximally monotone operator*, *let* B ∶ H → H *be monotone and L̂*-*Lipschitzian*, *and let*   $C: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  be a  $\hat{\beta}$ -cocoercive operator. Suppose that  $\text{zer}(\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{C}) \neq \emptyset$  and set

$$
\hat{\chi} = \frac{4\hat{\beta}}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 16\hat{\beta}^2 \hat{L}^2}} \in ]0, \min\left\{2\hat{\beta}, \frac{1}{\hat{L}}\right\}],
$$
\n(2.8)

*let*  $(\lambda_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  *be a sequence in* [ $\varepsilon$ ,  $\hat{\chi} - \varepsilon$ ], *for some*  $\varepsilon \in ]0, \hat{\chi}/2[$ *. Moreover*, *let*  $z_0 \in \mathcal{H}$  *and consider the following recurrence*

<span id="page-3-1"></span>for 
$$
n = 0, 1, 2, ...
$$
  
\n
$$
s_n = J_{\lambda_n A}(z_n - \lambda_n (B + C) z_n)
$$
\n
$$
z_{n+1} = s_n + \lambda_n (B z_n - B s_n).
$$
\n(2.9)

*Then*,  $(z_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  *converges weakly to some*  $\overline{z} \in \text{zer}(A + B + C)$ .

Observe that [\(2.9\)](#page-3-1) reduces to forward-backward splitting when  $\mathcal{B} = 0$  (and  $L = 0$ ), and to a version of Tseng's splitting when  $C = 0$  (and  $\beta \rightarrow +\infty$ ) [\[12](#page-15-10), [50\]](#page-17-1).

### <span id="page-3-0"></span>**3 Main Result**

The following is our main algorithm, whose convergence is proved in Theorem 3.2 below.

<span id="page-3-2"></span>**Algorithm 3.1** In the context of Problem 1.1, let  $(x_0, y_0) \in V \times V^{\perp}$ , let  $\gamma \in [0, +\infty[$ , and let  $(\lambda_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in ]0, +∞[. Consider the recurrence

for 
$$
n = 0, 1, 2, ...
$$
  
\nfind  $(p_n, q_n) \in \mathcal{H}^2$  such that  $x_n + \gamma y_n - \lambda_n \gamma P_V(B + C)x_n = p_n + \gamma q_n$   
\nand  $\frac{P_V q_n}{\lambda_n} + P_{V^{\perp}} q_n \in A \left( P_V p_n + \frac{P_{V^{\perp}} p_n}{\lambda_n} \right),$   
\n $x_{n+1} = P_V p_n + \lambda_n \gamma P_V(Bx_n - BP_V p_n),$   
\n $y_{n+1} = P_{V^{\perp}} q_n.$  (3.1)

Note that ([3.1](#page-3-2)) involves only one activation of *C*, two of *B*, and three projections onto *V* at each iteration.

**Theorem 3.2** *In the context of Problem* 1.1, *set*

<span id="page-4-4"></span>
$$
\chi = \frac{4\beta}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 16\beta^2 L^2}} \in \left] 0, \min\left\{ 2\beta, \frac{1}{L} \right\} \right[,
$$
\n(3.2)

*let*  $\gamma \in ]0,+\infty[$ , and let  $(\lambda_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $[\varepsilon,\chi/\gamma-\varepsilon]$  for some  $\varepsilon \in ]0,\chi/(2\gamma)[$ . *Moreover, let*  $(x_0, y_0) \in V \times V^{\perp}$  *and let*  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  *and*  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  *be the sequences generated by Algorithm* 3.1. *Then*  $(x_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  *and*  $(y_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  *are sequences in V and*  $V^{\perp}$ *, respectively, and there exist*  $\overline{x} \in Z$  *and*  $\overline{y} \in V^{\perp} \cap (A\overline{x} + P_V(B + C)\overline{x})$  *such that*  $x_n \to \overline{x}$  *and*  $y_n \to \overline{y}$ .

*Proof* Defne

<span id="page-4-5"></span><span id="page-4-0"></span>
$$
\begin{cases}\n\mathcal{A}_{\gamma} = (\gamma A)_{V} : \mathcal{H} \to 2^{\mathcal{H}} \\
\mathcal{B}_{\gamma} = \gamma P_{V} \circ B \circ P_{V} : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H} \\
\mathcal{C}_{\gamma} = \gamma P_{V} \circ C \circ P_{V} : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}.\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(3.3)

It follows from [\[11,](#page-15-7) Proposition 3.1(i)&(ii)] that  $A_{\gamma}$  is maximally monotone and that  $B_{\gamma}$  is monotone and  $\gamma L$ -Lipschitzian. Moreover,  $C_{\gamma}$  is  $\beta/\gamma$ -cocoercive in view of [[10](#page-15-6), Proposition 5.1(ii)]. Since *C* is  $\beta^{-1}$ -Lipschitzian,  $B + C$  is ( $\beta^{-1} + L$ )-Lipschitzian, and [\(3.3](#page-4-0)) and the linearity of  $P_V$  yield

<span id="page-4-3"></span><span id="page-4-2"></span><span id="page-4-1"></span>
$$
\mathcal{B}_{\gamma} + \mathcal{C}_{\gamma} = \gamma P_V \circ (B + C) \circ P_V. \tag{3.4}
$$

Therefore, [\[11,](#page-15-7) Proposition 3.1(iii)] implies that  $\hat{x} \in \mathcal{H}$  is a solution to Problem 1.1 if and only if

$$
\hat{x} \in V \quad \text{and} \quad (\exists \hat{y} \in V^{\perp} \cap (A\hat{x} + B\hat{x} + C\hat{x}))
$$
\n
$$
\hat{x} + \gamma(\hat{y} - P_{V^{\perp}}(B + C)\hat{x}) \in \text{zer}(\mathcal{A}_{\gamma} + \mathcal{B}_{\gamma} + \mathcal{C}_{\gamma}). \tag{3.5}
$$

Now, since  $x_0 \in V$  and  $y_0 \in V^{\perp}$ , it follows from Algorithm 3.1 that  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are sequences in *V* and  $V^{\perp}$ , respectively. In addition, from Algorithm 3.1 and [[11](#page-15-7), Proposition  $3.1(i)$ ] we deduce that

$$
(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}) \quad J_{\lambda_n A_\gamma} \left( x_n + \gamma y_n - \lambda_n \gamma P_V (B + C) x_n \right) = P_V p_n + \gamma P_{V^\perp} q_n. \tag{3.6}
$$

For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , set  $z_n = x_n + \gamma y_n$  and set  $s_n = P_V p_n + \gamma P_{V^{\perp}} q_n$ . Hence, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $P_Vs_n = P_Vp_n$ ,  $P_{V^{\perp}}s_n = \gamma P_{V^{\perp}}q_n$ , and ([3.6\)](#page-4-1) and [\(3.4](#page-4-2)) yield

<span id="page-5-0"></span>
$$
s_n = J_{\lambda_n A_\gamma} (x_n + \gamma y_n - \lambda_n \gamma P_V (B + C) x_n)
$$
  
\n
$$
= J_{\lambda_n A_\gamma} (z_n - \lambda_n \gamma P_V (B + C) P_V z_n)
$$
  
\n
$$
= J_{\lambda_n A_\gamma} (z_n - \lambda_n (B_\gamma + C_\gamma) z_n).
$$
\n(3.7)

Thus, from Algorithm 3.1 we deduce that, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$
z_{n+1} = x_{n+1} + \gamma y_{n+1}
$$
  
=  $P_V p_n + \lambda_n \gamma P_V (Bx_n - BP_V p_n) + \gamma P_{V^{\perp}} q_n$   
=  $P_V s_n + \lambda_n (\gamma P_V BP_V z_n - \gamma P_V BP_V s_n) + P_{V^{\perp}} s_n$   
=  $s_n + \lambda_n (B_{\gamma} z_n - B_{\gamma} s_n).$  (3.8)

Therefore, we obtain from  $(3.7)$  and  $(3.8)$  $(3.8)$  that

<span id="page-5-1"></span>for 
$$
n = 0, 1, 2, ...
$$
  
\n
$$
s_n = J_{\lambda_n A_\gamma} (z_n - \lambda_n (\mathcal{B}_\gamma + \mathcal{C}_\gamma) z_n)
$$
\n
$$
z_{n+1} = s_n + \lambda_n (\mathcal{B}_\gamma z_n - \mathcal{B}_\gamma s_n).
$$
\n(3.9)

Altogether, by setting  $\hat{\beta} = \beta/\gamma$  and  $\hat{L} = \gamma L$ , we have  $\hat{\chi} = \chi/\gamma$  and Proposition 2.1 asserts that there exists  $\overline{z} \in \text{zer}(\mathcal{A}_{\gamma} + \mathcal{B}_{\gamma} + \mathcal{C}_{\gamma})$  such that  $z_n \to \overline{z}$ . Furthermore, by setting  $\bar{x} = P_V \bar{z}$  and  $\bar{y} = P_V \bar{z}/\gamma$ , we have  $-(B_\gamma + C_\gamma)(\bar{x} + \gamma \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{A}_\gamma(\bar{x} + \gamma \bar{y})$ , which, in view of [\(3.3](#page-4-0)), is equivalent to  $-P_V(B+C)\bar{x} + \bar{y} \in A\bar{x}$ . Therefore, by defining  $\hat{y} = \overline{y} + P_{V\perp}(B+C)\overline{x} \in V^{\perp} \cap (A\overline{x} + B\overline{x} + C\overline{x})$ , we have  $\overline{x} + \gamma(\hat{y} - P_{V^{\perp}}(B + C)\overline{x}) \in \text{zer}(\mathcal{A}_{V} + \mathcal{B}_{V} + \mathcal{C}_{V})$  and ([3.5\)](#page-4-3) implies that  $\overline{x} \in \mathbb{Z}$  and that  $\overline{y} \in V^{\perp} \cap (A\overline{x} + P_V(B + C)\overline{x})$ . Moreover, from the weakly continuity of  $P_V$  and  $P_{V^{\perp}}$ , we obtain  $x_n = P_V z_n \rightarrow P_V \overline{z} = \overline{x}$  and  $y_n = P_V \overline{z} / \gamma \rightarrow P_V \overline{z} / \gamma = \overline{y}$ , which completes the proof.

The sequence  $(\lambda_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in Algorithm 3.1 can be manipulated in order to accelerate the convergence. However, as in  $[10, 11, 48]$  $[10, 11, 48]$  $[10, 11, 48]$  $[10, 11, 48]$  $[10, 11, 48]$ , the inclusion in  $(3.1)$  is not always easy to solve. The following result provides a particular case of our method, in which this inclusion can be explicitly computed in terms of the resolvent of *A*.

<span id="page-5-3"></span>**Corollary 3.3** *In the context of Problem* 1.1, *let*  $(x_0, y_0) \in V \times V^{\perp}$ , *let*  $\chi \in ]0, +\infty[$  *be the constant defined in* [\(3.2\)](#page-4-5), *let*  $\gamma \in ]0, \chi[$ , *and let*  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  *and*  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  *be the sequences generated by the recurrence*

<span id="page-5-2"></span>for 
$$
n = 0, 1, 2, ...
$$
  
\n
$$
p_n = J_{\gamma A} (x_n + \gamma y_n - \gamma P_V (B + C) x_n)
$$
\n
$$
r_n = P_V p_n
$$
\n
$$
x_{n+1} = r_n + \gamma P_V (B x_n - B r_n)
$$
\n
$$
y_{n+1} = y_n - \frac{p_n - r_n}{\gamma}.
$$
\n(3.10)

*Then, there exist*  $\overline{x} \in Z$  *and*  $\overline{y} \in V^{\perp} \cap (A\overline{x} + P_V(B + C)\overline{x})$  *such that*  $x_n \to \overline{x}$  *and*  $y_n \to \overline{y}$ .

*Proof* Note that ([3.10](#page-5-2)) implies that  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are sequences in *V* and  $V^{\perp}$ , respectively. Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and set  $q_n = (x_n + \gamma y_n - \gamma P_V(B + C)x_n - p_n)/\gamma$ .  $Fix \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$  and set  $q_n = (x_n + \gamma y_n - \gamma P_v(B + C)x_n - p_n)/\gamma$ . Hence, we obtain from ([3.10\)](#page-5-2) that  $p_n + \gamma q_n = x_n + \gamma y_n - \gamma P_V(B + C)x_n$ , that  $q_n \in Ap_n$ , that  $x_{n+1} = P_V p_n + \gamma P_V (Bx_n - BP_V p_n)$ , and that  $y_{n+1} = y_n - (p_n - P_V p_n)/\gamma = y_n - P_V p_n/\gamma = P_V q_n$ . Therefore, ([3.10](#page-5-2)) is a particular case of Algorithm 3.1 when  $\lambda_n \equiv 1 \in ]0, \chi/\gamma[$  and the result hence follows from Theorem 3.2.

#### *Remark 3.4*

- 1. Note that, in the case when  $C = 0$ , ([3.10](#page-5-2)) reduces to the method proposed in [[11\]](#page-15-7). Observe that in this case we can take  $\beta \to +\infty$  which yields  $\gamma \to 1/L$ .
- 2. Note that, in the case when  $B = 0$ , [\(3.10\)](#page-5-2) reduces to the method proposed in [[10](#page-15-6)]. In this case, we can take  $L \to 0$ , which yields  $\gamma \to 2\beta$ .
- 3. In the case when  $V = H$ , ([3.10](#page-5-2)) reduces to the algorithm proposed in [\[14\]](#page-15-5) (see also Proposition 2.1).

#### <span id="page-6-0"></span>**4 Applications**

In this section we tackle the following composite primal-dual monotone inclusion.

**Problem 4.1** Let H be a real Hilbert space, let V be a closed vector subspace of H, let A :  $H \rightarrow 2^H$  be maximally monotone, let M :  $H \rightarrow H$  be monotone and *µ*-Lipschitzian, for some  $\mu \in [0, +\infty)$ , let C : H  $\rightarrow$  H be  $\zeta$ -cocoercive, for some  $\zeta \in [0, +\infty)$ , and let *m* be a strictly positive integer. For every  $i \in \{1, ..., m\}$ , let  $G_i$  be a real Hilbert space, let  $B_i$  :  $G_i \rightarrow 2^{G_i}$  be maximally monotone, let  $N_i$  :  $G_i \rightarrow 2^{G_i}$  be monotone and such that  $N_i^{-1}$ is  $v_i$ -Lipschitzian, for some  $v_i \in ]0, +\infty[$ , let  $D_i : G_i \to 2^{G_i}$  be maximally monotone and  $\delta_i$ -strongly monotone, for some  $\delta_i \in ]0, +\infty[$ , and let  $L_i : H \to G_i$  be a nonzero bounded linear operator. The problem is to

<span id="page-6-1"></span>find 
$$
\overline{x} \in H, \overline{u}_1 \in G_1, ..., \overline{u}_m \in G_m
$$
 such that  
\n
$$
\begin{cases}\n0 \in A\overline{x} + M\overline{x} + C\overline{x} + \sum_{i=1}^m L_i^* \overline{u}_i + N_{\sqrt{x}} \\
0 \in (B_1^{-1} + N_1^{-1} + D_1^{-1})\overline{u}_1 - L_1\overline{x} \\
\vdots \\
0 \in (B_m^{-1} + N_m^{-1} + D_m^{-1})\overline{u}_m - L_m\overline{x},\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(4.1)

under the assumption that the solution set  $Z$  to  $(4.1)$  is nonempty.

Note that, if  $(\bar{x}, \bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m) \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $\bar{x}$  solves the primal inclusion

find 
$$
\overline{x} \in H
$$
 such that  $0 \in A\overline{x} + M\overline{x} + C\overline{x} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} L_i^* ((B_i \square N_i \square D_i) L_i \overline{x}) + N_v \overline{x}$  (4.2)

and  $(\overline{u}_1, \ldots, \overline{u}_m)$  solves the dual inclusion

find 
$$
\overline{u}_1 \in G_1, ..., \overline{u}_m \in G_m
$$
 such that  
\n
$$
(\exists x \in H) \begin{cases}\n-\sum_{i=1}^m L_i^* \overline{u}_i \in Ax + Mx + Cx + N_Vx \\
(\forall i \in \{1, ..., m\}) \quad \overline{u}_i \in (B_i \square N_i \square D_i) L_ix.\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(4.3)

In the case when  $V = H$ ,  $C = 0$ , and, for every  $i \in \{1, ..., m\}$ ,  $D_i^{-1} = 0$ , this problem can be solved by algorithms in  $[20, 22]$  $[20, 22]$  $[20, 22]$  $[20, 22]$  $[20, 22]$  by using Tseng's splitting  $[50]$  in a suitable product space.

In the case when  $V = H$ ,  $M = 0$ , and, for every  $i \in \{1, ..., m\}$ ,  $N_i^{-1} = 0$ , this problem can be solved by algorithms in [[23](#page-16-12), [51\]](#page-17-3) by using forward-backward splitting in a suitable product space. Since  $M + C$  and  $(N_i^{-1} + D_i^{-1})_{1 \le i \le m}$  are monotone and Lipschitzian and  $N_V$  is maximally monotone, Problem 4.1 can be solved by the algorithms in  $[20, 22]$  $[20, 22]$  $[20, 22]$  $[20, 22]$ . However, these methods do not exploit the cocoercivity or the vector subspace structure of Problem 4.1. Other algorithms as those in [[16](#page-15-14), [21,](#page-16-11) [38\]](#page-16-17) provide alternatives for solving Problem 4.1, but any of them exploit its vector subspace and cocoercive structure. In the case when  $M = 0$ , and, for every  $i \in \{1, ..., m\}$ ,  $N_i^{-1} = 0$ , the algorithm in [[15](#page-15-16)] exploits the vector subspace structure of Problem 4.1 by using the partial inverse of  $A$  with respect to  $V$ . The following result provides a fully split algorithm to solve Problem 4.1 in its full generality. It is obtained by using ([3.10](#page-5-2)) in a suitable product space, which exploits the vector subspace structure and which activates each cocoercive operator only once by iteration.

**Proposition 4.2** *Consider the framework of Problem* 4.1 *and set*

$$
L = \max\{\mu, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_m\} + \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m ||L_i||^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \min\{\zeta, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_m\}.
$$
 (4.4)

*Let*  $x_0 \in V$ , let  $y_0 \in V^T$ , for every  $i \in \{1, ..., m\}$ , let  $u_{i,0} \in G_i$ , set  $\gamma \in ]0, \chi[$ , where  $\chi$  is *defned in* ([3.2](#page-4-5)), *and consider the routine*

<span id="page-7-0"></span>for 
$$
n = 0, 1, 2, ...
$$
  
\n
$$
p_{n} = J_{\gamma A} \left( x_{n} + \gamma y_{n} - \gamma P_{V} \left( (M + C) x_{n} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} L_{i}^{*} u_{i,n} \right) \right)
$$
\n
$$
q_{n} = P_{V} p_{n}
$$
\nfor  $i = 1, ..., m$   
\n
$$
r_{i,n} = J_{\gamma B_{i}^{-1}} \left( u_{i,n} - \gamma \left( (N_{i}^{-1} + D_{i}^{-1}) u_{i,n} - L_{i} x_{n} \right) \right)
$$
\n
$$
u_{i,n+1} = r_{i,n} - \gamma \left( N_{i}^{-1} r_{i,n} - N_{i}^{-1} u_{i,n} - L_{i} (q_{n} - x_{n}) \right)
$$
\n
$$
x_{n+1} = q_{n} - \gamma P_{V} \left( M q_{n} - M x_{n} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} L_{i}^{*} (r_{i,n} - u_{i,n}) \right)
$$
\n
$$
y_{n+1} = y_{n} - \frac{p_{n} - q_{n}}{\gamma}.
$$
\n(4.5)

*Then*,  $(x_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  *is a sequence in*  $\vee$  *and there exists*  $(\overline{x}, \overline{u}_1, \ldots, \overline{u}_m) \in \mathbb{Z}$  *such that*  $x_n \to \overline{x}$  *and*, *for every i*  $\in \{1, ..., m\}$ ,  $\mathsf{u}_{i,n} \rightarrow \overline{\mathsf{u}}_i$ .

*Proof* Set  $H = H \oplus G_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus G_m$  and define

$$
\begin{cases}\nA: \mathcal{H} \to 2^{\mathcal{H}}: (x, u_1, \dots, u_m) \mapsto Ax \times B_1^{-1}u_1 \times \dots \times B_m^{-1}u_m \\
B: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}: (x, u_1, \dots, u_m) \mapsto (Mx + \sum_{i=1}^m L_i^*u_i, N_1^{-1}u_1 - L_1x, \dots, N_m^{-1}u_m - L_mx) \\
C: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}: (x, u_1, \dots, u_m) \mapsto (Cx, D_1^{-1}u_1, \dots, D_m^{-1}u_m) \\
V = \{(x, u_1, \dots, u_m) \in \mathcal{H} \mid x \in V\}.\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(4.6)

Then, *A* is maximally monotone and *B* is monotone and *L*-Lipschitzian [\[22](#page-16-21), eq.(3.11)], *C* is  $\beta$ -cocoercive [\[51,](#page-17-3) eq.(3.12)], and *V* is a closed vector subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Therefore, Problem 4.1 is a particular instance of Problem 1.1. Moreover, we have from [\[3,](#page-15-15) Proposition 23.18] that

$$
\begin{cases} (\forall \gamma > 0) & J_{\gamma A} : (x, u_1, \dots, u_m) \mapsto (J_{\gamma A} x, J_{\gamma B_1^{-1}} u_1, \dots, J_{\gamma B_m^{-1}} u_m) \\ P_V : (x, u_1, \dots, u_m) \mapsto (P_V x, u_1, \dots, u_m). \end{cases} (4.7)
$$

Altogether, by defning

$$
(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}) \quad\n\begin{cases}\n x_n = (x_n, u_{1,n}, \dots, u_{m,n}) \\
 y_n = (y_n, 0, \dots, 0) \\
 p_n = (p_n, r_{1,n}, \dots, r_{m,n}) \\
 q_n = (q_n, s_{1,n}, \dots, s_{m,n}),\n\end{cases}\n\tag{4.8}
$$

 $(4.5)$  $(4.5)$  is a particular case of  $(3.1)$  $(3.1)$  and the convergence follows from Corollary [3.3.](#page-5-3)

*Remark 4.3* In the particular case when  $V = H$  and  $C = D_1^{-1} = \cdots = D_m^{-1} = 0$ , Proposition 4.2 recovers the main result in [[22](#page-16-21), Theorem 3.1] in the error-free case. By including non-standard metrics in the space  $H$  as in [\[14\]](#page-15-5), we can also recover [[15](#page-15-16)] when  $M = N_1^{-1} = \dots = N_m^{-1} = 0$  and [[51](#page-17-3)] if we additionally assume that  $V = H$ , but we preferred to avoid this generalization for simplicity.

We now provide two important examples of Problem 4.1 and Proposition 4.2 in the context of convex optimization.

*Example 4.4* Suppose that  $A = \partial f$ ,  $M = N_1^{-1} = \dots = N_m^{-1} = 0$ ,  $C = \nabla h$ , for every  $i \in \{1, ..., m\}, D_i = \partial \mathcal{E}_i$  and  $B_i = \partial \mathbf{g}_i$ , where  $f \in \Gamma_0(H)$ ,  $h : \mathring{H} \to \mathbb{R}$  is convex differentiable with  $\zeta^{-1}$ -Lipschitzian gradient, for every  $i \in \{1, ..., m\}$ ,  $\ell_i \in \Gamma_0(G_i)$  is  $v_i$ -strongly convex and  $\mathbf{g}_i \in \Gamma_0(\mathsf{G}_i)$ . Then under the qualification condition [\[22,](#page-16-21) Proposition 4.3(i)]

$$
(0, \ldots, 0) \in \text{sri}\left(\times_{i=1}^{m} \left(\mathsf{L}_{i}(\mathsf{V} \cap \text{dom}\,\mathsf{f}) - (\text{dom}\,\mathsf{g}_{i} + \text{dom}\,\mathcal{E}_{i})\right)\right),\tag{4.9}
$$

Problem 4.1 is equivalent to

<span id="page-8-1"></span><span id="page-8-0"></span>
$$
\min_{x \in V} \left( f(x) + h(x) + \sum_{i=1}^{m} (g_i \square \mathcal{E}_i)(L_i x) \right),\tag{4.10}
$$

which, in view of Proposition 4.2, can be solved by the algorithm

<span id="page-9-0"></span>for 
$$
n = 0, 1, 2, ...
$$
  
\n
$$
p_{n} = \text{prox}_{\gamma f}\left(x_{n} + \gamma y_{n} - \gamma P_{V}\left(\nabla h(x_{n}) + \sum_{i=1}^{m} L_{i}^{*} u_{i,n}\right)\right)
$$
\n
$$
q_{n} = P_{V} p_{n}
$$
\nfor  $i = 1, ..., m$   
\n
$$
r_{i,n} = \text{prox}_{\gamma g_{i}^{*}}(u_{i,n} - \gamma(\nabla \ell_{i}^{*}(u_{i,n}) - L_{i}x_{n}))
$$
\n
$$
u_{i,n+1} = r_{i,n} + \gamma L_{i}(q_{n} - x_{n})
$$
\n
$$
x_{n+1} = q_{n} - \gamma P_{V}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} L_{i}^{*}(r_{i,n} - u_{i,n})\right)
$$
\n
$$
y_{n+1} = y_{n} - \frac{p_{n} - q_{n}}{\gamma},
$$
\n(4.11)

where  $x_0 \in V$ ,  $y_0 \in V^{\perp}$ , for every  $i \in \{1, ..., m\}$ ,  $u_{i,0} \in G_i$ ,  $L = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{m} ||L_i||^2}$ ,  $\beta = \min\{\zeta, \delta_i, \dots, \delta_m\}, \chi$  is defined in ([3.2\)](#page-4-5), and  $\gamma \in ]0, \chi[$ . Observe that the algorithm ([4.11\)](#page-9-0) exploits the cocoercivity of  $\nabla$ *h* and  $(\nabla \ell_i^*)_{1 \le i \le m}$  by implementing them only once by iteration a diference of [[22](#page-16-21), Theorem 4.2], which needs to implement them twice by iteration.

*Example 4.5* Consider the convex minimization problem

<span id="page-9-1"></span>
$$
\min_{\chi \in \mathcal{H}} \bigl(f(\chi) + g(\mathcal{L}\chi) + h(\mathcal{A}\chi)\bigr),\tag{4.12}
$$

where  $H, G$ , and  $K$  are real Hilbert spaces,  $f \in \Gamma_0(H), g \in \Gamma_0(G), L : H \to G, A : H \to K$ , is convex, differentiable with  $\beta^{-1}$ -Lipschitzian gradient, and suppose that

$$
0 \in \text{sri}(\mathcal{L} \text{ dom } f - \text{dom } g). \tag{4.13}
$$

Note that  $f_{10}q$  is convex, differentiable, and  $\nabla (f_{10}q) = A^* \circ \nabla f_{10}q$  is  $\beta^{-1}||q||^2$ — Lipschitzian. Then,  $(4.12)$  $(4.12)$  $(4.12)$  can be solved by the primal-dual algorithm proposed in  $[24, 51]$  $[24, 51]$  $[24, 51]$  $[24, 51]$ , whose convergence is guaranteed under the assumption

<span id="page-9-2"></span>
$$
\sigma \| \mathcal{L} \|^2 \le \frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\| \mathcal{A} \|^2}{2\beta},\tag{4.14}
$$

where  $\tau > 0$  and  $\sigma > 0$  are primal and dual step-sizes, respectively. Observe that, when  $||\mathcal{A}||$ is large, this method is forced to choose small primal and dual step-sizes in order to ensure convergence. To overcome this inconvenient, we propose the following formulation

$$
\min_{x \in V} \left( f(x) + h(x) + g(Lx) \right),\tag{4.15}
$$

where

<span id="page-10-3"></span>
$$
H = \mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{K}
$$
  
\n
$$
G = \mathcal{G}
$$
  
\n
$$
T: x = (\mathcal{X}, w) \mapsto \mathcal{A}\mathcal{X} - w
$$
  
\n
$$
V = \ker T
$$
  
\n
$$
f: x = (\mathcal{X}, w) \mapsto f(\mathcal{X})
$$
  
\n
$$
g = \mathcal{G}
$$
  
\n
$$
L: x = (\mathcal{X}, w) \mapsto \mathcal{L}\mathcal{X}
$$
  
\n
$$
h: x = (\mathcal{X}, w) \mapsto h(w).
$$
  
\n(4.16)

Since in this case  $(4.9)$  $(4.9)$  reduces to  $(4.13)$  $(4.13)$  $(4.13)$ ,  $(4.12)$  $(4.12)$  $(4.12)$  is a particular instance of  $(4.10)$  $(4.10)$  $(4.10)$  when  $m = 1$  and  $\ell_1 = 0$ . Therefore, in view of [\[3,](#page-15-15) Example 29.19], [\(4.12](#page-9-1)) can be solved by the routine in  $(4.11)$  $(4.11)$  which, on this setting, reduces to:

<span id="page-10-2"></span>
$$
\begin{cases}\n\text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, ... \\
p_{1,n} = \text{prox}_{\gamma f} \left( x_n + \gamma y_{1,n} - \gamma \left( \mathcal{L}^* u_n - \mathcal{A}^* \mathcal{B} \left( \mathcal{A} \mathcal{L}^* u_n - \nabla h(u_n) \right) \right) \right) \\
p_{2,n} = w_n + \gamma y_{2,n} - \gamma \left( \nabla h(u_n) + \mathcal{B} \left( \mathcal{A} \mathcal{L}^* u_n - \nabla h(u_n) \right) \right) \\
q_{1,n} = p_{1,n} - \mathcal{A}^* \mathcal{B} \left( \mathcal{A} p_{1,n} - p_{2,n} \right) \\
q_{2,n} = p_{2,n} + \mathcal{B} \left( \mathcal{A} p_{1,n} - p_{2,n} \right) \\
r_n = \text{prox}_{\gamma g^*} (u_n + \gamma \mathcal{L} \chi_n) \\
u_{n+1} = r_n + \gamma \mathcal{L} (q_{1,n} - \chi_n) \\
x_{n+1} = q_{1,n} - \gamma \left( \mathcal{L}^* (r_n - u_n) - \mathcal{A}^* \mathcal{B} \mathcal{A} \mathcal{L}^* (r_n - u_n) \right) \\
w_{n+1} = q_{2,n} - \gamma \mathcal{B} \mathcal{A} \mathcal{L}^* (r_n - u_n) \\
y_{1,n+1} = y_{1,n} - \frac{p_{1,n+1} - q_{1,n+1}}{\gamma} \\
y_{2,n+1} = y_{2,n} - \frac{p_{2,n+1} - q_{2,n+1}}{\gamma},\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(4.17)

where  $\mathcal{B} = (\text{Id} + \mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}^*)^{-1}$  can be computed only once before the loop,  $(\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_0) \in V$ ,  $(y_{1,0}, y_{2,0}) \in V^{\perp}$ ,  $u_0 \in G$ ,  $L = ||\mathcal{L}||$ ,  $\chi$  is defined in ([3.2](#page-4-5)), and  $\gamma \in ]0, \chi[$ .

### <span id="page-10-0"></span>**5 Numerical Experiments**

In this section we consider the following optimization problem

<span id="page-10-1"></span>
$$
\min_{y^0 \le \chi \le y^1} \left( \frac{\alpha_1}{2} \| \mathcal{A} \chi - z \|^2 + \alpha_2 \| \nabla \chi \|_1 \right),\tag{5.1}
$$

where  $y^0 = (\eta_i^0)_{1 \le i \le N}$ ,  $y^1 = (\eta_i^1)_{1 \le i \le N}$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are in  $]0, +\infty[$ , , and  $\nabla : \mathbb{R}^N \to \mathbb{R}^{N-1} : (\xi_i)_{1 \le i \le N} \mapsto (\xi_{i+1} - \xi_i)_{1 \le i \le N-1}$  is the discrete 1: Let  $\eta_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $u_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$ , let  $(\sigma, \tau, \rho) \in [0, +\infty]^3$ , and fix  $\epsilon_0 > \epsilon > 0$ . 2: while  $\epsilon_n > \varepsilon$  do  $p_{n+1} = P_c(\mathbf{x}_n - \tau(\alpha_1 \mathbf{A}^\top (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_n - z) + \nabla^\top \mathbf{u}_n))$  $\overline{3}$ :  $q_{n+1} = \sigma(\text{Id} - \text{prox}_{\alpha_2 \|\cdot\|_1/\sigma})(u_n/\sigma + \nabla(2p_{n+1} - x_n))$  $\mathbf{A}$  $x_{n+1} = x_n + \rho(p_{n+1} - x_n)$  $5:$  $u_{n+1} = u_n + \rho(q_{n+1} - u_n)$  $6.$  $\epsilon_{n+1} = \mathcal{R}((\chi_{n+1}, u_{n+1}), (\chi_n, u_n))$  $7:$ 8: end while 9: **return**  $(x_{n+1}, u_{n+1})$ 

**Algorithm 1** Condat-Vũ [[24,](#page-16-23) [51\]](#page-17-3)

1: Set  $\mathcal{B} = (\text{Id} + \mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}^{\top})^{-1}$ , let  $(\mathcal{X}_0, \mathcal{U}_0) \in (\ker \mathsf{T})^2$ ,  $(\mathcal{Y}_{1,0}, \mathcal{Y}_{2,0}) \in (\ker \mathsf{T}^{\perp})^2$ ,  $u_0 \in \mathbb{R}^K$ , let  $\gamma \in [0, +\infty[$ , and fix  $\epsilon_0 > \epsilon > 0$ . 2: while  $\epsilon_n > \epsilon$  do  $p_{1,n} = P_c(x_n + \gamma y_{1,n} - \gamma (\nabla^{\top} u_n - \mathcal{A}^{\top} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A} \nabla^{\top} u_n - \alpha_1 (w_n - z))))$ 3:  $p_{2,n} = w_n + \gamma y_{2,n} - \gamma (\alpha_1 (w_n - z) + \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A} \nabla^\top u_n - \alpha_1 (w_n - z)))$  $4:$  $q_{1,n} = p_{1,n} - \mathcal{A}^\top \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A} p_{1,n} - p_{2,n})$  $5.$  $q_{2,n} = p_{2,n} + \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A}p_{1,n} - p_{2,n})$  $6:$  $\tau_n = \gamma (\text{Id} - \text{prox}_{\alpha_2 ||\cdot||_1 / \gamma})(u'_n / \gamma + \nabla \chi_n)$  $7:$  $u_{n+1} = r_n + \gamma \nabla (q_{1,n} - x_n)$ <br>  $x_{n+1} = q_{1,n} - \gamma (\nabla^{\top} (r_n - u_n) - A^{\top} B A \nabla^{\top} (r_n - u_n))$  $\overline{8}$  $\mathbf{Q}$  $w_{n+1} = q_{2,n} - \gamma \mathcal{B} \mathcal{A} \nabla^{\top} (r_n - u_n)$  $10<sup>1</sup>$  $y_{1,n+1} = y_{1,n} - (p_{1,n+1} - q_{1,n+1})/\gamma$  $11:$  $y_{2,n+1} = y_{2,n} - (p_{2,n+1} - q_{2,n+1})/\gamma$  $12.$  $\epsilon_{n+1} = \mathcal{R}((\chi_{n+1}, w_{n+1}, y_{n+1}^1, y_{n+1}^2), (\chi_n, w_n, y_n^1, y_n^2))$ 13:  $14:$  end while 15: **return**  $(x_{n+1}, w_{n+1}, y_{n+1}^1, y_{n+1}^2)$ 

**Algorithm 2** Forward-partial inverse-half-forward splitting (FPIHF)

gradient. This problem appears when computing the fusion estimator in fused LASSO problems [[31](#page-16-25), [42](#page-16-26), [49\]](#page-17-5).

Note that  $(5.1)$  $(5.1)$  $(5.1)$  can be written equivalently as  $(4.12)$  $(4.12)$  $(4.12)$ , where

$$
\begin{cases}\n\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{R}^{N} \\
 f = \iota_C \\
 C = \times_{i=1}^{N} [\eta_i^0, \eta_i^1] \\
 g = \alpha_2 \|\cdot\|_1 \\
 h = \alpha_1 \|\cdot - z\|^2 / 2 \\
 L = \nabla\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(5.2)

Since  $f \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R}^N)$ ,  $g \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R}^{N-1})$ , *h* is convex, differentiable,  $\nabla h = \alpha_1(\text{Id} - z)$  is  $\alpha_1$ –Lipschitzian,  $||\mathcal{L}|| = 2$ , and [\(4.13\)](#page-9-2) is trivially satisfied, [\(5.1](#page-10-1)) is a particular instance of Example 4.5. Hence,  $(5.1)$  $(5.1)$  can be solved by the algorithm in  $[24, 51]$  $[24, 51]$  $[24, 51]$  $[24, 51]$  (called Condat-Vũ),

by ([4.17](#page-10-2)) (called FPIHF), and by [\[11\]](#page-15-7) (called FPIF), which are compared in this section. In this context, the Algorithm Condat-Vũ [[24](#page-16-23), [51\]](#page-17-3) reduces to Algorithm 1.

Observe that  $P_c: (\xi_i)_{1\leq i\leq N} \mapsto (\max\{\min\{\xi_i, \eta_i^1\}, \eta_i^0\})_{1\leq i\leq N}$ . The convergence of Algorithm 1 is guaranteed if

$$
\sigma \|\mathcal{L}\|^2 \le \frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\alpha_1 \|\mathcal{A}\|^2}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho \in [0, \delta[ \ , \quad \text{where } \delta = 2 - \frac{\alpha_1 \|\mathcal{A}\|^2}{2(\frac{1}{\tau} - \sigma \|\mathcal{L}\|^2)}. \tag{5.3}
$$

Note that, the larger is  $\alpha_1 ||g||^2$ , the smaller should be  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  in order to achieve convergence. On the other hand, by considering  $\bar{T}$  defined in [\(4.16\)](#page-10-3) and Example 4.5, the algo-rithm in [\(4.17](#page-10-2)) reduces to Algorithm 2, whose convergence is guaranteed if the step-size  $\gamma$ satisfes

<span id="page-12-1"></span><span id="page-12-0"></span>
$$
0 < \gamma < \chi = \frac{4}{\alpha_1 + \sqrt{\alpha_1^2 + 64}}.\tag{5.4}
$$

Observe that the condition for the step-size  $\gamma$  in ([5.4\)](#page-12-0) does not depend on  $\|\mathcal{A}\|$ .

The FPIF algorithm proposed in [[11\]](#page-15-7) for solving ([5.1\)](#page-10-1) difers from Algorithm 2 in the fact that the cocoercive gradient  $\nabla h : \chi \mapsto \chi - z$  is implemented twice by iteration. Indeed, the algorithm consider the monotone Lipschitzian operator  $(x, u, w) \mapsto (\nabla^{\top} u, \nabla x, \alpha_1(w-z))$ , whose Lipschitz constant follows from

$$
\begin{split} |||(\nabla^{\top} u_1, \nabla \chi_1, \alpha_1(\omega_1 - z)) - (\nabla^{\top} u_2, \nabla \chi_2, \alpha_1(\omega_2 - z))|||^2 \\ &= \|\nabla^{\top} (u_1 - u_2)\|^2 + \|\nabla (\chi_1 - \chi_2)\|^2 + \alpha_1^2 \|u_1 - u_2\|^2 \\ &\leq \|\nabla^{\top}\|^2 \|u_1 - u_2\|^2 + \|\nabla\|^2 \|u_1 - \chi_2\|^2 + \alpha_1^2 \|u_1 - u_2\|^2 \\ &\leq \max{\{\|\nabla\|^2, \alpha_1^2\}\| |(\chi_1 - \chi_2, u_1 - u_2, w_1 - w_2))\|^2}. \end{split}
$$

Therefore, the convergence of FPIF is guaranteed if  $\gamma \in ]0, 1/\max\{||\nabla||, \alpha_1\}]$ , and, as in Algorithm 2, this condition does not depend on  $\|\mathcal{A}\|$ . In order to compare Condat-Vũ, FPIHF, and FPIF, we set  $\alpha_1 = 5$  and  $\alpha_2 = 0.5$  and we consider  $\alpha = \kappa \cdot \text{rand}(N, K)$ ,  $\alpha^0 =$  $-1.5 \cdot \text{rand}(N), y^1 = 1.5 \cdot \text{rand}(N)$ , and  $z = \text{randn}(N)$ , where  $\kappa \in \{1/5, 1/10, 1/20, 1/30\}$ , *N* ∈ {600, 1200, 2400}, *K* ∈ {*N*/3, *N*/2, 2*N*/3}, and rand(⋅, ⋅) and randn(⋅, ⋅) are functions in MATLAB generating matrices/vectors with uniformly and normal distributed entries, respectively. For each value of  $\kappa$ , *N*, and *K*, we generate 20 random realizations for  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{Y}^0$ , and  $u^1$ . Note that the average value of ||A|| increases as *x* increase (see Fig. [1](#page-13-0) for  $K = N/2$ ), which affects Algorithm 1 in view of ([5.3\)](#page-12-1). We also set  $\rho = 0.99 \cdot \delta$ , where  $\delta$  is defined in ([5.3\)](#page-12-1). In this setting, from ([5.4\)](#page-12-0) we deduce that the convergence of FPIHF is guaranteed for  $\gamma < \chi \approx 0.2771$ . On the other hand, since max { $\|\nabla\|, \alpha_1\} = \alpha_1 = 5$ , the convergence of FPIF is guaranteed for  $\gamma < 0.2$ .

In Tables [1,](#page-13-1) [2](#page-14-0), [3,](#page-14-1) [4](#page-14-2) we provide the average time and number of iterations to achieve a tolerance  $\epsilon = 10^{-6}$  for each algorithm under study. In the case when an algorithm exceeds 50000 iterations in all cases, we write "*⊠*" in both columns. From these tables we can observe that when  $\kappa$  increases (and therefore,  $\|\mathcal{A}\|$  increases), Condat-Vũ reduces its performance and does not converge within 50000 iterations for big dimensions and large values of  $\kappa$ . Moreover, the number of iterations of FPIHP is considerably lower than its competitors but with expensive computational time by iteration. This can be explained by the fact that FPIHP needs to compute three projections onto the kernel of  $(x, w) \mapsto Ax - w$  at each iteration. We can also perceive that, at exception of some



<span id="page-13-0"></span>**Fig. 1** Box plot for the norm of the 20 random realizations of  $\mathcal{A}, N \in \{600, 1200, 2400\}, K = N/2$ 

N	Algorithm	$K = N/3$		$K = N/2$		$K = 2N/3$	
		Av. time $(s)$	Av. iter	Av. time $(s)$	Av. iter	Av. time $(s)$	Av. iter
600	Condat-Vũ	0.89	11059	0.80	10047	0.76	9666
	<b>FPIF</b>	3.46	17454	3.91	14353	7.20	17430
	<b>FPIHF</b>	0.99	4851	1.24	4442	1.73	3996
1200	Condat-Vũ	11.32	17321	10.55	16129	10.54	16082
	<b>FPIF</b>	25.52	19930	32.37	13788	51.54	16443
	<b>FPIHF</b>	7.07	5425	13.76	5838	23.83	7570
2400	Condat-Vũ	74.17	34059	70.14	32216	69.48	31963
	<b>FPIF</b>	95.55	17747	138.67	16074	190.06	17216
	<b>FPIHF</b>	43.08	7961	64.68	7464	70.64	6369

<span id="page-13-1"></span>**Table 1** Comparison of Condat-Vũ, FPIF, and FPIHF for the case  $\kappa = 1/30$ 

cases, the partial inverse-based algorithms increase their computational time to achieve convergence when *K* is larger. This can be explained by the fact that the dimension of matrix  $\mathcal{B}$  is larger as  $K$  is larger, and it has to be implemented three times by iteration.

When  $\kappa = 1/30$ , we observe from Table [1,](#page-13-1) that FPIHP and Condat-V $\tilde{u}$  are competitive and both are more efficient than FPIF. When  $\kappa = 1/20$  $\kappa = 1/20$  $\kappa = 1/20$ , we observe from Table 2 that FPIHP outperforms Condat-Vũ and FPIF for large dimensions. When  $\kappa = 1/10$ , we observe from Table  $3$  that FPIHP is the best algorithm at exception of the smallest

N	Algorithm	$K = N/3$		$K = N/2$		$K = 2N/3$	
		Av. time $(s)$	Av. iter	Av. time $(s)$	Av. iter	Av. time $(s)$	Av. iter
600	Condat-Vũ	0.86	10752	0.81	10263	0.87	10992
	<b>FPIF</b>	2.67	13381	3.91	14204	5.88	14258
	<b>FPIHF</b>	0.97	4725	0.82	2900	1.63	3747
1200	Condat-Vũ	13.91	21209	13.35	20359	12.51	19118
	<b>FPIF</b>	23.30	18142	45.16	19222	52.60	16773
	<b>FPIHF</b>	9.07	6943	20.53	8689	10.91	3458
2400	Condat-Vũ	103.92	47673	98.92	45543	91.33	41996
	<b>FPIF</b>	89.77	16659	132.60	15374	145.58	13181
	<b>FPIHF</b>	32.27	5957	45.35	5234	83.48	7539

<span id="page-14-0"></span>**Table 2** Comparison of Condat-Vũ, FPIF, and FPIHF for the case  $\kappa = 1/20$ 

<span id="page-14-1"></span>**Table 3** Comparison of Condat-Vũ, FPIF, and FPIHF for the case  $\kappa = 1/10$ 

N	Algorithm	$K = N/3$		$K = N/2$		$K = 2N/3$	
		Av. time $(s)$	Av. iter	Av. time $(s)$	Av. iter	Av. time $(s)$	Av. iter
600	Condat-Vũ	1.43	18233	1.30	16747	1.25	15577
	<b>FPIF</b>	3.56	18040	3.01	11057	5.17	12389
	<b>FPIHF</b>	1.11	5414	1.30	4696	1.49	3436
1200	Condat-Vũ	30.19	46078	26.98	41243	24.05	36849
	<b>FPIF</b>	25.61	19916	30.70	13095	40.57	12960
	<b>FPIHF</b>	6.96	5343	10.16	4294	17.79	5657
2400	Condat-Vũ	X	⊠	⊠	⊠	⊠	⊠
	<b>FPIF</b>	98.90	18363	129.27	14975	172.05	15609
	<b>FPIHF</b>	28.90	5349	46.74	5391	60.61	5484

<span id="page-14-2"></span>**Table 4** Comparison of Condat-Vũ, FPIF, and FPIHF for the case  $\kappa = 1/5$ 



dimensional case in which it is competitive with Condat-Vũ. The latter does not converge within 50000 for dimension  $N = 2400$ . When  $\kappa = 1/5$ , FPIHP is the more efficient algorithm in all the cases under study, as it is illustrated in Table [4.](#page-14-2) Moreover, Condat-Vũ converge before 50000 iterations only in the lower dimensional case when  $N = 600$ . We conclude that, for higher values of  $||\mathcal{A}||$  and larger dimensions, is more convenient to implement FPIHP.

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