

A PROOF OF THEOREM 1

PROOF. To prove the coverage of *OSP*, we firstly bound the update of one step $F(\omega_{t+1}) - F(\omega_t)$ and then summarize all steps from 1 to N to achieve the overall convergence.

According to algorithms, the one-step updated fomula of global parameter ω_{t+1} is

$$\omega_{t+1} = \omega_t - \eta_t \frac{1}{P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} g(\omega_{t-1,k}^i, \xi_{t,k}^i) \quad (1)$$

Based on Assumption 1 and the conclusion of Appendix B of [4], the bound of one iteration is

$$\begin{aligned} F(\omega_{t+1}) - F(\omega_t) &\leq \langle \nabla F(\omega_t), \omega_{t+1} - \omega_t \rangle + \frac{L}{2} \|\omega_{t+1} - \omega_t\|_2^2 \\ &= \left\langle \nabla F(\omega_t), -\eta_t \frac{1}{P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} g(\omega_{t-1,k}^i, \xi_{t,k}^i) \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{L}{2} \|\eta_t \frac{1}{P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} g(\omega_{t-1,k}^i, \xi_{t,k}^i)\|_2^2 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Because the $\xi_{t,k}^i$ in our algorithm are i.i.d. for all t, k, i , by taking expectation for both sides of (2) upon $\xi_{t,k}^i$ and combining Assumption 3 we can immediately get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}F(\omega_{t+1}) - F(\omega_t) &\leq \underbrace{\left\langle \nabla F(\omega_t), -\eta_t \frac{1}{P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i) \right\rangle}_{T_1} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\frac{L}{2} \mathbb{E} \|\eta_t \frac{1}{P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} g(\omega_{t-1,k}^i, \xi_{t,k}^i)\|_2^2}_{T_2} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

in which the two bounds T_1 and T_2 are derived respectively.

Bound T_1 .

$$T_1 = \left\langle \nabla F(\omega_t), -\eta_t \frac{1}{P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i) \right\rangle \quad (4)$$

$$= -\frac{\eta_t}{P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \left\langle \nabla F(\omega_t), \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i) \right\rangle \quad (5)$$

$$= -\frac{\eta_t}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} [\|\nabla F(\omega_t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2] \quad (6)$$

$$+ \frac{\eta_t}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \underbrace{\|\nabla F(\omega_t) - \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2}_{T_3}, \quad (7)$$

where the third item is because $-2 < a, b \rangle = \|a - b\|^2 - \|a\|^2 - \|b\|^2$. According to Assumption 1, T_3 can be bounded as

$$\begin{aligned} T_3 &= \|\nabla F(\omega_t) - \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2 \\ &\leq L^2 \|\omega_t - \omega_{t-1,k}^i\|_2^2 \\ &\leq \underbrace{2L^2 \|\omega_t - \omega_{t-1}\|_2^2}_{T_4} + \underbrace{2L^2 \|\omega_{t-1} - \omega_{t-1,k}^i\|_2^2}_{T_5} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

For clarity, we bound T_4 and T_5 respectively. For T_4

$$\begin{aligned}
T_4 &= 2L^2 \|\omega_t - \omega_{t-1}\|_2^2 \\
&= 2L^2 \|\eta_{t-1} \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} g(\omega_{t-2,k}^i, \xi_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2 \\
&= \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{p^2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} [g(\omega_{t-2,k}^i, \xi_{t-1,k}^i) - \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i)] + \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i) \right\|_2^2 \\
&= \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{p^2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} [g(\omega_{t-2,k}^i, \xi_{t-1,k}^i) - \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i)] \right\|_2^2 + \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{p^2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i) \right\|_2^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{4\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{p^2} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} [g(\omega_{t-2,k}^i, \xi_{t-1,k}^i) - \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i)] \right\|_2^2, \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{p^2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i) \right\|_2^2 \right\rangle \tag{9}
\end{aligned}$$

Taking expectation in terms of $\xi_{t-1,k}^i$ for both sides of T_4 , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}T_4 &= \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{p^2} \mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} [g(\omega_{t-2,k}^i, \xi_{t-1,k}^i) - \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i)] \right\|_2^2 + \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{p^2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i) \right\|_2^2 \\
&= \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{p^2} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} \mathbb{E} \|g(\omega_{t-2,k}^i, \xi_{t-1,k}^i) - \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i)\|_2^2 + \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{p^2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i) \right\|_2^2 \\
&\leq \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{p^2} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} \sigma^2 + \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{p^2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i) \right\|_2^2 \\
&\leq \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2 \sigma^2}{p^2} \sum_{i=1}^P K_{t-1}^i + \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{p^2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i) \right\|_2^2, \tag{10}
\end{aligned}$$

where the second equality is because the fact that if a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are i.i.d. and $\mathbb{E}a_i = 0$ for any $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i) &= \mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right\|_2^2 \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(a_i) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \|a_i\|_2^2, \tag{11}
\end{aligned}$$

and the third inequality is due to the Assumption 4. As for T_5 , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
T_5 &= 2L^2 \|\omega_{t-1} - \omega_{t-1,k}^i\|_2^2 \\
&= 2L^2 \|\eta_t \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} g(\omega_{t-1,j}^i, \xi_{t-1,j}^i)\|_2^2 \\
&= 2\eta_t^2 L^2 \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} [g(\omega_{t-1,j}^i, \xi_{t-1,j}^i) - \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,j}^i)] + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,j}^i) \right\|_2^2 \\
&= 2\eta_t^2 L^2 \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} [g(\omega_{t-1,j}^i, \xi_{t-1,j}^i) - \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,j}^i)] \right\|_2^2 + 2\eta_t^2 L^2 \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,j}^i) \right\|_2^2. \tag{12}
\end{aligned}$$

Similar to T_4 , taking expectation in terms of $\xi_{t-1,j}^i$ for T_5 , we can get

$$\mathbb{E}T_5 \leq 2\eta_t^2 L^2 k \sigma^2 + 2\eta_t^2 L^2 \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,j}^i) \right\|_2^2. \tag{13}$$

Putting T_4, T_5 into T_3 and then putting T_3 back into T_1 , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
T_1 \leq & -\frac{\eta_t}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} [\|\nabla F(\omega_t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2] \\
& + \frac{\eta_t}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \left[\frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2 \sigma^2}{P^2} \sum_{j=1}^P K_{t-1}^j + 2\eta_t^2 L^2 k \sigma^2 \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{P^2} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^P \sum_{l=0}^{K_{t-1}^j-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,l}^j) \right\|_2^2 + 2\eta_t^2 L^2 \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,j}^i) \right\|_2^2 \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Bound T_2 .

$$\begin{aligned}
T_2 &= \frac{L}{2} \mathbb{E} \left\| \eta_t \frac{1}{P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} g(\omega_{t-1,k}^i, \xi_{t,k}^i) \right\|_2^2 \\
&= \frac{\eta_t^2 L}{2P^2} \mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} [g(\omega_{t-1,k}^i, \xi_{t,k}^i) - \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)] + \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i) \right\|_2^2 \\
&= \frac{\eta_t^2 L}{2P^2} \mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} [g(\omega_{t-1,k}^i, \xi_{t,k}^i) - \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)] \right\|_2^2 + \frac{\eta_t^2 L}{2P^2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i) \right\|_2^2 \\
&\leq \frac{\eta_t^2 L \sigma^2}{2P^2} \sum_{i=1}^P K_t^i + \frac{\eta_t^2 L}{2P^2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i) \right\|_2^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

where the derive of third equality is similar to that of (9) to first item of (10) and the last inequality is the last two inequalities of (10). Now putting T_1 and T_2 back into (5)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}F(\omega_{t+1}) - F(\omega_t) \leq T_1 + T_2 \\
&\leq -\frac{\eta_t}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} [\|\nabla F(\omega_t)\|_2^2 + \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2] \\
&+ \frac{\eta_t}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \left[\frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2 \sigma^2}{P^2} \sum_{j=1}^P K_{t-1}^j + 2\eta_t^2 L^2 k \sigma^2 \right. \\
&+ \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{P^2} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^P \sum_{l=0}^{K_{t-1}^j-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,l}^j) \right\|_2^2 + 2\eta_t^2 L^2 \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,j}^i) \right\|_2^2 \Big] \\
&+ \frac{\eta_t^2 L \sigma^2}{2P^2} \sum_{i=1}^P K_t^i + \frac{\eta_t^2 L}{2P^2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i) \right\|_2^2 \\
&= -\frac{\bar{K}\eta_t}{2} \|\nabla F(\omega_t)\|_2^2 \\
&+ \underbrace{\left[\frac{\eta_t^2 L \sigma^2}{2P^2} \sum_{i=1}^P K_t^i + \frac{\eta_t^3 L^2 \sigma^2}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P (K_t^i - 1) K_t^i + \frac{\eta_t \eta_{t-1}^2 L^2 \sigma^2}{P^3} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \sum_{j=1}^P K_{t-1}^j \right]}_{T_6} \\
&+ \underbrace{\left[-\frac{\eta_t}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2 + \frac{\eta_t^2 L}{2P^2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i) \right\|_2^2 + \frac{\eta_t^3 L^2}{P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,j}^i) \right\|_2^2 + \frac{\eta_t \eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{P^3} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^P \sum_{l=0}^{K_{t-1}^j-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,l}^j) \right\|_2^2 \right]}_{T_7}
\end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

We further simplify the bound of $\mathbb{E}F(\omega_{t+1}) - F(\omega_t)$. According to Assumption 5 and 6, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
T_6 &= \frac{\eta_t^2 L \sigma^2}{2P^2} \sum_{i=1}^P K_t^i + \frac{\eta_t^3 L^2 \sigma^2}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P (K_t^i - 1) K_t^i + \frac{\eta_t \eta_{t-1}^2 L^2 \sigma^2}{P^3} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \sum_{j=1}^P K_{t-1}^j \\
&\leq \frac{\eta_t^3 L^2 \sigma^2 M}{2} + \frac{\eta_t^3 L^2 \sigma^2 \bar{K}^2}{2} - \frac{\eta_t^3 L^2 \sigma^2 \bar{K}}{2} + \frac{\eta_t \eta_{t-1}^2 L^2 \sigma^2 \bar{K}^2}{P} + \frac{\eta_t^2 L \sigma^2 \bar{K}}{2P}.
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Similarly, we show bound of T_7

$$\begin{aligned}
T_7 &= -\frac{\eta_t}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2 + \frac{\eta_t^2 L}{2P^2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i) \right\|_2^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t^3 L^2}{P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-1,j}^i) \right\|_2^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t \eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{P^3} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^P \sum_{l=0}^{K_{t-1}^j-1} \nabla F(\omega_{t-2,l}^j) \right\|_2^2 \\
&\leq -\frac{\eta_t}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2 + \frac{\eta_t^2 L}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P K_t^i \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t^3 L^2}{P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} k \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-1,j}^i)\|_2^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t \eta_{t-1}^2 L^2}{P^2} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \sum_{j=1}^P K_{t-1}^j \sum_{l=0}^{K_{t-1}^j-1} \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-2,l}^j)\|_2^2 \\
&\leq -\frac{\eta_t}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2 + \frac{\eta_t^2 L}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P K_t^i \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t^3 L^2}{2P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} (K_t^i - 1) K_t^i \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t \eta_{t-1}^2 L^2 \bar{K}}{P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} K_{t-1}^i \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i)\|_2^2 \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2 \left[-\frac{\eta_t}{2P} + \frac{\eta_t^2 L K_t^i}{2P} + \frac{\eta_t^3 L^2 (K_t^i - 1) K_t^i}{2P} \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t \eta_{t-1}^2 L^2 \bar{K}}{P} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} K_{t-1}^i \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i)\|_2^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

where the second inequality is due to Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and the second-to-last inequality is due to Assumption 5 and 6. When considering all N iterations, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{t=1}^N T_7 \\
& \leq \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2 \left[-\frac{\eta_t}{2P} + \frac{\eta_t^2 L K_t^i}{2P} + \frac{\eta_t^3 L^2 (K_t^i - 1) K_t^i}{2P} \right] \\
& + \frac{\eta_t \eta_{t-1}^2 L^2 \bar{K}}{P} \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_{t-1}^i-1} K_{t-1}^i \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-2,k}^i)\|_2^2 \\
& \leq \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{k=0}^{K_t^i-1} \|\nabla F(\omega_{t-1,k}^i)\|_2^2 \left[-\frac{\eta_t}{2P} + \frac{\eta_t^2 L K_t^i}{2P} + \frac{\eta_t^3 L^2 (K_t^i - 1) K_t^i}{2P} + \frac{\eta_t \eta_{t-1}^2 L^2 \bar{K} K_t^i}{P} \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Obviously, if

$$LK_{\max}(\eta_t + \eta_t^2 L K_{\max} + 2\eta_{t-1}^2 L \bar{K} - \eta_t^2 L) \leq 1, \tag{20}$$

then

$$\sum_{t=1}^N T_7 \leq 0. \tag{21}$$

So, summing up $F(\omega_{t+1}) - F(\omega_t)$ from $t = 1$ to $t = N$, we could achieve

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}F(\omega_{N+1}) - F(\omega_1) \\
& \leq -\frac{\bar{K}}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N \eta_t \|\nabla F(\omega_t)\|_2^2 + \sum_{t=1}^N T_6 + \sum_{t=1}^N T_7 \\
& \leq -\frac{\bar{K}}{2} \sum_{t=1}^N \eta_t \|\nabla F(\omega_t)\|_2^2 + \sum_{t=1}^N \left[\frac{\eta_t^3 L^2 \sigma^2 M}{2} + \frac{\eta_t^3 L^2 \sigma^2 \bar{K}^2}{2} \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \frac{\eta_t^3 L^2 \sigma^2 \bar{K}}{2} + \frac{\eta_t \eta_{t-1}^2 L^2 \sigma^2 \bar{K}^2}{P} + \frac{\eta_t^2 L \sigma^2 \bar{K}}{2P} \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

By defining ω_\star is the global optimal point that achieves the F_{\inf} in Assumption 2, we have the fact

$$F(\omega_\star) - F(\omega_1) \leq \mathbb{E}F(\omega_{N+1}) - F(\omega_1) \tag{23}$$

And thus, moving sum of squared gradient to left, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{t=1}^N \eta_t \mathbb{E} \|\nabla F(\omega_t)\|_2^2 \leq \frac{1}{\bar{K}} [2(F(\omega_1) - F(\omega_\star)) + \sum_{t=1}^N \eta_t [\eta_t^2 L^2 \sigma^2 M \\
& + \eta_t^2 L^2 \sigma^2 \bar{K}^2 - \eta_t^2 L^2 \sigma^2 \bar{K} + \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2 \sigma^2 \bar{K}^2}{P} + \frac{2\eta_t L \sigma^2 \bar{K}}{P}]]
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

As the learning rate is fixed $\eta_t = \bar{\eta}$, the condition 20 is equivalent to $\bar{\eta} L K_{\max}(\bar{\eta} L K_{\max} + 2\bar{\eta} L \bar{K} + 1 - \bar{\eta} L) \leq 1$, and then the bound of average squared gradient is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \mathbb{E} \|\nabla F(\omega_t)\|_2^2 \\
& \leq \frac{2[F(\omega_1) - F(\omega_\star)]}{N \bar{\eta} \bar{K}} + \left(\frac{\bar{\eta} L M}{\bar{K}} + \bar{\eta} L \bar{K} - \bar{\eta} L + \frac{2\bar{\eta} L \bar{K}}{P} + \frac{1}{P} \right) \bar{\eta} L \sigma^2
\end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

which completes the proof. \square

COROLLARY 1. *Under the condition of Theorem 1, take*

$$\bar{\eta} = \sqrt{\frac{(F(\omega_1) - F(\omega_\star))P}{\bar{K} L \sigma^2 N}} \tag{26}$$

Then for any iteration times

$$N \geq \frac{(F(\omega_1) - F(\omega^\star))(\frac{LM}{\bar{K}} + L\bar{K} - L + \frac{2L\bar{K}}{P})P^3}{\bar{K}L\sigma^2} \quad (27)$$

the output of Alg. 1 and Alg. 2 satisfies the following ergodic convergence rate

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \mathbb{E} \|\nabla F(\omega_t)\|_2^2 \leq 4 \sqrt{\frac{(F(\omega_1) - F(\omega^\star))\sigma^2}{\bar{K}P}} * \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \quad (28)$$

PROOF. Assume $(\frac{LM}{\bar{K}} + L\bar{K} - L + \frac{2L\bar{K}}{P})\bar{\eta} \leq \frac{1}{P}$, and then the bound of Theorem 1 can be transformed into:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \mathbb{E} \|\nabla F(\omega_t)\|_2^2 \leq \frac{2[F(\omega_1) - F(\omega^\star)]}{N\bar{\eta}\bar{K}} + \frac{2\bar{\eta}L\sigma^2}{P} \quad (29)$$

Let $f(\bar{\eta}) = \frac{2[F(\omega_1) - F(\omega^\star)]}{N\bar{\eta}\bar{K}} + \frac{2\bar{\eta}L\sigma^2}{P}$, then

$$\bar{\eta} = \sqrt{\frac{2[F(\omega_1) - F(\omega^\star)]}{N\bar{K}L\sigma^2}} \quad (30)$$

when $f'(\bar{\eta}) = 0$. Accordingly,

$$f(\bar{\eta}) \leq 4 \sqrt{\frac{(F(\omega_1) - F(\omega^\star))\sigma^2}{\bar{K}P}} * \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \quad (31)$$

Put (30) into condition $(\frac{LM}{\bar{K}} + L\bar{K} - L + \frac{2L\bar{K}}{P})\bar{\eta} \leq \frac{1}{P}$, and the bound (27) of N can be achieved. \square

THEOREM 2. (Nonconvex objective, diminishing stepsize) Suppose algorithm is run with diminishing learning rate η_t satisfying

$$LK_{\max}(\eta_t + \eta_t^2 LK_{\max} + 2\eta_{t-1}^2 L\bar{K} - \eta_t^2 L) \leq 1$$

where $K_{\max} = \max\{K_t^i, t = 1, 2, \dots, N \text{ and } i = 1, 2, \dots, P\}$. Then the expected average squared gradient norms satisfy the following bounds for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sum_{t=1}^N \eta_t} \sum_{t=1}^N \eta_t \mathbb{E} \|\nabla F(\omega_t)\|_2^2 &\leq \frac{1}{\bar{K} \sum_{t=1}^N \eta_t} [2(F(\omega_1) - F(\omega^\star))] \\ &\quad + \sum_{t=1}^N \eta_t [\eta_t^2 L^2 \sigma^2 M + \eta_t^2 L^2 \sigma^2 \bar{K}^2 - \eta_t^2 L^2 \sigma^2 \bar{K}] \\ &\quad + \frac{2\eta_{t-1}^2 L^2 \sigma^2 \bar{K}^2}{P} + \frac{2\eta_t L \sigma^2 \bar{K}}{P} \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

PROOF. Under condition (20) with diminishing step size η_t , we divide $\frac{1}{\sum_{t=1}^N \eta_t}$ from both sides of equation (24), and we could have achieve the equation (32) which completes proof. \square