

Supplementary Material

A. Proof of Theorem 2

In the beginning, we define several auxiliary variables, which will be used in this proof.

Let $\bar{\mathbf{z}}(m) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{z}_i(m)$ and $\bar{\mathbf{g}}(m) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m)$. Then, we define

$$\bar{F}_{m+1}(\mathbf{x}) = \eta \bar{\mathbf{z}}(m+1)^\top \mathbf{x} + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m+1) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_\delta} \bar{F}_{m+1}(\mathbf{x})$. Similarly, let $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_\delta} \eta \mathbf{z}_i(m)^\top \mathbf{x} + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$.

Moreover, we introduce the following two lemmas with respect to the theoretical guarantees of δ -smoothed function.

Lemma 8 (Lemma 2.6 in Hazan (2016)) *Let $f(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be convex and G -Lipschitz over a convex and compact set $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$. Then, $\hat{f}_\delta(\mathbf{x})$ is convex and G -Lipschitz over \mathcal{K}_δ , and it holds that $|\hat{f}_\delta(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x})| \leq \delta G$ for any $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_\delta$.*

Lemma 9 (Lemma 4 in Garber & Kretzu (2019)) *Let $f(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be convex and suppose that all subgradients of f are upper bounded by G in ℓ_2 -norm over a convex and compact set $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$. For any $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_\delta$, $\|\nabla \hat{f}_\delta(\mathbf{x})\|_2 \leq G$.*

We first assume that for all $i \in V$ and $m = 1, \dots, B$,

$$\|\hat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m)\|_2 \leq \beta.$$

Let $\mathbf{x}^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}} \sum_{t=1}^T f_t(\mathbf{x})$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^* = (1 - \delta/r)\mathbf{x}^*$. For any $i, j \in V$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=1}^T f_{t,j}(\mathbf{y}_i(t)) - \sum_{t=1}^T f_{t,j}(\mathbf{x}^*) &= \sum_{t=1}^T f_{t,j}(\mathbf{x}_i(m_t) + \delta \mathbf{u}_i(t)) - \sum_{t=1}^T f_{t,j}(\mathbf{x}^*) \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^T (f_{t,j}(\mathbf{x}_i(m_t)) + G \|\delta \mathbf{u}_i(t)\|_2) - \sum_{t=1}^T (f_{t,j}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) - G \|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^* - \mathbf{x}^*\|_2) \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^T f_{t,j}(\mathbf{x}_i(m_t)) - \sum_{t=1}^T f_{t,j}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) + \delta GT + \frac{\delta GRT}{r} \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_i(m_t)) + \delta G) - \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) - \delta G) + \delta GT + \frac{\delta GRT}{r} \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_i(m_t)) - \hat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*)) + 3\delta GT + \frac{\delta GRT}{r} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where the first inequality is due to Assumption 1 and the third inequality is due to Lemma 8.

Then, similar to the proof of Theorem 1, we derive an upper bound of $\|\mathbf{x}_i(m) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m)\|_2$ by further introducing the following lemma.

Lemma 10 *Let $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_\delta} F_{m,i}(\mathbf{x})$, for $m \in [B]$. Assume $\|\hat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m)\|_2 \leq \beta$ for any $i \in V$ and $m \in [B]$, Algorithm 3 with $\epsilon \leq 8R^2$ and $L = \frac{16R^2}{\epsilon^2}(\eta\alpha\beta\sqrt{\epsilon} + \eta^2\alpha^2\beta^2)$ has*

$$F_{m,i}(\mathbf{x}_i(m)) - F_{m,i}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)) \leq \epsilon$$

for any $i \in V$ and $m \in [B]$, where $\alpha = \frac{1+\sigma_2(P)}{1-\sigma_2(P)}\sqrt{n} + 1$.

Applying Lemma 2 with $\|\hat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m)\|_2 \leq \beta$, we have

$$\|\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \bar{\mathbf{z}}(m)\|_2 \leq \alpha' \beta \quad (17)$$

where $\alpha' = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{1-\sigma_2(P)}$.

Furthermore, applying Lemma 3 with (17), we have

$$\|\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m)\|_2 \leq \eta \|\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \bar{\mathbf{z}}(m)\|_2 \leq \eta \alpha' \beta$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x}_i(m) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m)\|_2 &\leq \|\mathbf{x}_i(m) - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)\|_2 + \|\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m)\|_2 \\ &\leq \sqrt{F_{m,i}(\mathbf{x}_i(m)) - F_{m,i}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m))} + \eta \alpha' \beta \\ &\leq \sqrt{\epsilon} + \eta \alpha' \beta \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where the second inequality is due to the fact $F_{m,i}(\mathbf{x})$ is 2-strongly convex and (5), and the last inequality is due to Lemma 10.

For brevity, let $\epsilon' = \sqrt{\epsilon} + \eta \alpha' \beta$. Then, we can use (18) to bound the first term in the right side of (16) as

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{t=1}^T (\widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_i(m_t)) - \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*)) \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^T (\widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m_t)) - \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*)) + \sum_{t=1}^T G \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m_t) - \mathbf{x}_i(m_t)\|_2 \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^T (\widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m_t)) - \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*)) + \sum_{t=1}^T G \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m_t) - \mathbf{x}_j(m_t)\|_2 + GT\epsilon' \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^T \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m_t))^\top (\mathbf{x}_j(m_t) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) + 2GT\epsilon' \\ &= \sum_{t=1}^T \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m_t))^\top (\mathbf{x}_j(m_t) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m_t)) + \sum_{t=1}^T \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m_t))^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m_t) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) + 2GT\epsilon' \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^T \|\nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m_t))\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}_j(m_t) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m_t)\|_2 + \sum_{t=1}^T \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m_t))^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m_t) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) + 2GT\epsilon' \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^T \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m_t))^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m_t) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) + \sum_{t=1}^T G \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m_t) - \mathbf{x}_j(m_t)\|_2 + 2GT\epsilon' \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^T \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m_t))^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m_t) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) + 3GT\epsilon' \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

where the third inequality is due to the convexity of $\widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x})$ and the fifth inequality is due to Lemma 9.

Combining (16), (19) and $\epsilon' = \sqrt{\epsilon} + \eta \alpha' \beta$, for any $i \in V$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^n f_{t,j}(\mathbf{y}_i(t)) - \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^n f_{t,j}(\mathbf{x}^*) \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^n \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m_t))^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m_t) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) + 3\delta nGT + \frac{\delta nGRT}{r} + 3nGT(\sqrt{\epsilon} + \eta \alpha' \beta). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, to bound $\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^n \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m_t))^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m_t) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*)$, we introduce the following lemma.

Lemma 11 Let $\bar{\mathbf{z}}(m) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{z}_i(m)$ and $\bar{\mathbf{g}}(m) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m)$. Moreover, we define

$$\bar{F}_{m+1}(\mathbf{x}) = \eta \bar{\mathbf{z}}(m+1)^\top \mathbf{x} + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m+1) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_\delta} \bar{F}_{m+1}(\mathbf{x})$. Assume $\|\widehat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m)\|_2 \leq \beta$ for any $i \in V$ and $m \in [B]$, with probability at least $1 - \gamma$,

Algorithm 3 has

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^n \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m_t))^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m_t) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) \leq 2nR(KG + \beta) \sqrt{2B \ln \frac{1}{\gamma}} + \frac{nR^2}{\eta} + n\eta B\beta^2$$

where $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^* = (1 - \delta/r)\mathbf{x}^*$ and $\mathbf{x}^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}} \sum_{t=1}^T f_t(\mathbf{x})$.

According to Lemma 11, assume that $\|\widehat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m)\|_2 \leq \beta$ for any $i \in V$ and $m \in [B]$, with probability at least $1 - \gamma$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^n f_{t,j}(\mathbf{y}_i(t)) - \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^n f_{t,j}(\mathbf{x}^*) \\ & \leq 2nR(KG + \beta) \sqrt{2B \ln \frac{1}{\gamma}} + \frac{nR^2}{\eta} + n\eta B\beta^2 + 3\delta nGT + \frac{\delta nGRT}{r} + 3nGT(\sqrt{\epsilon} + \eta\alpha'\beta). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting $\eta = \frac{cR}{\alpha_T dM} T^{-3/4}$, $\delta = cT^{-1/4}$, $\epsilon = 4R^2 T^{-1/2}$, $\beta = \alpha_T \frac{dM\sqrt{K}}{\delta} + KG$ and $K = T^{1/2}$ into the above inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_{T,i} & \leq 2nR \left(2G + \frac{\alpha_T dM}{c} \right) \sqrt{2 \ln \frac{1}{\gamma}} T^{3/4} + \frac{\alpha_T n d M R}{c} T^{3/4} \\ & \quad + n \left(R + \frac{cRG}{\alpha_T dM} \right) \left(\frac{\alpha_T dM}{c} + G \right) T^{3/4} \\ & \quad + 3cnGT^{3/4} + \frac{cnGR}{r} T^{3/4} + 6nGRT^{3/4} \\ & \quad + 3\alpha' nG \left(R + \frac{cRG}{\alpha_T dM} \right) T^{3/4} \\ & \leq O\left(\alpha_T T^{3/4}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Let \mathcal{A} denote the event of $\|\widehat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m)\|_2 \leq \beta, \forall i \in V, m \in [B]$. Because we have used the event \mathcal{A} as a fact, the above result should be formulated as

$$\Pr \left(R_{T,i} \leq O\left(\alpha_T T^{3/4}\right) \mid \mathcal{A} \right) \geq 1 - \gamma. \quad (20)$$

Furthermore, we introduce the following lemma with respect to the probability of the event \mathcal{A} .

Lemma 12 For all $i \in V$ and $m \in [B]$, Algorithm 3 has

$$\|\widehat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m)\|_2 \leq \left(1 + \sqrt{8 \ln \frac{nB}{\gamma}} \right) \frac{dM\sqrt{K}}{\delta} + KG$$

with probability at least $1 - \gamma$.

Then, applying Lemma 12 with $B = T/K = \sqrt{T}$, we have

$$\Pr(\mathcal{A}) \geq 1 - \gamma. \quad (21)$$

Combining (20) with (21), we complete the proof.

B. Proof of Lemma 10

For $m = 1$, because $\mathbf{x}_i(1) = \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(1) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_\delta} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$, we have

$$F_{1,i}(\mathbf{x}_i(1)) - F_{1,i}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(1)) = 0 \leq \epsilon. \quad (22)$$

Then, for $m = 2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & F_{m,i}(\mathbf{x}_i(m-1)) - F_{m,i}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)) \\
 &= F_{m-1,i}(\mathbf{x}_i(m-1)) + \eta(\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1))^\top \mathbf{x}_i(m-1) \\
 &\quad - F_{m-1,i}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)) - \eta(\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1))^\top \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m) \\
 &\leq F_{m-1,i}(\mathbf{x}_i(m-1)) - F_{m-1,i}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m-1)) \\
 &\quad + \eta(\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1))^\top (\mathbf{x}_i(m-1) - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)) \\
 &\leq \epsilon + \eta \|\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1)\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}_i(m-1) - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)\|_2 \\
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 &\quad + \eta \|\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1)\|_2 \|\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m-1) - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)\|_2 \\
 &\leq \epsilon + \eta \|\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1)\|_2 \sqrt{F_{m-1,i}(\mathbf{x}_i(m-1)) - F_{m-1,i}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m-1))} \\
 &\quad + \eta \|\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1)\|_2 \|\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m-1) - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)\|_2 \\
 &\leq \epsilon + \eta \|\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1)\|_2 \sqrt{\epsilon} + \eta \|\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1)\|_2 \|\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m-1) - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)\|_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

where the first inequality is due to $\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m-1) = \underset{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_\delta}{\operatorname{argmin}} F_{m-1,i}(\mathbf{x})$ and the fourth inequality is due to that $F_{m-1}(\mathbf{x})$ is 2-strongly convex and (5).

Moreover, because for each $m = 1, \dots, B$, $F_{m,i}(\mathbf{x})$ is 2-strongly convex, we also have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m-1) - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)\|_2^2 &\leq F_{m,i}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m-1)) - F_{m,i}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)) \\
 &= F_{m-1,i}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m-1)) + \eta(\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1))^\top \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m-1) \\
 &\quad - F_{m-1,i}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)) - \eta(\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1))^\top \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m) \\
 &= F_{m-1,i}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m-1)) - F_{m-1,i}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)) \\
 &\quad + \eta(\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1))^\top (\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m-1) - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)) \\
 &\leq \eta \|\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1)\|_2 \|\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m-1) - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)\|_2
 \end{aligned}$$

which further implies that

$$\|\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m-1) - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)\|_2 \leq \eta \|\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1)\|_2. \tag{24}$$

For $m \in [B]$, applying Lemma 6 with $\|\widehat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m)\|_2 \leq \beta$, we have

$$\|\mathbf{z}_i(m+1) - \mathbf{z}_i(m)\|_2 \leq \alpha\beta. \tag{25}$$

Substituting (24) and (25) into (23), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{m,i}(\mathbf{x}_i(m-1)) - F_{m,i}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)) &\leq \epsilon + \eta \|\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1)\|_2 \sqrt{\epsilon} + \eta^2 \|\mathbf{z}_i(m) - \mathbf{z}_i(m-1)\|_2^2 \\
 &\leq \epsilon + \eta\alpha\beta\sqrt{\epsilon} + \eta^2\alpha^2\beta^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

According to Algorithm 3, we have $\mathbf{x}_i(m) = \operatorname{CGSC}(\mathcal{K}_\delta, \epsilon, L, F_{m,i}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}_i(m-1))$. Because $F_{m,i}(\mathbf{x})$ is 2-smooth and 2-strongly convex, $\epsilon \leq 8R^2$ and $L = \frac{16R^2}{\epsilon^2}(\eta\alpha\beta\sqrt{\epsilon} + \eta^2\alpha^2\beta^2)$, applying Lemma 7 with $\mathcal{K}' = \mathcal{K}_\delta$, we have

$$F_{m,i}(\mathbf{x}_i(m)) - F_{m,i}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_i(m)) \leq \epsilon$$

for $m = 2$. By induction, we can complete the proof for $m = 1, \dots, B$.

C. Proof of Lemma 11

We first introduce the classical Azuma's inequality (Azuma, 1967) for martingales in the following lemma.

Lemma 13 Suppose D_1, \dots, D_r is a martingale difference sequence and

$$|D_j| \leq c_j$$

almost surely. Then, we have

$$\Pr \left(\sum_{j=1}^r D_j \geq \Delta \right) \leq \exp \left(\frac{-\Delta^2}{2 \sum_{j=1}^r c_j^2} \right).$$

To apply Lemma 13, with $\mathcal{T}_m = \{(m-1)K+1, \dots, mK\}$, we define

$$\begin{aligned} D_m &= \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_m} \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m)) - \widehat{\mathbf{g}}_j(t) \right)^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_m} \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m)) - \widehat{\mathbf{g}}_j(m) \right)^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*). \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

According to Algorithm 3 and Lemma 1, we have

$$\mathbb{E} [D_m | \mathbf{x}_1(m), \dots, \mathbf{x}_n(m), \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m)] = 0$$

which further implies that D_1, \dots, D_B is a martingale difference sequence with

$$\begin{aligned} |D_m| &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_m} \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m)) - \widehat{\mathbf{g}}_j(m) \right)^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_m} \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m)) - \widehat{\mathbf{g}}_j(m) \right\|_2 \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*\|_2 \\ &\leq 2R \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\left\| \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_m} \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m)) \right\|_2 + \|\widehat{\mathbf{g}}_j(m)\|_2 \right) \\ &\leq 2R \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_m} \left\| \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m)) \right\|_2 + 2nR\beta \\ &\leq 2nRKG + 2nR\beta \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality is due to Lemma 9.

Then, applying Lemma 13 with $\Delta = 2nR(KG + \beta)\sqrt{2B \ln \frac{1}{\gamma}}$, with probability at least $1 - \gamma$, we have

$$\sum_{m=1}^B D_m \leq \Delta = 2nR(KG + \beta)\sqrt{2B \ln \frac{1}{\gamma}}. \quad (27)$$

Additionally, combining (26) with $\bar{\mathbf{g}}(m) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m)$, we further have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^n \nabla \widehat{f}_{t,j,\delta}(\mathbf{x}_j(m_t))^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m_t) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) = \sum_{m=1}^B D_m + n \sum_{m=1}^B \bar{\mathbf{g}}(m)^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*). \quad (28)$$

Therefore, we still need to bound $\sum_{m=1}^B \bar{\mathbf{g}}(m)^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*)$. According to Assumption 4, it is easy to verify that

$$\bar{\mathbf{z}}(m+1) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{z}_i(m+1) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j \in N_i} P_{ij} \mathbf{z}_j(m) + \widehat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m) \right) = \bar{\mathbf{z}}(m) + \bar{\mathbf{g}}(m).$$

Moreover, according to the definition, we have

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m+1) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_\delta} \bar{F}_{m+1}(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_\delta} \eta \bar{\mathbf{z}}(m+1)^\top \mathbf{x} + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2.$$

So, applying Lemma 5 with the linear loss functions $\{\bar{\mathbf{g}}(m)^\top \mathbf{x}\}_{m=1}^B$, the decision set $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_\delta$ and the regularizer $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2}{\eta}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=1}^B \bar{\mathbf{g}}(m)^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) &\leq \frac{\|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*\|_2^2}{\eta} - 0 + \sum_{m=1}^B \bar{\mathbf{g}}(m)^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m+1)) \\ &\leq \frac{R^2}{\eta} + \sum_{m=1}^B \|\bar{\mathbf{g}}(m)\|_2 \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m+1)\|_2. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Then, it is easy to verify that $\bar{F}_{m+1}(\mathbf{x})$ is 2-strongly convex, which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m+1)\|_2^2 &\leq \bar{F}_{m+1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m)) - \bar{F}_{m+1}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m+1)) \\ &= \bar{F}_m(\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m)) + \eta \bar{\mathbf{g}}(m)^\top \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \bar{F}_m(\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m+1)) - \eta \bar{\mathbf{g}}(m)^\top \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m+1) \\ &= \bar{F}_m(\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m)) - \bar{F}_m(\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m+1)) + \eta \bar{\mathbf{g}}(m)^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m+1)) \\ &\leq \eta \|\bar{\mathbf{g}}(m)\|_2 \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m+1)\|_2. \end{aligned}$$

The above inequality can be simplified as

$$\|\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}(m+1)\|_2 \leq \eta \|\bar{\mathbf{g}}(m)\|_2. \quad (30)$$

Substituting (30) into (29), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=1}^B \bar{\mathbf{g}}(m)^\top (\bar{\mathbf{x}}(m) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^*) &\leq \frac{R^2}{\eta} + \eta \sum_{m=1}^B \|\bar{\mathbf{g}}(m)\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{R^2}{\eta} + \eta \sum_{m=1}^B \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m) \right\|_2^2 \\ &\leq \frac{R^2}{\eta} + \frac{\eta}{n} \sum_{m=1}^B \sum_{i=1}^n \|\hat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m)\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{R^2}{\eta} + \eta B \beta^2. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Finally, substituting (27) and (31) into (28), we complete the proof.

D. Proof of Lemma 12

According to Algorithm 3, for any $i \in V$ and $m = 1, \dots, B$, conditioned on $\mathbf{x}_i(m)$,

$$\mathbf{g}_i((m-1)K+1), \dots, \mathbf{g}_i(mK)$$

are K independent random vectors.

For brevity, for $j = 1, \dots, K$, let

$$X_j = \mathbf{g}_i(t_j)$$

where $t_j = (m-1)K + j$, and let $N = \left\| \sum_{j=1}^K X_j \right\|_2$, $\hat{S}_j = \sum_{k \neq j} X_k$ and $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_j$ be the set

$$\{X_1, \dots, X_{j-1}, X_{j+1}, \dots, X_K\}.$$

To bound N by using Lemma 13, we define $\mathbf{X}_0 = \emptyset$, $\mathbf{X}_j = \{X_1, \dots, X_j\}$ for $j \geq 1$ and a sequence D_1, \dots, D_K as

$$D_j = \mathbb{E}[N|\mathbf{X}_j] - \mathbb{E}[N|\mathbf{X}_{j-1}].$$

It is not hard to verify that

$$\mathbb{E}[D_j|\mathbf{X}_{j-1}] = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[N|\mathbf{X}_j] - \mathbb{E}[N|\mathbf{X}_{j-1}])|\mathbf{X}_{j-1}] = 0$$

which implies that D_1, \dots, D_K is a martingale difference sequence.

Moreover, we have

$$|D_j| = |\mathbb{E}[N|\mathbf{X}_j] - \mathbb{E}[N|\mathbf{X}_{j-1}]| \leq \sup_{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_j} \left| N - \mathbb{E}[N|\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_j] \right|. \quad (32)$$

Using the triangle inequality, we have

$$N \leq \|\widehat{S}_j\|_2 + \|X_j\|_2 \text{ and } N \geq \|\widehat{S}_j\|_2 - \|X_j\|_2. \quad (33)$$

According to the Algorithm 3, we have

$$\|X_j\|_2 = \left\| \frac{d}{\delta} f_{t_j, i}(\mathbf{y}_i(t_j)) \mathbf{u}_i(t_j) \right\|_2 \leq \frac{dM}{\delta}.$$

Therefore, combining (32) with (33) and the above inequality, we further have

$$|D_j| \leq \|X_j\|_2 + \mathbb{E}[\|X_j\|_2|\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_j] \leq \frac{2dM}{\delta}. \quad (34)$$

Let $\Delta = \frac{\sqrt{K}dM}{\delta} \sqrt{8 \ln \frac{nB}{\gamma}}$. Then, applying Lemma 13, with probability at least $1 - \frac{\gamma}{nB}$, we have

$$N - \mathbb{E}[N] = \mathbb{E}[N|\mathbf{X}_K] - \mathbb{E}[N|\mathbf{X}_0] = \sum_{j=1}^K D_j \leq \frac{\sqrt{K}dM}{\delta} \sqrt{8 \ln \frac{nB}{\gamma}}$$

which implies that

$$\|\widehat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m)\|_2 = N \leq \frac{\sqrt{K}dM}{\delta} \sqrt{8 \ln \frac{nB}{\gamma}} + \mathbb{E}[N] \leq \frac{\sqrt{K}dM}{\delta} \sqrt{8 \ln \frac{nB}{\gamma}} + \sqrt{\mathbb{E}[N^2]}. \quad (35)$$

It is easy to provide an upper bound of $\mathbb{E}[N^2]$ by following the proof of Lemma 5 in Garber & Kretzu (2019). We include the detailed proof for completeness.

According to the definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[N^2] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{j=1}^K X_j^\top X_j \middle| \mathbf{x}_i(m) \right] \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{k \in [K] \cap k \neq j} X_j^\top X_k \middle| \mathbf{x}_i(m) \right] \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{j=1}^K \|X_j\|_2^2 \middle| \mathbf{x}_i(m) \right] \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{k \in [K] \cap k \neq j} \mathbb{E} [X_j | \mathbf{x}_i(m)]^\top \mathbb{E} [X_k | \mathbf{x}_i(m)] \right] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{j=1}^K \|X_j\|_2^2 \middle| \mathbf{x}_i(m) \right] \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{k \in [K] \cap k \neq j} \|\mathbb{E} [X_j | \mathbf{x}_i(m)]\|_2 \|\mathbb{E} [X_k | \mathbf{x}_i(m)]\|_2 \right] \\ &\leq K \left(\frac{dM}{\delta} \right)^2 + \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{k \in [K] \cap k \neq j} \|\mathbb{E} [X_j | \mathbf{x}_i(m)]\|_2 \|\mathbb{E} [X_k | \mathbf{x}_i(m)]\|_2 \right] \\ &\leq K \left(\frac{dM}{\delta} \right)^2 + (K^2 - K)G^2 \\ &\leq K \left(\frac{dM}{\delta} \right)^2 + K^2G^2 \end{aligned}$$

where the third inequality is due to Lemmas 1 and 9.

Combining the above inequality with (35), with probability at least $1 - \frac{\gamma}{nB}$, we have

$$\|\widehat{\mathbf{g}}_i(m)\|_2 \leq \left(1 + \sqrt{8 \ln \frac{nB}{\gamma}}\right) \frac{dM\sqrt{K}}{\delta} + KG.$$

Finally, using the union bound, we complete the proof for all $i \in V$ and $m = 1, \dots, B$.