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# An inertial conjugate gradient projection method for large-scale nonlinear equations and its application in the image restoration problems

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## ABSTRACT

Based on the acceleration effect of the inertial extrapolation technique on the convergence of iterative sequences, the number of algorithms incorporating this technique has gradually increased in recent years. Currently, there is a relative paucity of studies focusing on the Polak-Ribière-Polyak (PRP) conjugate gradient algorithm that integrate the inertial extrapolation technique. In this article, we introduce an inertial three-term PRP conjugate gradient projection method by incorporating an inertial extrapolation step into the three-term PRP algorithm, where the search direction exhibits sufficient descent and trust region characteristics. The search rule employs a derivative-free technique. Under suitable hypotheses, the proposed algorithm demonstrates global convergence. Numerical results indicate the superiority and competitiveness of this innovative method. Furthermore, its effectiveness in addressing image restoration problems underscores the practicality of this algorithm.

## 1. Introduction

Many practical problems can be approximated using the following model:

$$\Omega(x) = 0, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\Omega: R^n \rightarrow R^n$  is a mapping with monotone continuous characteristics. The system (1.1) is a well-known model of nonlinear monotone equations. The monotonicity of the mapping  $\Omega$  indicates that it satisfies  $(\Omega(x) - \Omega(y))^T (x - y) \geq 0, \quad \forall x, y \in R^n$ .

As a category of optimization problems, system (1.1) is not only extensively employed in the field of mathematics but also closely linked to real-world production and life. For instance, notable nonlinear fracture problems (Gregory et al., 1985) mathematics, chemical equilibrium issues (Meintjes and Morgan, 1987) that significantly influence industrial production, and image recovery challenges in the domain of compressed sensing (Xiao et al., 2011) can all be transformed into system (1.1) for resolution.

In recent decades, Various numerical iterative methods have been proposed to solve system (1.1). Notably, the incorporation of projection techniques (Solodov and Svaiter, 1999) has significantly en-

hanced the running speed of many iterative algorithms. These projection algorithms are categorized into two types: derivative-based algorithms and derivative-free algorithms. The former includes Newton-type method (Solodov and Svaiter, 1999; Zhou and Toh, 2005), quasi-Newton method (Zhou and Li, 2007, 2008; Chen et al., 2014), semi-smooth Newton method (Xiao et al., 2018) and trust region algorithm (Qi et al., 2004; Ulbrich, 2001). While these algorithms offer a rapid convergence rate as a primary advantage, the necessity of computing and storing the Jacobian or its approximate matrices poses challenges in solving large-scale equations, potentially reducing their efficiency and increasing computational time in practical applications. Consequently, the second category of methods, which does not require the computation and storage of Jacobian or its approximate matrices, has been developed to address these issues and ultimately enhance computational speed. The conjugate gradient (CG) method is a prominent example. Following the introduction of projection technology, Liu and Feng (2019) proposed a derivative-free projection method (DFPM) combined with the (PDY) method for convex constraint problems, demonstrating its Q-linear convergence. Subsequently, Sabi'U et al. (2020) introduced a new hybrid method that integrates the Fréchet-Robinson (FR) method and the PRP method with the projection strategy for monotone nonlinear equations, achieving a convergence rate significantly faster than that of the three-term PRP algorithm. For

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the same problems, [Abubakar et al. \(2021\)](#) modified a memoryless symmetric rank-one (SR1) update to develop two new algorithms, asserting their robustness. Afterward, numerous derivative-free projection methods has been proposed subsequently ([Sabi'u et al., 2020](#); [Koorapetse et al., 2021](#); [Yin et al., 2021b,a](#); [Sabi'u et al., 2024](#)).

Many scholars aspire to enhance the convergence speed of iterative algorithms, leading to numerous attempts in this area ([Chen et al., 2013](#); [Iiduka, 2012](#); [Jolaoso et al., 2021](#); [Abubakar et al., 2020a,b, 2019](#)). Recently, an inertial extrapolation technique has been proposed that can effectively accelerate the iteration process ([Alvarez, 2004](#); [Alvarez and Attouch, 2001](#)). This technique, derived from the “heavy ball” method ([Polyak, 1964](#)), plays a importance role in improving the overall convergence rate of the algorithm.

Based on the acceleration effect of the inertial extrapolation technique on the convergence of iterative sequences, the number of algorithms incorporating this technique has gradually increased. For instance, this technique has been utilized to enhance various existing splitting methods ([Chen et al., 2015](#); [Pock and Sabach, 2016](#)) and projection methods. A series of inertial DFPMs ([Jian et al., 2022](#)) have been proposed to address pseudo-monotone equations. In the field of compressed sensing, [Ma et al. \(2023\)](#) improved an inertial three-term CG projection method. Additionally, for convex constrained problems, an inertial Dai-Liao CG method has been proposed, which avoids the direction of maximum magnification ([Sabi'U and Sirisubtawee, 2024](#)).

Motivated by the derivative-free search strategy and the three-term PRP CG method in [Yuan and Zhang \(2015\)](#), we have incorporated an extrapolation strategy ([Ibrahim et al., 2021](#)) to develop the inertial three-term PRP CG projection algorithm, referred to as the ITTPRP algorithm. Under suitable conditions, we demonstrate that this new algorithm exhibits global convergence. Ultimately, a series of numerical results validate the superiority of the proposed algorithm.

The chapters of this article are organized as follows: In Section 2, we will present the ITTPRP algorithm. Section 3 provides a proof of convergence for the ITTPRP method. In Section 4, we will display results that validate the effectiveness of the ITTPRP method. Finally, Section 5 offers conclusions.

## 2. The algorithm

With the purpose of showing our algorithm, here is the general statement of the concept of projection operator  $P_C(x)$ , which represents a mapping from  $R^n$  to  $C$  a nonempty closed convex set:

$$P_C(x) = \arg \min \{ \|z - x\| \mid z \in C \}.$$

$\|\cdot\|$  represents Euclidean norm, which has a character, ie, for any  $x \in R^n, z \in C$ ,

$$\|P_C(x) - z\|^2 \leq \|x - z\|^2 - \|x - P_C(x)\|^2. \tag{2.1}$$

The following are the detailed steps of the algorithm.

### Algorithm 1 (ITTPRP).

**Step 0.** Input  $x_0 = x_{-1} \in R^n, \mu, s, \sigma, > 0, 0 < \rho, \epsilon < 1$  and  $0 \leq \tau < 1$ , Let  $m := 0$ .

**Step 1.** If  $\|\Omega(x_m)\| \leq \epsilon$ , then terminate. Else select an inertial extrapolation steplength

$$\tau_m = \begin{cases} \min \left\{ \tau, \frac{1}{k^2 \|\Delta x_m\|^2} \right\}, & \text{if } \Delta x_m \neq 0, \\ \tau, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \tag{2.2}$$

and compute the inertial step

$$v_m = x_m + \tau_m(\Delta x_m),$$

where  $\Delta x_m = x_m - x_{m-1}$ .

**Step 2.** If  $\|\Omega(v_m)\| \leq \epsilon$ , then terminate. Else find the search direction  $d_m$  by

$$d_m = \begin{cases} -\Omega(v_m) + \frac{\Omega(v_m)^T y_m d_{m-1} - \Omega(v_m)^T d_{m-1} y_m}{\max\{\mu \|d_{m-1}\| \|y_m\|, \|\Omega(v_{m-1})\|^2\}}, & \text{if } m \geq 1, \\ -\Omega(v_m), & \text{if } m = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $y_m = \Omega(v_m) - \Omega(v_{m-1})$ .

**Step 3.** Find  $t_m = v_m + \alpha_m d_m$ , the steplength  $\alpha_m := \max\{s\rho^i : i = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  such that

$$-\Omega(v_m + \alpha_m d_m)^T d_m \geq \sigma \alpha_m \|\Omega(v_m + \alpha_m d_m)\| \|d_m\|^2. \tag{2.3}$$

**Step 4.** If  $\|\Omega(t_m)\| \leq \epsilon$ , terminate, and let  $v_{m+1} = t_m$ . Else, calculate the next iterate by

$$x_{m+1} = P_c[v_m - \lambda_m \Omega(t_m)],$$

where

$$\lambda_m = \frac{\Omega(t_m)^T (v_m - t_m)}{\|\Omega(t_m)\|^2}.$$

**Step 5.** Let  $m := m + 1$ . Back to step 1.

**Remark 2.1.** For all  $m \geq 0$ , it can be observed from Eq. (2.2) that  $\tau_m \|\Delta x_m\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{m^2}$ . This implies that

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \tau_m \|\Delta x_m\|^2 < \infty.$$

**Lemma 2.1.** If  $\{d_m\}$  and  $\{v_m\}$  are calculated by Algorithm ITTPRP, then  $d_m$  satisfies the characteristic of sufficient descent :

$$\Omega(v_m)^T d_m = -\|\Omega(v_m)\|^2 \tag{2.4}$$

and the trust region characteristic:

$$\|d_m\| \leq \left(1 + \frac{2}{\mu}\right) \|\Omega(v_m)\|. \tag{2.5}$$

**Proof.** By the definition of  $d_m$  in Algorithm 1, it is easy to conclude that  $\Omega(v_m)^T d_m = -\|\Omega(v_m)\|^2$  for all  $m \geq 0$ . If  $m = 0$  or  $y_m = 0$ , we have  $\|d_m\| = \|\Omega(v_m)\|$ . For  $k \geq 1$  and  $y_m \neq 0$ , we can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \|d_m\| &\leq \|\Omega(v_m)\| + \frac{2\|\Omega(v_m)\| \|y_m\| \|d_{m-1}\|}{\max\{\mu \|d_{m-1}\| \|y_m\|, \|\Omega(v_{m-1})\|^2\}} \\ &\leq \|\Omega(v_m)\| + \frac{2\|\Omega(v_m)\| \|y_m\| \|d_{m-1}\|}{\mu \|d_{m-1}\| \|y_m\|} \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{2}{\mu}\right) \|\Omega(v_m)\|. \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

The proof is concluded.

## 3. Global convergence

This section will provide a proof of convergence for the ITTPRP method. Some necessary hypotheses and lemmas are as follows.

**Hypothesis A.** (i) The solution set  $S$  contains at least one valid solution, indicating that the solution set  $S$  is non-empty.

(ii) The mapping  $\Omega$  is Lipschitz continuous, which means there is a positive number  $M$ , for any  $x, y \in R^n$ ,

$$\|\Omega(x) - \Omega(y)\| \leq M \|x - y\|.$$

**Lemma 3.1.** Assume Hypothesis A is always valid, sequences  $\{v_m\}$  and  $\{d_m\}$  are formed by the ITTPRP algorithm, then for all  $m \geq 0$ , there is a nonnegative  $i_m$  satisfying inequality (2.3).

**Proof.** By using reduction to absurdity, we can obtain the following result: Suppose there exists an integer  $m_0$  greater than 0, which makes all nonnegative integers  $i$  fail to satisfy (2.3). Therefore, for all  $i \geq 0$ , the subsequent inequality is always valid:

$$-\Omega(v_{m_0} + s\rho^i d_{m_0})^T d_{m_0} < \sigma s\rho^i \left| \Omega(v_{m_0} + s\rho^i d_{m_0}) \right| \left| d_{m_0} \right|^2.$$

Consider  $\Omega$  is continuous and  $\rho \in (0, 1)$ , as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , it satisfies that  $\Omega(v_{m_0})^T d_{m_0} \geq 0$  which contradicts with (2.4). Thus the proof is concluded.

**Lemma 3.2 (Auslender et al., 1999).** Suppose  $\{x_m\}$  and  $\{t_m\}$  be nonnegative number sequences, then they satisfy the subsequent inequality:

$$x_{m+1} \leq x_m + t_m.$$

where  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} t_m < \infty$ , then  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_m$  exists.

**Lemma 3.3.** Let hypothesis A hold, and sequences  $\{x_m\}$ ,  $\{v_m\}$  and  $\{t_m\}$  are successively outputted by Algorithm 1. Assume that  $\bar{x}$  represents a solution to problem (1.1) with  $\Omega(\bar{x}) = 0$ , which satisfies

$$\|x_{m+1} - \bar{x}\|^2 \leq \|v_m - \bar{x}\|^2 - \sigma^2 \|v_m - t_m\|^4.$$

Moreover, the sequence  $\{x_m\}$  is bounded and

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \|v_m - t_m\|^4 < \infty.$$

**Proof.** Through the monotonicity of the mapping  $\Omega$ , we can infer

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(t_m)^T (v_m - \bar{x}) &= \Omega(t_m)^T (v_m - t_m) + \Omega(t_m)^T (t_m - \bar{x}) \\ &\geq \Omega(t_m)^T (v_m - t_m) + \Omega(\bar{x})^T (t_m - \bar{x}) \\ &= \Omega(t_m)^T (v_m - t_m) \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

$$\geq \sigma \|\Omega(t_m)\| \|v_m - t_m\|^2. \tag{3.2}$$

By (2.1), (3.1), and (3.2), it establishes that, for any  $\bar{x} \in S$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{m+1} - \bar{x}\|^2 &= \left\| P_C(v_m - \lambda_m \Omega(t_m)) - \bar{x} \right\|^2 \\ &\leq \left\| (v_m - \lambda_m \Omega(t_m)) - \bar{x} \right\|^2 \\ &\quad - \left\| (v_m - \lambda_m \Omega(t_m)) - P_C(v_m - \lambda_m \Omega(t_m)) \right\|^2 \\ &\leq \|v_m - \lambda_m \Omega(t_m) - \bar{x}\|^2 \\ &\leq \|v_m - \bar{x}\|^2 - 2\lambda_m \Omega(t_m)^T (v_m - \bar{x}) + \lambda_m^2 \|\Omega(t_m)\|^2 \\ &\leq \|v_m - \bar{x}\|^2 - 2\lambda_m \Omega(t_m)^T (v_m - t_m) + \lambda_m^2 \|\Omega(t_m)\|^2 \\ &\leq \|v_m - \bar{x}\|^2 - \frac{[\Omega(t_m)^T (v_m - t_m)]^2}{\|\Omega(t_m)\|^2} \\ &\leq \|v_m - \bar{x}\|^2 - \sigma^2 \|v_m - t_m\|^4. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

From inequality (3.3), we can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{m+1} - \bar{x}\| &\leq \|v_m - \bar{x}\| \\ &= \|x_m + \tau_m \Delta x_m - \bar{x}\| \\ &\leq \|x_m - \bar{x}\| + \tau_m \|\Delta x_m\|. \end{aligned}$$

According to Remark 2.1 and Lemma 3.2, we can conclude that the sequence  $\{\|x_m - \bar{x}\|\}$  is bounded. Consequently, for all  $m$ , there is a positive number  $M_0$  satisfying

$$\|x_m - \bar{x}\| \leq M_0. \tag{3.4}$$

Thus, we can infer that  $\|\Delta x_m\| \leq 2M_0$ . Building upon the aforementioned conclusions, we can derive that

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_m - \bar{x}\|^2 &= \|x_m + \tau_m \Delta x_m - \bar{x}\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x_m - \bar{x}\|^2 + 2\tau_m \Delta x_m^T (x_m + \tau_m \Delta x_m - \bar{x}) \\ &\leq \|x_m - \bar{x}\|^2 + 2\tau_m \|\Delta x_m\| (\|x_m - \bar{x}\| + \tau_m \|\Delta x_m\|) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \|x_m - \bar{x}\|^2 + 2M_0 \tau_m \|\Delta x_m\| + 4M_0 \tau_m \|\Delta x_m\| \\ &= \|x_m - \bar{x}\|^2 + 6M_0 \tau_m \|\Delta x_m\|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

By (3.3) and (3.5), We obtain

$$\|x_{m+1} - \bar{x}\|^2 \leq \|x_m - \bar{x}\|^2 + 6M_0 \tau_m \|\Delta x_m\| - \sigma^2 \|v_m - t_m\|^4.$$

Thus, we have

$$\sigma^2 \|v_m - t_m\|^4 \leq \|x_m - \bar{x}\|^2 + 6M_0 \tau_m \|\Delta x_m\| - \|x_{m+1} - \bar{x}\|^2. \tag{3.6}$$

Adding (3.6) for  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , we have

$$\sigma^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|v_m - t_m\|^4 \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (\|x_m - \bar{x}\|^2 + 6M_0 \tau_m \|\Delta x_m\| - \|x_{m+1} - \bar{x}\|^2).$$

But  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (\|x_m - \bar{x}\|^2 - \|x_{m+1} - \bar{x}\|^2)$  is finite, which is due to the sequence  $\{\|x_{m+1} - \bar{x}\|\}$  is convergent and  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \tau_m \|\Delta x_m\| < \infty$ . It implies that

$$\sigma^2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \|v_m - t_m\|^4 \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (\|x_m - \bar{x}\|^2 - \|x_{m+1} - \bar{x}\|^2 + 6M_0 \tau_m \|\Delta x_m\|) < \infty.$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|v_m - t_m\| = 0. \tag{3.7}$$

Finally, this proof is concluded.

**Remark 3.1.** If Hypothesis A is always valid, we can deduce the following conclusions from Lemma 3.3.

- (i) The  $\|\Omega(x)\|$  is bounded.
- (ii)  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|x_m - v_m\| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|v_m - t_m\| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_m \|d_m\| = 0$ .
- (iii) The sequences  $\{x_m\}$ ,  $\{v_m\}$ ,  $\{t_m\}$  and  $\{d_m\}$  are all bounded.

**Proof.** (i) From Hypothesis A(ii) and (3.4), we have

$$\|\Omega(x)\| = \|\Omega(x) - \Omega(\bar{x})\| \leq M \|x - \bar{x}\| \leq M M_0.$$

(ii) By the concept of  $\{t_m\}$  and (3.7), having  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_m \|d_m\| = 0$ , What is more, from Remark 2.1, considering that  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \tau_m \|\Delta x_m\| < \infty$ , we can infer that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|x_m - v_m\| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|x_m - (x_m + \tau_m \Delta x_m)\| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \tau_m \|\Delta x_m\| = 0.$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|x_m - v_m\| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|v_m - t_m\| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_m \|d_m\| = 0. \tag{3.8}$$

(iii) The sequence  $\{x_m\}$  is bounded, which can be seen from Lemma 3.3. Thus, we can infer that both  $\{v_m\}$  and  $\{t_m\}$  are also bounded from (3.8). Based on this facts and using Lemma 2.1 and the continuity of  $\Omega$ , we can conclude that  $\{d_m\}$  is bounded. Then the proof is finished.

**Theorem 3.1.** If Hypothesis A is always valid. Let  $\{x_m\}$ ,  $\{v_m\}$  and  $\{t_m\}$  are generated by ITTPRP, and  $\bar{x}$  belongs to  $S$ . Then, the convergence of  $\{x_m\}$ ,  $\{v_m\}$  and  $\{t_m\}$  to the same solution of problem (1.1) is ensured.

**Proof.** The proof will be divided into two parts.

**Part I.** We should exhibit that  $\liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|\Omega(v_m)\| = 0$ . We will demonstrate this by reduction to absurdity, starting with the assumption that

$$\liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|\Omega(v_m)\| \neq 0.$$

Hence, there is a constant  $\epsilon > 0$  satisfying

$$\|\Omega(v_m)\| \geq \epsilon, \forall m \geq 0. \tag{3.9}$$

Based on the boundedness of  $\{v_m\}$  and  $\{d_m\}$ , we can infer

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} v_{m_i} = \bar{v} \text{ and } \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d_{m_i} = \bar{d}. \tag{3.10}$$

By setting  $m := m_i$  in (2.4), and utilizing (3.9), (3.10) and the continuity of  $\Omega$ . Finally, taking the limit of (2.4), we can obtain

$$\Omega(\bar{v})^T \bar{d} = -\|\Omega(\bar{v})\|^2 \leq -\epsilon^2 < 0. \tag{3.11}$$

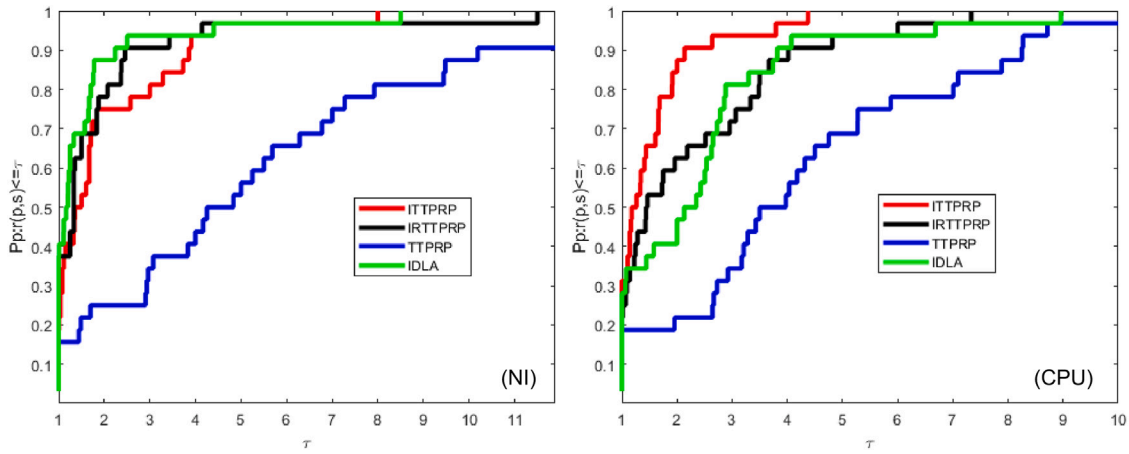


Fig. 1. Performance profiles on NI and CPU.

By the definition of  $d_m$ , we then obtain that  $\|d_m\| \geq \|\Omega(v_m)\| \geq \epsilon$ , which, combined with Remark 3.1(ii), indicates the limit  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_m = 0$ . Finally, from (2.3), it satisfies

$$-\Omega(v_m + \rho^{-1} \alpha_m d_m)^T d_m < \sigma \rho^{-1} \alpha_m \|\Omega(v_m + \rho^{-1} \alpha_m d_m)\| \|d_m\|^2. \quad (3.12)$$

Consider all  $m$  satisfying sufficiently large characteristics. Similarly, together with (3.12), Remark 3.1(ii), (3.10) and  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_m = 0$ , one can ensure  $\Omega(\bar{v})^T \bar{d} \geq 0$ , which contradicts with (3.11). Consequently, we deduce that  $\liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|\Omega(v_m)\| = 0$ .

**Part II.** We show that  $\{x_m\}$ ,  $\{v_m\}$ , and  $\{t_m\}$  all converge to the same solution of problem (1.1). Since  $\{v_m\}$  is bounded,  $\Omega$  is a continuous mapping, and the previous part has already established that  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \inf \|\Omega_m\| = 0$ . Based on these, we assume

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|\Omega(v_{m_i})\| = \|\Omega(\bar{v})\| = 0,$$

which indicates  $\bar{v} \in S$ . Based on the first relation in (3.10) and Remark 3.1(ii), we can obtain  $\bar{v}$  is a convergence point of  $\{x_m\}$ , implying there is an infinite set  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfying  $\lim_{m \in \mathcal{M}, m \rightarrow \infty} x_m = \bar{v} \in S$ . Setting  $\bar{x} := \bar{v}$  in Remark 3.1(ii), we have

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|x_m - \bar{v}\| = \lim_{m \in \mathcal{K}, m \rightarrow \infty} \|x_m - \bar{v}\| = 0.$$

So,  $\{x_m\}$  converges to  $\bar{v} \in S$ . Based on Remark 3.1(ii), we can infer that both  $\{v_m\}$  and  $\{t_m\}$  also converge to  $\bar{v}$ . This proof is concluded.

#### 4. Numerical results and discussions

Numerical experiments will be conducted in two modules. The first module involves solving nonlinear equations, while the second module focuses on an image restoration application.

##### 4.1. Nonlinear equations

We conduct tests on nonlinear equations in this module. The problems to be tested and their corresponding initial points can be found in Yuan and Zhang (2015). For experimentation, we utilize the eight problems listed in Table 1, maintaining the same initial points as those in Yuan and Zhang (2015).

To demonstrate the superiority of the ITTPRP algorithm, We compared it to the IDLA algorithm (Sabi'U and Sirisubtawee, 2024), the TTPRP algorithm (Yuan and Zhang, 2015), and the inertial-relaxed TTPRP method which differs from ITTPRP by maintaining  $\tau_k \equiv \tau$  and introducing a relaxation factor  $\rho_k$  in the projection step. Detailed information regarding the inertial-relaxed technique can be found in Yin et al. (2023). In this article, we refer to the inertial-relaxed TTPRP method as the IRTTPRP method.

The following were used for experimental comparison:

Table 1

Test problems.

NO	Test problem
1	Exponential function
2	Trigonometric function
3	Logarithmic function
4	Broyden tridiagonal function
5	Trigexp function
6	Strictly convex function
7	Extended Freudentein and Roth function
8	Discrete boundary value problem

- Dimensions: 5000, 10,000, 50,000, 100,000.

- Parameters: We select  $\sigma = 0.01, \mu = 0.01, s = 1, \rho = 0.1, \tau = 0.1$  and  $\epsilon = 10^{-4}$  for ITTPRP. Furthermore, we set the relaxation factor  $\rho_k \equiv 1.4882$  for IRTTPRP and other parameters are consistent with ITTPRP. For TTPRP and IDLA, all parameters are cited from Yuan and Zhang (2015) and Sabi'U and Sirisubtawee (2024), respectively.

- Stopping condition: The operations are terminated when any of the subsequent criteria is met: (i)  $\|\Omega(x_m)\| \leq 10^{-4}$ , (ii)  $\|\Omega(v_m)\| \leq 10^{-4}$ , (iii)  $\|\Omega(t_m)\| \leq 10^{-4}$ , (iv)  $NI > 1000$ .

- Implementation software: All experiments are operated in MATLAB R2020a on a 64-bit Lenovo laptop with Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-7200U CPU (2.70 GHz), 8.00 GB RAM and Windows 10.

The results from these methods are presented in Tables 2–5, where NO denotes the problem number, DIM indicates the dimension of the variable  $x$ , IN represents the number of iterations, CPU signifies the running time in seconds, and GN refers the norm of the objective function. As illustrated in Fig. 1, ITTPRP, IRTTPRP, and IDLA significantly outperform TTPRP for nonlinear equations, suggesting that both inertial and inertial-relaxed techniques can enhance the convergence of the algorithm. Furthermore, the numerical results regarding NI and CPU demonstrate that the ITTPRP method outperforms both the IDLA and IRTTPRP methods.

##### 4.2. Image restoration problems

The objective of this part is to restore images that have been compromised by salt-and-pepper noise to their original state. The operating conditions and parameters remain consistent with those outlined in the previous section. The termination condition is  $\frac{\|\|\Omega(x_{m+1})\| - \|\Omega(x_m)\|\|}{\|\Omega(x_m)\|} < 10^{-3}$  or  $\frac{\|x_{m+1} - x_m\|}{\|x_m\|} < 10^{-3}$ . For the experiments, we selected the images Peppers ( $384 \times 512 \times 3$ ), ColoredChips ( $391 \times 518 \times 3$ ) and ColorChecker ( $1024 \times 1541 \times 3$ ) as subjects. To facilitate a comparison with ITTPRP, we also implemented IDLA, IRTTPRP, and TTPRP in our experiments. In this study, we employed the Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR) as a

**Table 2**  
The numerical results of ITTPRP.

NO	Dim	ITTPRP			NO	Dim	ITTPRP		
		NI	CPU	GN			NI	CPU	GN
1	5000	12	0.453125	9.867163e-05	5	5000	27	0.28125	8.497070e-05
	10 000	26	0.734375	8.790935e-05		10 000	31	0.515625	8.141910e-05
	50 000	16	1.640625	9.210669e-05		50 000	27	1.625	8.768074e-05
	100 000	29	4.5625	8.383628e-05		100 000	27	2.640625	7.807696e-05
2	5000	11	0.0625	3.770076e-05	6	5000	41	0.21875	9.759364e-05
	10 000	10	0.125	9.709109e-05		10 000	43	0.734375	8.647722e-05
	50 000	10	0.328125	3.639045e-05		50 000	46	1.359375	9.793179e-05
	100 000	10	0.703125	6.912180e-05		100 000	48	3.03125	8.597722e-05
3	5000	46	0.359375	8.099398e-05	7	5000	96	0.96875	7.257720e-05
	10 000	47	0.578125	9.131047e-05		10 000	99	1.875	7.786170e-04
	50 000	54	2.0625	8.278900e-05		50 000	99	5.25	4.462174e-04
	100 000	57	4.34375	7.885919e-05		100 000	99	9.109375	2.193503e-02
4	5000	28	0.125	8.043680e-05	8	5000	4	0.03125	6.854517e-05
	10 000	28	0.375	9.621304e-05		10 000	4	0.078125	3.561221e-05
	50 000	30	0.9375	9.573799e-05		50 000	4	0.25	9.843457e-06
	100 000	31	1.796875	8.726494e-05		100 000	4	0.5	6.258972e-06

**Table 3**  
The numerical results of IRTTPRP.

NO	Dim	IRTTTPRP			NO	Dim	IRTTTPRP		
		NI	CPU	GN			NI	CPU	GN
1	5000	19	0.828125	7.836595e-05	5	5000	25	0.34375	6.204524e-05
	10 000	20	0.703125	8.971482e-05		10 000	27	0.4375	6.786293e-05
	50 000	23	2.75	6.002047e-05		50 000	25	1.421875	9.841160e-05
	100 000	24	3.6875	9.233313e-05		100 000	29	3.671875	5.259499e-05
2	5000	11	0.171875	9.408117e-05	6	5000	26	0.234375	8.169599e-05
	10 000	11	0.15625	6.641194e-05		10 000	27	0.34375	8.119625e-05
	50 000	8	0.296875	8.029260e-05		50 000	29	1.234375	8.995054e-05
	100 000	8	0.640625	4.743628e-05		100 000	30	2.109375	8.960796e-05
3	5000	34	0.65625	9.324219e-05	7	5000	60	0.984375	9.753238e-05
	10 000	35	1.015625	9.390085e-05		10 000	58	1.609375	2.541513e-05
	50 000	28	1.484375	7.782818e-05		50 000	89	6	8.480105e-05
	100 000	43	2.84375	7.892516e-05		100 000	98	11.328125	8.867816e-05
4	5000	27	0.21875	7.681626e-05	8	5000	6	0.1875	9.285473e-05
	10 000	27	0.296875	9.770017e-05		10 000	6	0.15625	5.875351e-05
	50 000	40	3.265625	6.750844e-05		50 000	5	0.546875	6.323570e-05
	100 000	42	7.21875	6.956756e-05		100 000	5	1.140625	4.472713e-05

**Table 4**  
The numerical results of TTPRP.

NO	Dim	TTPRP			NO	Dim	TTPRP		
		NI	CPU	GN			NI	CPU	GN
1	5000	8	0.171875	5.520721e-05	5	5000	198	1.484375	9.447610e-05
	10 000	15	0.546875	9.436249e-05		10 000	183	1.828125	9.199929e-05
	50 000	2	0.375	5.758779e-05		50 000	236	7.5	9.513637e-05
	100 000	7	1.203125	8.972378e-05		100 000	217	13.140625	9.726429e-05
2	5000	30	0.484375	9.362377e-05	6	5000	77	0.578125	9.444245e-05
	10 000	29	0.375	8.383729e-05		10 000	80	0.9375	9.681243e-05
	50 000	25	1.421875	9.255956e-05		50 000	88	3.609375	9.197911e-05
	100 000	23	2.078125	9.365469e-05		100 000	91	6.765625	9.440982e-05
3	5000	49	0.5	9.118515e-05	7	5000	833	6.875	9.922871e-05
	10 000	52	0.671875	9.408785e-05		10 000	857	13.28125	9.916437e-05
	50 000	21	1.03125	8.293763e-05		50 000	907	41.40625	9.868439e-05
	100 000	73	8.5625	9.228799e-05		100 000	929	79.375	9.970836e-05
4	5000	80	0.734375	9.669655e-05	8	5000	22	0.140625	8.867872e-05
	10 000	83	1.28125	8.554486e-05		10 000	21	0.046875	7.910912e-05
	50 000	88	3.78125	8.746539e-05		50 000	17	0.875	9.143833e-05
	100 000	90	7.140625	9.043480e-05		100 000	16	1.4375	8.204131e-05

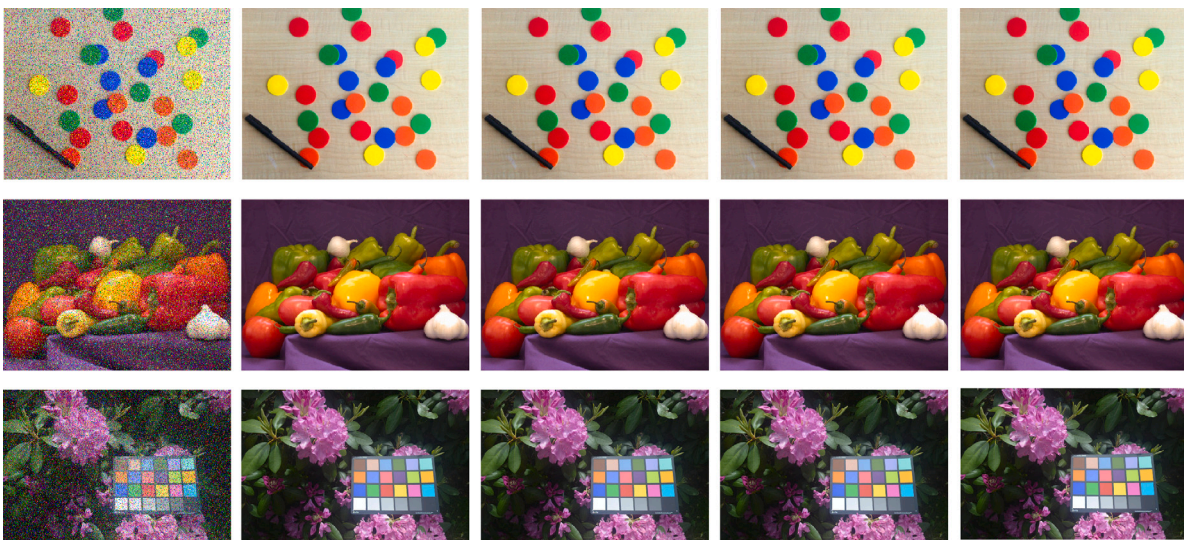
metric to assess the effectiveness of the image restoration. Generally, a higher PSNR value for the restored image indicates superior performance of the restoration algorithm. The detailed performances are illustrated in Figs. 2–4. It is evident that four algorithms successfully restored the images. Table 6 presents the PSNR values corresponding to the restored images obtained from these three methods. The results show that at noise levels of 20%, 40%, and 60%, the PSNR values for ITTPRP exceed those of IDLA, IRTTPRP, and TTPRP, suggesting that the ITTPRP algorithm outperforms the others.

### 5. Conclusions

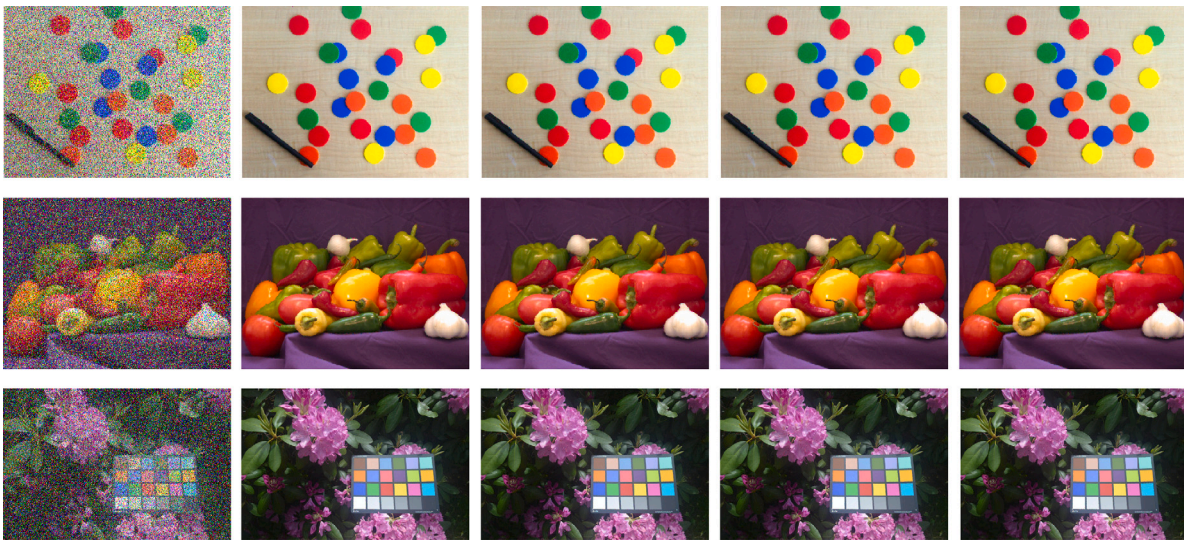
The primary contribution of this article is the proposal of an inertial three-term PRP CG projection method for large-scale nonlinear equations. This method achieves global convergence under appropriate assumptions. The experimental results demonstrate that the incorporation of the extrapolation strategy significantly accelerates the algorithm's iteration. Furthermore, a comparison of various methods for image restoration problems clearly illustrates the superiority and effectiveness

**Table 5**  
The numerical results of IDLA.

NO	Dim	IDLA			NO	Dim	IDLA		
		NI	CPU	GN			NI	CPU	GN
1	5000	20	0.65625	7.992.25e-05	5	5000	25	0.40625	7.366243e-05
	10 000	66	3.65625	9.846248e-05		10 000	33	1.0625	7.053033e-05
	50 000	17	3.359375	NaN		50 000	44	4.6875	6.881303e-05
	100 000	11	4.5	NaN		100 000	7	1.875	NaN
2	5000	6	0.046875	7.682945e-06	6	5000	11	0.625	9.534414e-05
	10 000	6	0.109375	5.511686e-06		10 000	11	0.9375	7.814199e-05
	50 000	6	0.171875	9.212817e-05		50 000	14	3.4375	6.859685e-05
	100 000	6	0.4375	7.765051e-05		100 000	16	8.59375	6.634121e-05
3	5000	41	0.1875	9.624785e-05	7	5000	99	2.0625	3.698474e+01
	10 000	42	0.34375	9.784315e-05		10 000	99	3.78125	3.076731e+01
	50 000	47	1.109375	9.630625e-05		50 000	99	13.921875	2.315295e+02
	100 000	50	2.609375	9.159562e-05		100 000	99	22.8125	4.025442e+02
4	5000	36	0.328125	6.010409e-05	8	5000	5	0.0625	6.044117e-05
	10 000	30	0.46875	9.152611e-05		10 000	5	0.09375	5.190158e-05
	50 000	50	2.375	4.619752e-05		50 000	4	0.265625	7.682776e-05
	100 000	55	5.171875	9.349308e-05		100 000	4	0.453125	6.073980e-05



**Fig. 2.** The restored images of ColoredChips, Peppers and ColorChecker with 20% salt-and-pepper noise by ITTPRP method, IRTTPRP method, TTPRP method and IDLA method are displayed respectively from left to right.



**Fig. 3.** The restored images of ColoredChips, Peppers and ColorChecker with 40% salt-and-pepper noise by ITTPRP method, IRTTPRP method, TTPRP method and IDLA method are displayed respectively from left to right.

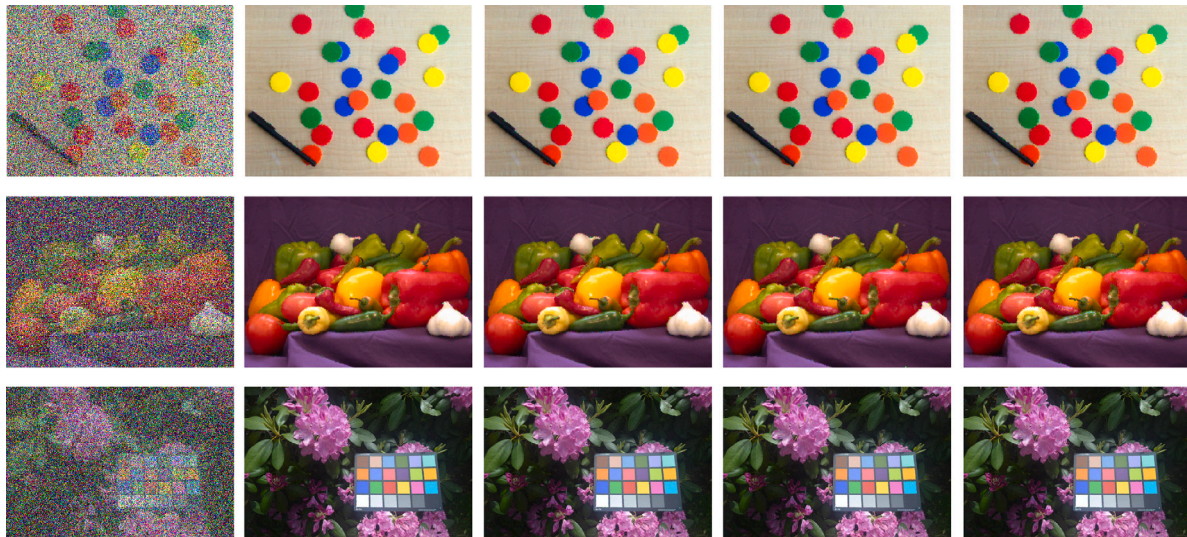


Fig. 4. The restored images of ColoredChips, Peppers and ColorChecker with 60% salt-and-pepper noise by ITTPRP method, IRTTPRP method, TTPRP method and IDLA method are displayed respectively from left to right.

**Table 6**  
Three algorithms restore image PSNR value.

20% noise	Peppers	ColoredChips	ColorChecker
ITTPRP	39.25	39.60	40.71
IRTTTPRP	39.36	39.52	40.62
TTPRP	39.18	39.40	40.60
IDLA	39.11	39.51	41.09
40% noise	Peppers	ColoredChips	ColorChecker
ITTPRP	34.72	34.79	36.27
IRTTTPRP	34.60	34.80	36.29
TTPRP	34.52	34.56	36.22
IDLA	34.19	34.39	35.84
60% noise	Peppers	ColoredChips	ColorChecker
ITTPRP	31.24	31.13	32.81
IRTTTPRP	31.22	31.12	32.75
TTPRP	30.87	30.35	32.72
IDLA	30.97	30.48	32.04

of the ITTPRP algorithm. This image restoration technique has the potential to enhance video surveillance, medical image processing, and various other practical applications, paving the way for further research and technological development.

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