
Sparsified Distributed Adaptive Learning with Error Feedback: a Centralized and Decentralized View

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

Deep neural network has achieved the state-of-the-art learning performance on numerous AI applications, e.g., computer vision [21, 24, 45], Natural Language Processing [23, 52, 56], Reinforcement Learning [35, 43] and recommendation systems [14, 47]. With the increasing size of both data and deep networks, standard single machine training confronts with at least two major challenges:

- Due to the limited computing power of a single machine, it would take a long time to process the massive number of data samples—training would be slow.
- In many practical scenarios, data are typically stored in multiple servers, possibly at different locations, due to the storage constraints (massive user behavior data, Internet images, etc.) or privacy reasons [9]. Transmitting data might be costly.

Distributed learning framework [16] has been a common training strategy to tackle the above two issues. For example, in centralized distributed stochastic gradient descent (SGD) protocol, data are located at N local nodes, at which the gradients of the model are computed in parallel. In each iteration, a central server aggregates the local gradients, updates the global model, and transmits back the updated model to the local nodes for subsequent gradient computation. As we can see, this setting naturally solves aforementioned issues: 1) We use N computing nodes to train the model, so the time per training epoch can be largely reduced; 2) There is no need to transmit the local data to central server. Besides, distributed training also provides stronger error tolerance since the training process could continue even one local machine breaks down. As a result of these advantages, there has been a surge of study and applications on distributed systems [8, 37, 18, 22, 25, 33, 31].

Among many optimization strategies, SGD is still the most popular prototype in distributed training for its simplicity and effectiveness [12, 1, 34]. Yet, when the deep learning model is very large, the communication between local nodes and central server could be expensive. Burdensome gradient transmission would slow down the whole training system, or even be impossible because of the limited bandwidth in some applications. Thus, reducing the communication cost in distributed SGD has become an active topic, and an important ingredient of large-scale distributed systems (e.g. [40]). Solutions based on quantization, sparsification and other compression techniques of the local gradients are proposed, e.g., [3, 48, 46, 44, 2, 6, 15, 50, 26]. As one would expect, in most approaches, there exists a trade-off between compression and model accuracy. In particular, larger bias of the compressed gradients usually brings more significant performance downgrade. Interestingly, [29] shows that the technique of *error feedback* is able to remedy the issue of such biased compressors, achieving same convergence rate and learning performance as full-gradient SGD.

On the other hand, in recent years, adaptive optimization algorithms (e.g. AdaGrad [19], Adam [30] and AMSGrad [39]) have become popular because of their superior empirical performance. These

methods use different implicit learning rates for different coordinates that keep changing adaptively throughout the training process, based on the learning trajectory. In many learning problems, adaptive methods have been shown to converge faster than SGD, sometimes with better generalization as well. However, the body of literature that combines adaptive methods with distributed training is still very limited. In this paper, we propose a distributed optimization algorithm with AMSGrad as the backbone, along with Top- k sparsification to reduce the communication cost.

1.1 Our contributions

We develop a simple optimization leveraging the adaptivity of AMSGrad, and the computational virtue of TopK sparsification, for tackling a large finite-sum of nonconvex objective functions.

Our technique is shown to be both theoretically and empirically effective under *the classical centralized setting* and *the distributed setting*.

In this contribution,

- We derive a sparsified AMSGrad with error feedback, called SPARS-AMS, with a single machine and provide its decentralized counter part.
- We provide a non-asymptotic convergence rate under each setting,
- We highlight the effectiveness of both methods through several numerical experiments

2 Related Work

2.1 Communication-efficient distributed SGD

Quantization. As we mentioned before, SGD is the most commonly adopted optimization method in distributed training of deep neural nets. To reduce the expensive communication in large-scale distributed systems, extensive works have considered various compression techniques applied to the gradient transaction procedure. The first strategy is quantization. [17] condenses 32-bit floating numbers into 8-bits when representing the gradients. [40, 6, 29, 7] use the extreme 1-bit information (sign) of the gradients, combined with tricks like momentum, majority vote and memory. Other quantization-based methods include QSGD [3, 49, 55] and LPC-SVRG [53], leveraging unbiased stochastic quantization. The saving in communication of quantization methods is moderate: for example, 8-bit quantization reduces the cost to 25% (compared with 32-bit full-precision). Even in the extreme 1-bit case, the largest compression ratio is around $1/32 \approx 3.1\%$.

Sparsification. Gradient sparsification is another popular solution which may provide higher compression rate. Instead of commuting the full gradient, each local worker only passes a few coordinates to the central server and zeros out the others. Thus, we can more freely choose higher compression ratio (e.g., 1%, 0.1%), still achieving impressive performance in many applications [32]. Stochastic sparsification methods, including uniform sampling and magnitude based sampling [46], select coordinates based on some sampling probability yielding unbiased gradient compressors. Deterministic methods are simpler, e.g., Random- k , Top- k [44, 42] (selecting k elements with largest magnitude), Deep Gradient Compression [32], but usually lead to biased gradient estimation. In [26], the central server identifies heavy-hitters from the count-sketch [10] of the local gradients, which can be regarded as a noisy variant of Top- k strategy. More applications and analysis of compressed distributed SGD can be found in [28, 41, 4, 5, 27], among others.

Error Feedback. Biased gradient estimation, which is a consequence of many aforementioned methods (e.g., signSGD, Top- k), undermines the model training, both theoretically and empirically, with slower convergence and worse generalization. The technique of *error feedback* is able to “correct for the bias” and fix the problems. In this procedure, the difference between the true stochastic gradient and the compressed one is accumulated locally, which is then added back to the local gradients in later iterations. [44, 29] prove the $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{T})$ and $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}})$ convergence rate of EF-SGD in strongly convex and non-convex setting respectively, matching the rates of vanilla SGD [38, 20].

82 2.2 Adaptive optimization

83 In each SGD update, all the gradient coordinates share a same learning rate, either constant or de-
84 creasing over iterations. Instead, AdaGrad [19] divides the gradient element-wisely by $\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T g_t^2} \in$
85 \mathbb{R}^d , where $g_t \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is the gradient vector at time t and d is the model dimensionality. Thus, it in-
86 trinsically assigns different learning rates to different coordinates throughout the training—elements
87 with smaller previous gradient magnitude tend to move a larger step. AdaGrad has been shown to
88 perform well especially under some sparsity structure. AdaDelta [54] and Adam [30] introduce
89 momentum and moving average of second moment estimation into AdaGrad which lead to better
90 performance. AMSGrad [39] fixes the potential convergence issue of Adam, which will serve as the
91 prototype in this paper. We present the pseudocode in Algorithm . In general, adaptive optimization
92 methods are easier to tune in practice, and usually exhibit faster convergence than SGD. Thus, they
93 have been widely used in training deep learning models in language and computer vision applica-
94 tions, e.g., [13, 51, 57]. In distributed setting, the work [36] proposes a decentralized system in
95 online optimization. However, communication efficiency is not considered. The recent work [11] is
96 the most relevant to our paper. Yet, their method is based on Adam, and requires every local node to
97 store a local estimation of first and second moment, thus being less efficient. We will present more
98 detailed comparison in Section 3.

99 3 Communication-Efficient Adaptive Optimization

100 Most modern machine learning tasks can be casted as a large finite-sum optimization problem writ-
101 ten as:

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\theta) \quad (1)$$

102 where n denotes the number of workers, f_i represents the average loss for worker i and θ the global
103 model parameter taking value in Θ , a subset of \mathbb{R}^d .

104 Some related work:

105 [29] develops variant of signSGD (as a biased compression schemes) for distributed optimization.
106 Contributions are mainly on this error feedback variant. In [42], the authors provide theoretical
107 results on the convergence of sparse Gradient SGD for distributed optimization (we want that for
108 AMS here). [44] develops a variant of distributed SGD with sparse gradients too. Contributions
109 include a memory term used while compressing the gradient (using top k for instance). Speeding up
110 the convergence in $\frac{1}{T^3}$.

111 Consider standard synchronous distributed optimization setting. AMSGrad is used as the prototype,
112 and the local workers is only in charge of gradient computation.

113 3.1 TopK AMSGrad with Error Feedback

114 The key difference (and interesting part) of our TopK AMSGrad compared with the following arxiv
115 paper “Quantized Adam”<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2004.14180.pdf> is that, in our model only
116 gradients are transmitted. In “QAdam”, each local worker keeps a local copy of moment estimator
117 m and v , and compresses and transmits m/v as a whole. Thus, that method is very much like the
118 sparsified distributed SGD, except that g is changed into m/v . In our model, the moment estimates
119 m and v are computed only at the central server, with the compressed gradients instead of the full
120 gradient. This would be the key (and difficulty) in convergence analysis.

Algorithm 1 SPARS-AMS for Distributed Learning

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1: Input: parameter  $\beta_1, \beta_2$ , learning rate  $\eta_t$ .
2: Initialize: central server parameter  $\theta_0 \in \Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ ;  $e_{1,i} = 0$  the error accumulator for each
   worker; sparsity parameter  $k$ ;  $n$  local workers;  $m_0 = 0, v_0 = 0, \hat{v}_0 = 0$ 
3: for  $t = 1$  to  $T$  do
4:   parallel for worker  $i \in [n]$  do:
5:     Receive model parameter  $\theta_t$  from central server
6:     Compute stochastic gradient  $g_{t,i}$  at  $\theta_t$ 
7:     Compute  $\tilde{g}_{t,i} = \text{TopK}(g_{t,i} + e_{t,i}, k)$ 
8:     Update the error  $e_{t+1,i} = e_{t,i} + g_{t,i} - \tilde{g}_{t,i}$ 
9:     Send  $\tilde{g}_{t,i}$  back to central server
10:  end parallel
11:  Central server do:
12:     $\bar{g}_t = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{g}_{t,i}$ 
13:     $m_t = \beta_1 m_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_1) \bar{g}_t$ 
14:     $v_t = \beta_2 v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2) \bar{g}_t^2$ 
15:     $\hat{v}_t = \max(v_t, \hat{v}_{t-1})$ 
16:    Update global model  $\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \eta_t \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t + \epsilon}}$ 
17: end for
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121 3.2 Convergence Analysis

122 Several mild assumptions to make: Nonconvex and smooth loss function, unbiased stochastic gradi-
123 ent, bounded variance of the gradient, bounded norm of the gradient, control of the distance between
124 the true gradient and its sparse variant.

125 Check [11] starting with single machine and extending to distributed settings (several machines).

126 Under the distributed setting, the goal is to derive an upper bound to the second order moment of
127 the gradient of the objective function at some iteration $T_f \in [1, T]$.

128 3.3 Mild Assumptions

129 We begin by making the following assumptions.

130 **A 1. (Smoothness)** For $i \in [n]$, f_i is L -smooth: $\|\nabla f_i(\theta) - \nabla f_i(\vartheta)\| \leq L \|\theta - \vartheta\|$.

131 **A 2. (Unbiased and Bounded gradient per worker)** For any iteration index $t > 0$ and worker index
132 $i \in [n]$, the stochastic gradient is unbiased and bounded from above: $\mathbb{E}[g_{t,i}] = \nabla f_i(\theta_t)$ and
133 $\|g_{t,i}\| \leq G_i$.

134 **A 3. (Bounded variance per worker)** For any iteration index $t > 0$ and worker index $i \in [n]$, the
135 variance of the noisy gradient is bounded: $\mathbb{E}[|g_{t,i} - \nabla f_i(\theta_t)|^2] < \sigma_i^2$.

136 Denote by $Q(\cdot)$ the quantization operator Line 7 of Algorithm 1, which takes as input a gradient
137 vector and returns a quantized version of it, and note $\tilde{g} := Q(g)$. Assume that

138 **A 4. (Bounded Quantization)** For any iteration $t > 0$, there exists a constant $0 < q < 1$ such that
139 $\|g_{t,i} - \tilde{g}_{t,i}\| \leq q \|g_{t,i}\|$, where $g_{t,i}$ is the stochastic gradient computed at iteration t for worker i
140 and $\tilde{g}_{t,i}$ is its quantized counterpart. (high q means large quantization so loss of precision on the
141 true gradient)

142 Denote for all $\theta \in \Theta$:

$$f(\theta) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\theta), \quad (2)$$

143 where n denotes the number of workers.

144 3.4 Intermediary Lemmas

145 **Lemma 1.** Under Assumption 2 and Assumption 4 we have for any iteration $t > 0$:

$$\|m_t\|^2 \leq (q^2 + 1)G^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{v}_t \leq (q^2 + 1)G^2 \quad (3)$$

146 where m_t and $\hat{v}_t = \max(v_t, \hat{v}_{t-1})$ are defined Line 15 of Algorithm 1 and $G^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N G_i^2$.

147 **Lemma 2.** Under A1 to A4, with a decreasing sequence of stepsize $\{\eta_t\}_{t>0}$, we have:

$$-\eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \bar{g}_t \rangle] \leq -\frac{\eta_{t+1}}{2} \left(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + q^2 \frac{G^2 \eta_{t+1}}{\epsilon 2n^2} \quad (4)$$

148 where \mathbf{I}_d is the identity matrix, \hat{V}_t the diagonal matrix which diagonal entries are $\hat{v}_t = \max(v_t, \hat{v}_{t-1})$
 149 defined Line 15 of Algorithm 1 and \bar{g}_t is the aggregation of all **quantized** gradients from the workers.

150 **Lemma 3.** Under A1 to A4, with a decreasing sequence of stepsize $\{\eta_t\}_{t>0}$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[f(\theta_{t+1}) - f(\theta_t)] &\leq -\frac{\eta_{t+1}(1 - \beta_1)}{2} \left(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + q^2 \frac{G^2 \eta_{t+1}}{\epsilon 2n^2} \\ &\quad - \eta_{t+1} \beta_1 \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_{t-1}) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle] \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{L}{2} + \beta_1 L \right) \|\theta_t - \theta_{t-1}\|^2 \\ &\quad + \eta_{t+1} G^2 \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{j=1}^d \left[(\hat{v}_{t+1}^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} - (\hat{v}_t^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} \right] \right] \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

151 where d denotes the dimension of the parameter vector

152 **Decentralized Workers Setting:**

153 The main theorem in the decentralized setting reads:

154 **Theorem 1.** Under A1 to A4, with a constant stepsize $\eta_t = \eta = \frac{L}{\sqrt{T_m}}$, the sequence of iterates
 155 $\{\theta_t\}_{t>0}$ output from Algorithm 1 satisfies:

$$\frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[f(\theta_0) - f(\theta_{T_m})]}{L \Delta_1 \sqrt{T_m}} + d \frac{L \Delta_3}{\Delta_1 \sqrt{T_m}} + \frac{\Delta_2}{\eta \Delta_1 T_m} + \frac{1 - \beta_1}{\Delta_1} \epsilon^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{(q^2 + 1)G^2} \quad (6)$$

156 where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1 &:= \frac{(1 - \beta_1)}{2} \left(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad , \quad \Delta_2 := q^2 + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \beta_1^{k-t+2} \frac{G^2}{\epsilon 2n^2} \\ \Delta_3 &:= \left(\frac{L}{2} + 1 + \frac{\beta_1 L}{1 - \beta_1} \right) (1 - \beta_2)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{\beta_1^2}{\beta_2} \right)^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

157 We remark from this bound in Theorem 1, that the more quantization we apply to our gradient
 158 vectors ($q \uparrow$), the larger the upper bound of the stationary condition is, *i.e.*, the slower the algorithm
 159 is. This is intuitive as using compressed quantities will definitely impact the algorithm speed. We
 160 will observe in the numerical section below that a trade-off on the level of quantization q can be
 161 found to achieve similar speed of convergence with less computation resources used throughout the
 162 training.

163 **Single Machine Setting:**

164 **Theorem 2.** Under A1 to A4, with a constant stepsize $\eta_t = \eta = \frac{L}{\sqrt{T_m}}$, the sequence of iterates
 165 $\{\theta_t\}_{t>0}$ output from Algorithm 2 satisfies:

166

$$\frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[f(\theta_0) - f(\theta_{T_m})]}{T_m(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q)} + \eta^2 G^2 \frac{L}{2} \frac{q^2 + 1}{\epsilon(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q)} \quad (8)$$

$$+ \eta G^2 \frac{q\sqrt{q^2+1}}{\sqrt{\epsilon}(1-q)(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q)} + \frac{G^2}{(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q)} \left(\frac{q}{1-q}\right)^2 \left[\frac{L}{2} q^2 + 1\right] \quad (9)$$

167 4 Sequential Model

168 Single machine method

Algorithm 2 SPARS-AMS : Single machine setting

- 1: **Input:** parameter β_1, β_2 , learning rate η_t .
 - 2: Initialize: central server parameter $\theta_1 \in \Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$; $e_1 = 0$ the error accumulator; sparsity parameter k ; $m_0 = 0, v_0 = 0, \hat{v}_0 = 0$
 - 3: **for** $t = 1$ to T **do**
 - 4: Compute stochastic gradient $g_t = g_{t,i_t}$ at θ_t for randomly sampled index i_t
 - 5: Compute $\tilde{g}_t = \text{TopK}(g_t + e_t, k)$
 - 6: Update the error $e_{t+1} = e_t + g_t - \tilde{g}_t$
 - 7: $m_t = \beta_1 m_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_1) \tilde{g}_t$
 - 8: $v_t = \beta_2 v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2) \tilde{g}_t^2$
 - 9: $\hat{v}_t = \max(v_t, \hat{v}_{t-1})$
 - 10: Update global model $\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \eta_t \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t + \epsilon}}$
 - 11: **end for**
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169 Let m'_t be the first moment moving average of standard AMSGrad using full gradients. $m'_t =$
 170 $(1 - \beta_1) \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_1^{t-i} g_t$. Denote

$$a_t = \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t + \epsilon}}, \quad a'_t = \frac{m'_t}{\sqrt{\hat{v}'_t + \epsilon}}.$$

171 Define the sequence

$$\mathcal{E}_{t+1} = \mathcal{E}_t + a'_t - a_t,$$

172 such that the auxiliary model

$$\begin{aligned} \theta'_{t+1} &:= \theta_{t+1} - \eta \mathcal{E}_{t+1} \\ &= \theta_t - \eta a_t - \eta \mathcal{E}_{t+1} \\ &= \theta_t - \eta a_t - \eta(\mathcal{E}_t + a'_t - a_t) \\ &= \theta'_t - \eta a'_t \end{aligned}$$

173 follows the update of full-gradient AMSGrad. By smoothness assumption we have

$$f(\theta'_{t+1}) \leq f(\theta'_t) - \eta \langle \nabla f(\theta'_t), a'_t \rangle + \frac{L}{2} \|\theta'_{t+1} - \theta'_t\|^2.$$

174 Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[f(\theta'_{t+1}) - f(\theta'_t)] &\leq -\eta \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta'_t), a'_t \rangle] + \frac{\eta^2 L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|a'_t\|^2] \\ &= -\eta \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t), a'_t \rangle] + \frac{\eta^2 L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|a'_t\|^2] + \eta \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) - \nabla f(\theta'_t), a'_t \rangle] \\ &\leq -\eta \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t), a'_t \rangle] + \frac{\eta^2 L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|a'_t\|^2] + \eta \mathbb{E}[\frac{\eta^2 \rho}{2} \|\mathcal{E}_t\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\rho} \|a'_t\|^2] \\ &\leq -\eta \frac{\mathbb{E}\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2}{\sqrt{G^2 + \epsilon}} + \frac{\eta}{2\rho} \frac{\mathbb{E}\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2}{\epsilon} + \frac{\eta^2 L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|a'_t\|^2] + \frac{\eta^3 \rho}{2} \mathbb{E}\|\mathcal{E}_t\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

175 when $\beta_1 = 0$ for example. We may discard this assumption and use more complicated bound on the
 176 first two terms. The third term can be bounded by constant yielding $O(1/\sqrt{T})$ rate eventually when
 177 taking decreasing learning rate. The key is to get a good bound on the cumulative error sequence,
 178 \mathcal{E}_t . We have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}\|\mathcal{E}_{t+1}\|^2 &= \mathbb{E}\|\mathcal{E}_t + a'_t - a_t + \text{TopK}(\mathcal{E}_t + a'_t) - \text{TopK}(\mathcal{E}_t + a'_t)\|^2 \\ &\leq 2\mathbb{E}\|\mathcal{E}_t + a'_t - \text{TopK}(\mathcal{E}_t + a'_t)\|^2 + 2\mathbb{E}\|a_t - \text{TopK}(\mathcal{E}_t + a'_t)\|^2 \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} 2q\mathbb{E}\|\mathcal{E}_t + a'_t\|^2 + 2\mathbb{E}\|a_t - \text{TopK}(\mathcal{E}_t + a'_t)\|^2 \\ &\leq 2q[(1+r)\mathbb{E}\|\mathcal{E}_t\|^2 + (1+\frac{1}{r})\mathbb{E}\|a'_t\|^2] + 2\mathbb{E}\|a_t - \text{TopK}(\mathcal{E}_t + a'_t)\|^2.\end{aligned}$$

179 where (a) uses A3. Current try: If we can bound the last term in the same form as the first two terms,
 180 then we can use recursion to get the desired result. We can have

$$\mathbb{E}\|a_t - \text{TopK}(\mathcal{E}_t + a'_t)\|^2 = \mathbb{E}\left\|\frac{\tilde{m}_t}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t} + \epsilon} - \right\|^2$$

181 4.1 New

182 Let m'_t be the first moment moving average of standard AMSGrad using full gradients, *i.e.*, the
 183 gradient with respect to the index data point t_i computed Line 4 of Algorithm 2 before applying any
 184 compression operator. By construction we have $m'_t = (1 - \beta_1) \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_1^{t-i} g_t$.

185 Denote the following quantities

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}_{t+1} &:= \frac{(1 - \beta_1) \sum_{i=1}^{t+1} \beta_1^{t+1-i} e_i}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t} + \epsilon} \\ \theta'_{t+1} &:= \theta_{t+1} - \eta \mathcal{E}_{t+1}\end{aligned}$$

186 Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\theta'_{t+1} &= \theta_{t+1} - \eta \mathcal{E}_{t+1} \\ &= \theta_t - \eta \frac{(1 - \beta_1) \sum_{i=1}^t \beta_1^{t-i} \tilde{g}_i + (1 - \beta_1) \sum_{i=1}^{t+1} \beta_1^{t+1-i} e_i}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t} + \epsilon} \\ &= \theta_t - \eta \frac{(1 - \beta_1) \sum_{i=1}^t \beta_1^{t-i} (\tilde{g}_i + e_{i+1}) + (1 - \beta) \beta_1^t e_1}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t} + \epsilon} \\ &= \theta_t - \eta \frac{(1 - \beta_1) \sum_{i=1}^t \beta_1^{t-i} e_i}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t} + \epsilon} - \eta \frac{m'_t}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t} + \epsilon} \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \theta'_t - \eta \frac{m'_t}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t} + \epsilon} := \theta'_t - \eta a'_t,\end{aligned}$$

187 where (a) uses the fact that $\tilde{g}_t + e_{t+1} = g_t + e_t$, $e_1 = 0$ at initialization and we denoted

$$a_t = \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t} + \epsilon}, \quad a'_t = \frac{m'_t}{\sqrt{\hat{v}'_t} + \epsilon}.$$

188 By smoothness assumption A1 we have

$$f(\theta'_{t+1}) \leq f(\theta'_t) - \eta \langle \nabla f(\theta'_t), a'_t \rangle + \frac{L}{2} \|\theta'_{t+1} - \theta'_t\|^2.$$

189 Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[f(\theta'_{t+1}) - f(\theta'_t)] &\leq -\eta \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta'_t), a'_t \rangle] + \frac{\eta^2 L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|a'_t\|^2] \\ &= -\eta \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t), a'_t \rangle] + \frac{\eta^2 L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|a'_t\|^2] + \eta \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) - \nabla f(\theta'_t), a'_t \rangle]\end{aligned}$$

190 Using Young's inequality with parameter ρ and the smoothness assumption we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[f(\theta'_{t+1}) - f(\theta'_t)] &\leq -\eta \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t), a'_t \rangle] + \frac{\eta^2 L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|a'_t\|^2] + \eta \mathbb{E}[\frac{\rho}{2} \|\nabla f(\theta_t) - \nabla f(\theta'_t)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\rho} \|a'_t\|^2] \\
&\leq -\eta \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t), a'_t \rangle] + \frac{\eta^2 L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|a'_t\|^2] + \eta \mathbb{E}[\frac{\rho}{2} L^2 \|\theta_t - \theta'_t\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\rho} \|a'_t\|^2] \\
&\leq -\eta \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t), a'_t \rangle] + \frac{\eta^2 L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|a'_t\|^2] + \eta \mathbb{E}[\frac{\eta^2 L^2 \rho}{2} \|\mathcal{E}_t\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\rho} \|a'_t\|^2] \\
&\leq -\eta \frac{\mathbb{E}\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2}{\sqrt{G^2 + \epsilon}} + \frac{\eta}{2\rho} \frac{\mathbb{E}\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2}{\epsilon} + \frac{\eta^2 L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|a'_t\|^2] + \frac{\eta^3 \rho L^2}{2} \mathbb{E}\|\mathcal{E}_t\|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

191 when $\beta_1 = 0$ for example. We may discard this assumption and use more complicated bound on the
192 first two terms. The third term can be bounded by constant yielding $O(1/\sqrt{T})$ rate eventually when
193 taking decreasing learning rate.

194 **Bounding** $\mathbb{E}\|\mathcal{E}_t\|^2$. We know that $\|e_t\| \leq \frac{q}{1-q}G$. So

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathcal{E}_t\|^2 &= \left\| \frac{(1 - \beta_1) \sum_{i=1}^t \beta_1^{t-i} e_i}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t + \epsilon}} \right\|^2 \\
&\leq \left(\frac{(1 - \beta_1) \sum_{i=1}^t \beta_1^{t-i} \|e_i\|}{\sqrt{\epsilon}} \right)^2 \\
&\leq \frac{q^2 G^2}{\epsilon(1 - q)^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

195 **Bounding** $\mathbb{E}\|a'_t\|^2$. We have (assuming $\mathbb{E}\|g_t\|^2 \leq \sigma^2$)

$$\mathbb{E}\|a'_t\|^2 \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\epsilon}.$$

196 Choosing $\rho = \frac{\sqrt{G^2 + \epsilon}}{\epsilon}$ and summing over $t = 1, \dots, T$, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E}\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2 \leq \eta \frac{\sqrt{G^2 + \epsilon}}{\epsilon} L \sigma^2 + \eta^2 \frac{q^2 G^2 \sqrt{G^2 + \epsilon}}{\epsilon^2 (1 - q^2)},$$

197 first: variance, second: compression—small vanishing term. Compression with error feedback
198 asymptotically has no impact. With decreasing learning rate $\eta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}$, we have

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E}\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2 \leq \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{1}{T}),$$

199 matching the convergence rate of SGD with error feedback ([29] Theorem II).

200 Xiaoyun Note: I think we should introduce the variance in the bound $\mathbb{E}\|g_t\|^2 \leq \sigma^2$? Extend to
201 $\beta_1 > 0$?

202 5 Experiments

203 Our proposed TopK-EF with AMSGrad matches that of full AMSGrad, in distributed learning.
204 Number of local workers is 20. Error feedback fixes the convergence issue of using solely the
205 TopK gradient.

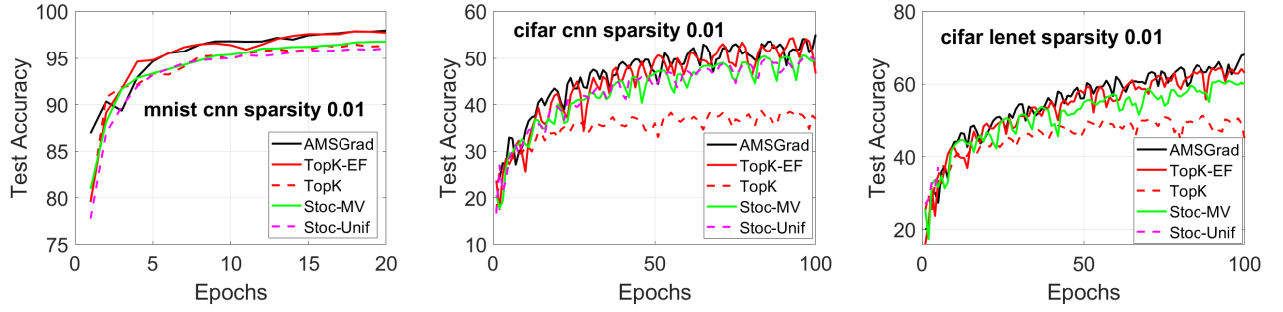


Figure 1: Test accuracy.

206 6 Conclusion

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396 A Appendix

397 B Proofs

398 B.1 Proof of Lemmas

399 **Lemma.** Under Assumption 2 and Assumption 4 we have for any iteration $t > 0$:

$$\|m_t\|^2 \leq (q^2 + 1)G^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{v}_t \leq (q^2 + 1)G^2 \quad (10)$$

400 where m_t and $\hat{v}_t = \max(v_t, \hat{v}_{t-1})$ are defined Line 15 of Algorithm 1 and $G^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N G_i^2$.

401 *Proof.* We start by writing

$$\|\bar{g}_t\|^2 = \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{g}_{t,i} \right\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N \|\tilde{g}_{t,i}\|^2 \quad (11)$$

402 Though, using Assumption 2 and Assumption 4 we have:

$$\|\tilde{g}_{t,i}\|^2 = \|g_{t,i} + \tilde{g}_{t,i} - g_{t,i}\|^2 \leq \|g_{t,i}\|^2 + \|\tilde{g}_{t,i} - g_{t,i}\|^2 \leq (q^2 + 1)G_i^2 \quad (12)$$

403 Hence

$$\|\bar{g}_t\|^2 \leq (q^2 + 1)G^2 \quad (13)$$

404 where $G^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N G_i^2$. Then, by construction in Algorithm 1:

$$\|m_t\|^2 \leq \beta_1^2 \|m_{t-1}\|^2 + (1 - \beta_1)^2 \|\bar{g}_t\|^2 \leq \beta_1^2 \|m_{t-1}\|^2 + (1 - \beta_1)^2 (q^2 + 1)G^2 \quad (14)$$

405 Since we have by initialization that $\|m_0\|^2 \leq G^2$, then we prove by induction that $\|m_t\|^2 \leq (q^2 + 1)G^2$.

406 Similarly

$$\hat{v}_t = \max(v_t, \hat{v}_{t-1}) = \max(\hat{v}_{t-1}, \beta_2 v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2) \bar{g}_t^2) \leq \max(\hat{v}_{t-1}, \beta_2 v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2)(q^2 + 1)G^2) \quad (15)$$

408 \square

409 **Lemma.** Under A1 to A4, with a decreasing sequence of stepsize $\{\eta_t\}_{t>0}$, we have:

$$-\eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) \mid (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \bar{g}_t \right\rangle \right] \leq -\frac{\eta_{t+1}}{2} \left(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E} [\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + q^2 \frac{G^2 \eta_{t+1}}{\epsilon 2n^2} \quad (16)$$

410 where \mathbf{I}_d is the identity matrix, \hat{V}_t the diagonal matrix which diagonal entries are $\hat{v}_t = \max(v_t, \hat{v}_{t-1})$
411 defined Line 15 of Algorithm 1 and \bar{g}_t is the aggregation of all **quantized** gradients from the workers.

412 *Proof.* We first decompose \bar{g}_t as the sum of the unbiased stochastic gradients and its quantized
413 versions as computed Line 7 of Algorithm 1:

$$\bar{g}_t = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{g}_{t,i} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N [g_{t,i} + \tilde{g}_{t,i} - g_{t,i}] \quad (17)$$

414 Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &:= -\eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) \mid (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \bar{g}_t \right\rangle \right] \\ &= \underbrace{-\eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) \mid (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N g_{t,i} \right\rangle \right]}_{t_1} - \underbrace{\eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) \mid (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{g}_{t,i} - g_{t,i} \right\rangle \right]}_{t_2} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

415 **Bounding t_1 :** Using the Tower rule, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
t_1 &:= -\eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) \mid (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N g_{t,i} \right\rangle \right] \\
&= -\eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E} \left[\left\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) \mid (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N g_{t,i} \right\rangle \mid \mathcal{F}_t \right] \right] \\
&= -\eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) \mid (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N g_{t,i} \mid \mathcal{F}_t \right] \right\rangle \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

416 Using Assumption 2 and Lemma 1, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
t_1 &:= -\eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) \mid (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N g_{t,i} \right\rangle \right] \\
&\leq -\eta_{t+1} \left(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E} [\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2]
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

417 **Bounding t_2 :**

418 We first recall Young's inequality with a constant $\delta \in (0, 1)$ as follows:

$$\langle X \mid Y \rangle \leq \frac{1}{\delta} \|X\|^2 + \delta \|Y\|^2. \tag{21}$$

419 Using Young's inequality (21) with parameter equal to 1:

$$\begin{aligned}
t_2 &\leq \frac{\eta_{t+1}}{2} \left(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E} [\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + \frac{\eta_{t+1}}{2n^2} \mathbb{E} [(\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^N \{\tilde{g}_{t,i} - g_{t,i}\}^2] \\
&\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \frac{\eta_{t+1}}{2} \left(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E} [\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + \frac{\eta_{t+1}}{2n^2} \mathbb{E} [(\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^N \{\tilde{g}_{t,i} - g_{t,i}\}^2] \\
&\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \frac{\eta_{t+1}}{2} \left(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E} [\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + \frac{\eta_{t+1}}{2n^2} \mathbb{E} [(\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2}] \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^N \{\tilde{g}_{t,i} - g_{t,i}\}^2 \right] \\
&\stackrel{(c)}{\leq} \frac{\eta_{t+1}}{2} \left(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E} [\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + \frac{\eta_{t+1}}{\epsilon 2n^2} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^N \|\tilde{g}_{t,i} - g_{t,i}\|^2 \right] \\
&\stackrel{(d)}{\leq} \frac{\eta_{t+1}}{2} \left(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E} [\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + q^2 \frac{G^2 \eta_{t+1}}{\epsilon 2n^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

420 where (a) uses the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, (b) is due to the non-negativeness of both \hat{V}_{t+1}
421 and $\|\sum_{i=1}^N \{g_{t,i} + \tilde{g}_{t,i} - g_{t,i}\}\|^2$ and (c) uses the Triangle inequality. We use Assumption 3 and
422 Assumption 4 in (d).

423 Finally, combining (20) and (22) yields

$$-\eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) \mid (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \tilde{g}_t \right\rangle \right] \leq -\frac{\eta_{t+1}}{2} \left(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E} [\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + q^2 \frac{G^2 \eta_{t+1}}{\epsilon 2n^2} \tag{23}$$

424 \square

425 **Lemma.** Under A1 to A4, with a decreasing sequence of stepsize $\{\eta_t\}_{t>0}$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[f(\theta_{t+1}) - f(\theta_t)] &\leq -\frac{\eta_{t+1}(1 - \beta_1)}{2} \left(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + q^2 \frac{G^2 \eta_{t+1}}{\epsilon 2n^2} \\
&\quad - \eta_{t+1} \beta_1 \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_{t-1}) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle] \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{L}{2} + \beta_1 L \right) \|\theta_t - \theta_{t-1}\|^2 \\
&\quad + \eta_{t+1} G^2 \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{j=1}^d \left[(\hat{v}_{t+1}^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} - (\hat{v}_t^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} \right] \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

426 where d denotes the dimension of the parameter vector

427 *Proof.* Denote the following auxiliary variables at iteration $t + 1$

$$z_{t+1} = \theta_{t+1} + \frac{\beta_1}{1 - \beta_1} (\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t) \tag{25}$$

428 By assumption Assumption 1, we can write the smoothness condition on the overall objective (2),
429 between iteration t and $t + 1$:

$$f(\theta_{t+1}) \leq f(\theta_t) + \langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | \theta_{t+1} - \theta_t \rangle + \frac{L}{2} \|\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t\|^2 \tag{26}$$

430 Denote by \hat{V}_t the diagonal matrix which diagonal entries are $\hat{v}_t = \max(v_t, \hat{v}_{t-1})$ defined Line 15 of
431 Algorithm 1. Hence, we obtain,

$$f(\theta_{t+1}) \leq f(\theta_t) - \eta_{t+1} \langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_{t+1} \rangle + \frac{L}{2} \|\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t\|^2 \tag{27}$$

432 where \mathbf{I}_d denotes the identity matrix.

433 We now take the expectation of those various terms conditioned on the filtration \mathcal{F}_t of the total
434 randomness up to iteration t .

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\theta_{t+1}) - f(\theta_t)] \leq -\eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_{t+1} \rangle] + \frac{L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t\|^2] \tag{28}$$

435 We now focus on the computation of the inner product obtained in the equation above. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_{t+1} \rangle] \\
&= \eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_{t+1} + (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_{t+1} - (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_{t+1} \rangle] \\
&= \eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_{t+1} \rangle] + \eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | [(\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} - (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2}] m_{t+1} \rangle] \\
&= \eta_{t+1} \beta_1 \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle] + \eta_{t+1} (1 - \beta_1) \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \bar{g}_t \rangle] \\
&\quad + \eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | [(\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} - (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2}] m_{t+1} \rangle]
\end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

436 where \bar{g}_t is the aggregated gradients from all workers.

437 Plugging the above in (28) yields:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}[f(\theta_{t+1}) - f(\theta_t)] \\
& \leq \underbrace{-\beta_1 \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle]}_{A_t} \eta_{t+1} \\
& \quad - \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | [(\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} - (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2}] m_{t+1} \rangle]}_{B_t} \eta_{t+1} \\
& \quad - \underbrace{(1 - \beta_1) \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \bar{g}_t \rangle]}_{C_t} \eta_{t+1} + \frac{L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t\|^2]
\end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

438 To begin with, by the tower rule, we have that

$$A_t = -\beta_1 \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle | \mathcal{F}_t]] \tag{32}$$

$$= -\beta_1 \langle \nabla f(\theta_{t-1}) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle - \beta_1 \langle \nabla f(\theta_t) - \nabla f(\theta_{t-1}) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle \tag{33}$$

$$\tag{34}$$

where we recognize the first term as the term in (29), at iteration $t - 1$ and hence apply the same decomposition as in (30). Coupling with the smoothness of f , which gives that

$$-\beta_1 \langle \nabla f(\theta_t) - \nabla f(\theta_{t-1}) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle \leq \frac{\beta_1 L}{\eta_{t-1}} \|\theta_t - \theta_{t-1}\|^2$$

439 we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned}
A_t &= -\beta_1 \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle | \mathcal{F}_t]] \\
&\leq \eta_{t+1} \beta_1 (A_{t-1} + B_{t-1} + C_{t-1}) + \eta_{t+1} \frac{\beta_1 L}{\eta_{t-1}} \|\theta_t - \theta_{t-1}\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

440 Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
B_t &= -\mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | [(\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} - (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2}] m_{t+1} \rangle] \\
&= \mathbb{E}[\sum_{j=1}^d \nabla^j f(\theta_t) m_{t+1}^j [(\hat{v}_{t+1}^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} - (\hat{v}_t^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2}]] \\
&\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\| \|m_{t+1}\| \sum_{j=1}^d [(\hat{v}_{t+1}^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} - (\hat{v}_t^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2}]] \\
&\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} G^2 \mathbb{E}[\sum_{j=1}^d [(\hat{v}_{t+1}^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} - (\hat{v}_t^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2}]]
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

441 where $\nabla^j f(\theta_t)$ denotes the j -th component of the gradient vector $\nabla f(\theta_t)$, (a) uses of the Cauchy-
442 Schwartz inequality and (b) boils down from the norm of the gradient vector boundedness assump-
443 tion 2, denoting $G := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n G_i$.

444 Plugging the above into (31) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[f(\theta_{t+1}) - f(\theta_t)] &\leq \eta_{t+1}(A_t + B_t + C_t) + \frac{L}{2}\mathbb{E}[\|\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t\|^2] \\
&\leq -\eta_{t+1}\beta_1\mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_{t-1}) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle] \\
&\quad + \eta_{t+1}G^2\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{j=1}^d \left[(\hat{v}_{t+1}^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} - (\hat{v}_t^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2}\right]\right] \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{L}{2} + \eta_{t+1}\frac{\beta_1 L}{\eta_{t-1}}\right)\|\theta_t - \theta_{t-1}\|^2 \\
&\quad - \eta_{t+1}(1 - \beta_1)\mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \bar{g}_t \rangle]
\end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

445 We bound the last term on the RHS, $-\eta_{t+1}\mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} \bar{g}_t \rangle]$ with Lemma 2

446 Under the assumption that we use a decreasing stepsize such that $\eta_{t+1} \leq \eta_t$, and given that according
447 to Line 15 we have that $\hat{v}_{t+1} \geq \hat{v}_t$ by construction, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[f(\theta_{t+1}) - f(\theta_t)] &\leq -\frac{\eta_{t+1}(1 - \beta_1)}{2}(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2})^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + q^2\frac{G^2\eta_{t+1}}{\epsilon 2n^2} \\
&\quad - \eta_{t+1}\beta_1\mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_{t-1}) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle] \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{L}{2} + \beta_1 L\right)\|\theta_t - \theta_{t-1}\|^2 \\
&\quad + \eta_{t+1}G^2\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{j=1}^d \left[(\hat{v}_{t+1}^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} - (\hat{v}_t^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2}\right]\right]
\end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

448 Finally, using Lemma 2, we obtain the desired result. \square

449 B.2 Proof of Theorem 1

450 **Theorem.** Under A1 to A4, with a constant stepsize $\eta_t = \eta = \frac{L}{\sqrt{T_m}}$, we have:

$$\frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[f(\theta_0) - f(\theta_{T_m})]}{L\Delta_1\sqrt{T_m}} + d\frac{L\Delta_3}{\Delta_1\sqrt{T_m}} + \frac{\Delta_2}{\eta\Delta_1 T_m} + \frac{1 - \beta_1}{\Delta_1}\epsilon^{-\frac{1}{2}}\sqrt{(q^2 + 1)}G^2 \tag{39}$$

451 where

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_1 &:= \frac{(1 - \beta_1)}{2}(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad , \quad \Delta_2 := q^2 + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \beta_1^{k-t+2} \frac{G^2}{\epsilon 2n^2} \\
\Delta_3 &:= \left(\frac{L}{2} + 1 + \frac{\beta_1 L}{1 - \beta_1}\right)(1 - \beta_2)^{-1}(1 - \frac{\beta_1^2}{\beta_2})^{-1}
\end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

452 *Proof.* By Lemma 3 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[f(\theta_{t+1}) - f(\theta_t)] &\leq -\frac{\eta_{t+1}(1 - \beta_1)}{2}(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2})^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + q^2\frac{G^2\eta_{t+1}}{\epsilon 2n^2} \\
&\quad - \eta_{t+1}\beta_1\mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_{t-1}) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle] \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{L}{2} + \beta_1 L\right)\|\theta_t - \theta_{t-1}\|^2 \\
&\quad + \eta_{t+1}G^2\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{j=1}^d \left[(\hat{v}_{t+1}^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} - (\hat{v}_t^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2}\right]\right]
\end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

453 Let us consider the following sequence, defined for all $t > 0$:

$$R_t := f(\theta_t) - \sum_{k=t}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+1} \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_{t-1}) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle] \quad (42)$$

454 We compute the following expectation:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[R_{t+1}] - \mathbb{E}[R_t] &= \mathbb{E}[f(\theta_{t+1}) - f(\theta_t)] - \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2} \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_{t+1} \rangle] \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=t}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+1} \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_{t-1}) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle] \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

455 Using the Assumption 1, we note that:

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\theta_{t+1}) - f(\theta_t)] \leq -\eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_{t+1} \rangle] + \frac{L}{2} \|\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t\|^2 \quad (44)$$

456 which yields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[R_{t+1}] - \mathbb{E}[R_t] &= -(\eta_{t+1} + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2}) \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) | (\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_{t+1} \rangle] \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=t}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+1} \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_{t-1}) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle] \\ &\quad + \frac{L}{2} \|\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t\|^2 \\ &\leq (\eta_{t+1} + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2}) \mathbb{E}[A_t + B_t + C_t] \\ &\quad - \sum_{k=t}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+1} \mathbb{E}[A_{t-1} + B_{t-1} + C_{t-1}] \\ &\quad + \frac{L}{2} \|\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

457 where A_t, B_t, C_t are defined in (31).

458 We use (35) and (36) to bound A_t and B_t , and Lemma 2 to bound C_t where we precise that the
459 learning rate η_{t+1} becomes $\eta_{t+1} + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2}$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[R_{t+1}] - \mathbb{E}[R_t] &\leq \left((\eta_{t+1} + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2}) \beta_1 - \sum_{k=t}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+1} \right) \mathbb{E}[A_{t-1} + B_{t-1} + C_{t-1}] \\ &\quad + (\eta_{t+1} + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2}) G^2 \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{j=1}^d \left[(\hat{v}_{t+1}^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} - (\hat{v}_t^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} \right]^2 \right] \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{L}{2} + (\eta_{t+1} + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2}) \frac{\beta_1 L}{\eta_{t-1}} \right) \|\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t\|^2 \\ &\quad - (\eta_{t+1} + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2}) \frac{(1 - \beta_1)}{2} \left(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2 + 1)G^2}{1 - \beta_2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] \\ &\quad + q^2 \eta_{t+1} + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2} \frac{G^2}{\epsilon 2n^2} \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

460 where the last term in the LHS is due to Lemma 3.

461 By assumption, we have that for all $t > 0$, $\eta_{t+1} \leq \eta_t$. Also, set the tuning parameters such that

$$\eta_t + \sum_{k=t}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+1} \leq \frac{\eta_t}{1 - \beta_1} \quad (47)$$

462 so that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\eta_{t+1} + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2}) \beta_1 - \sum_{k=t}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+1} = 0 \\ \iff & (\eta_{t+1} + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2}) \beta_1 = \sum_{k=t}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+1} \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

463 Note that $-(\eta_{t+1} + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2}) \frac{(1-\beta_1)}{2} (\epsilon + \frac{(q^2+1)G^2}{1-\beta_2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \leq -\eta_{t+1} \frac{(1-\beta_1)}{2} (\epsilon + \frac{(q^2+1)G^2}{1-\beta_2})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
 464 since $\sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2} \geq 0$.

465 The above coupled with (46) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[R_{t+1}] - \mathbb{E}[R_t] & \leq -\eta_{t+1} \frac{(1-\beta_1)}{2} (\epsilon + \frac{(q^2+1)G^2}{1-\beta_2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + q^2 \eta_{t+1} + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2} \frac{G^2}{\epsilon 2n^2} \\ & \quad - (\eta_{t+1} + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2}) G^2 \mathbb{E}[\sum_{j=1}^d [(\hat{v}_t^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} - (\hat{v}_{t+1}^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2}]] \\ & \quad + \left(\frac{L}{2} + 1 + \frac{\beta_1 L}{1 - \beta_1} \right) \mathbb{E}[\|\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t\|^2] \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

466 We now sum from $t = 0$ to $t = T_m - 1$ the inequality in (49), and divide it by T_m :

$$\begin{aligned} & \eta \frac{(1-\beta_1)}{2} (\epsilon + \frac{(q^2+1)G^2}{1-\beta_2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] \\ & \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[R_0] - \mathbb{E}[R_{T_m}]}{T_m} + \frac{q^2 \eta + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+2} \frac{G^2}{\epsilon 2n^2}}{T_m} \\ & \quad + \left(\frac{L}{2} + 1 + \frac{\beta_1 L}{1 - \beta_1} \right) \frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t\|^2] \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

467 where we have used the fact that $(\hat{v}_t^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} - (\hat{v}_{t+1}^j + \epsilon)^{-1/2} \geq 0$ for all dimension $j \in [d]$ by
 468 construction of \hat{v}_{t+1}^j .

469 We now bound the two remaining terms:

470 **Bounding** $-\mathbb{E}[R_{T_m}]$:

471 By definition (42) of R_t we have, using Lemma 1:

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathbb{E}[R_{T_m}] & \leq \sum_{k=t}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+1} \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_{t-1}) | (\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t \rangle] - f(\theta_{T_m}) \\ & \leq \left\| \sum_{k=t}^{\infty} \eta_k \beta_1^{k-t+1} \right\| \|\nabla f(\theta_{t-1})\| \|(\hat{V}_t + \epsilon \mathbf{I}_d)^{-1/2} m_t\| \\ & \leq \eta_{t+1} (1 - \beta_1) \epsilon^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{(q^2 + 1)G^2} - f(\theta_{T_m}) \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

472 **Bounding** $\sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t\|^2]$:

473 By definition in Algorithm 1:

$$\|\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t\|^2 = \eta_{t+1}^2 \left[(\hat{V}_{t+1} + \epsilon I_d)^{-\frac{1}{2}} m_{t+1} \right]^2 = \eta_{t+1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{|m_{t+1}^j|^2}{\hat{v}_{t+1}^j + \epsilon} \quad (52)$$

474 For any dimension $j \in [d]$,

$$\begin{aligned} |m_{t+1}^j|^2 &= |\beta_1 m_t^j + (1 - \beta_1) \bar{g}_t^j|^2 \\ &\leq \beta_1 (\beta_1^2 |m_{t-1}^j|^2 + (1 - \beta_1)^2 |\bar{g}_{t-1}^j|^2) + |\bar{g}_t^j|^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^t \beta_1^{2(t-k)} |\bar{g}_k^j|^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^t \frac{\beta_1^{2(t-k)}}{\beta_2^{t-k}} \beta_2^{t-k} |\bar{g}_k^j|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

475 Using Cauchy-Schwartz inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |m_{t+1}^j|^2 &\leq \sum_{k=0}^t \frac{\beta_1^{2(t-k)}}{\beta_2^{t-k}} \beta_2^{t-k} |\bar{g}_k^j|^2 \leq \sum_{k=0}^t \left(\frac{\beta_1^2}{\beta_2} \right)^{t-k} \sum_{k=0}^t \beta_2^{t-k} |\bar{g}_k^j|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\beta_1^2}{\beta_2}} \sum_{k=0}^t \beta_2^{t-k} |\bar{g}_k^j|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

476 On the other hand we have

$$\hat{v}_{t+1}^j \geq \beta_2 \hat{v}_t^j + (1 - \beta_2) (\bar{g}_t^j)^2 \quad (55)$$

477 and since it is also true for iteration $t = 1$, we have by induction replacing v_t^j in the above that

$$\hat{v}_{t+1}^j \geq (1 - \beta_2) \sum_{k=0}^t \beta_2^{t-k} |\bar{g}_k^j|^2 \iff \frac{\sum_{k=0}^t \beta_2^{t-k} |\bar{g}_k^j|^2}{\hat{v}_{t+1}^j} \leq (1 - \beta_2)^{-1} \quad (56)$$

478 Hence, we can derive from (52) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\theta_{t+1} - \theta_t\|^2 &= \eta_{t+1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{|m_{t+1}^j|^2}{\hat{v}_{t+1}^j + \epsilon} \leq \eta_{t+1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{|m_{t+1}^j|^2}{\hat{v}_{t+1}^j} \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \eta_{t+1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\beta_1^2}{\beta_2}} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^t \beta_2^{t-k} |\bar{g}_k^j|^2}{\hat{v}_{t+1}^j} \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \eta_{t+1}^2 d (1 - \beta_2)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{\beta_1^2}{\beta_2}\right)^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

479 where (a) uses (54) and (b) uses (56).

480 Plugging the two bounds in (50), we obtain the following bound:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] &\leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[f(\theta_0) - f(\theta_{T_m})]}{\eta \Delta_1 T_m} + \frac{q^2 \eta + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \eta \beta_1^{k-t+2} \frac{G^2}{\epsilon 2 n^2}}{\eta \Delta_1 T_m} \\ &\quad + \frac{1 - \beta_1}{\Delta_1} \epsilon^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{(q^2 + 1)} G^2 \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{L}{2} + 1 + \frac{\beta_1 L}{1 - \beta_1} \right) \frac{1}{\eta \Delta_1} \eta^2 d (1 - \beta_2)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{\beta_1^2}{\beta_2}\right)^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

481 where $\Delta_1 := \frac{(1-\beta_1)}{2}(\epsilon + \frac{(q^2+1)G^2}{1-\beta_2})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

482 With a constant stepsize $\eta = \frac{L}{\sqrt{T_m}}$ we get the final convergence bound as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] &\leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[f(\theta_0) - f(\theta_{T_m})]}{L\Delta_1\sqrt{T_m}} + d \frac{L\Delta_3}{\Delta_1\sqrt{T_m}} \\ &\quad + \frac{\Delta_2}{\eta\Delta_1 T_m} + \frac{1-\beta_1}{\Delta_1} \epsilon^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{(q^2+1)G^2} \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

483 where $\Delta_2 := q^2 + \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \beta_1^{k-t+2} \frac{G^2}{\epsilon 2n^2}$ and $\Delta_3 := \left(\frac{L}{2} + 1 + \frac{\beta_1 L}{1-\beta_1}\right) (1-\beta_2)^{-1} (1 - \frac{\beta_1^2}{\beta_2})^{-1}$.

484 \square

485 B.3 Proof of Theorem 3

486 **Theorem 3.** Under A1 to A4, with a constant stepsize $\eta_t = \eta = \frac{L}{\sqrt{T_m}}$, the sequence of iterates
487 $\{\theta_t\}_{t>0}$ output from Algorithm 2 satisfies:

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$$\frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[f(\theta_0) - f(\theta_{T_m})]}{T_m(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q)} + \eta^2 G^2 \frac{L}{2} \frac{q^2 + 1}{\epsilon(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q)} \quad (60)$$

$$+ \eta G^2 \frac{q\sqrt{q^2+1}}{\sqrt{\epsilon}(1-q)(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q)} + \frac{G^2}{(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q)} \left(\frac{q}{1-q}\right)^2 \left[\frac{L}{2} q^2 + 1\right] \quad (61)$$

489 *Proof.* Define the auxiliary model

$$\begin{aligned} \theta'_{t+1} &:= \theta_{t+1} - e_{t+1} \\ &= \theta_t - \eta a_t - e_{t+1} \\ &= \theta_t - \eta a_t - e_t - g_t + \tilde{g}_t \\ &= \theta_t - \eta a_t - e_t - \Delta_t \\ &= \theta'_t - \eta a_t - \Delta_t \end{aligned}$$

490 where $a_t := \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{\tilde{v}_t+\epsilon}}$ and $\Delta_t := g_t - \tilde{g}_t$. By smoothness assumption we have

$$f(\theta'_{t+1}) \leq f(\theta'_t) - \langle \nabla f(\theta'_t), \eta a_t + \Delta_t \rangle + \frac{L}{2} \|\theta'_{t+1} - \theta'_t\|^2.$$

491 Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[f(\theta'_{t+1}) - f(\theta'_t)] &\leq -\mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta'_t), \eta a_t + \Delta_t \rangle] + \frac{L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|^2] \\ &\leq \eta \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) - \nabla f(\theta'_t), \eta a_t + \Delta_t \rangle] - \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t), \eta a_t + \Delta_t \rangle] + \frac{L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|^2] \end{aligned}$$

492 Using the smoothness assumption A1 we have

$$\mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta_t) - \nabla f(\theta'_t), \eta a_t + \Delta_t \rangle] \leq L \mathbb{E}[\|\theta_t - \theta'_t\|] \mathbb{E}[\|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|]$$

493 Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[f(\theta'_{t+1}) - f(\theta'_t)] &\leq -\mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla f(\theta'_t), \eta a_t + \Delta_t \rangle] + \frac{L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|^2] \\ &\leq -\left(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + L \mathbb{E}[\|\theta_t - \theta'_t\|] \mathbb{E}[\|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|] + \frac{L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|^2] \\ &\leq -\left(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] + L \mathbb{E}[\|e_t\| \|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|] + \frac{L}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|^2] \end{aligned}$$

Summing from $t = 0$ to $t = T_m - 1$ and divide it by T_m yields:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2 + \epsilon}} + q \right) \frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] \\ & \leq \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \frac{\mathbb{E}[f(\theta'_t) - f(\theta'_{t+1})]}{T_m} + \frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|e_t\| \|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|] + \frac{L}{2T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|^2] \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

Bounding $\frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|e_t\| \|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|]$:

To begin with

$$\begin{aligned} \|e_t\| &= \|e_{t-1} + g_{t-1} - \tilde{g}_{t-1}\| \\ &= \|g_{t-1} + e_{t-1} - \text{TopK}(g_{t-1} + e_{t-1}, k)\| \\ &\leq q \|g_{t-1} + e_{t-1}\| \\ &\leq q \|g_{t-1}\| + q \|e_{t-1}\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^t q^{t-k} \|g_k\| \end{aligned} \quad (63)$$

using A4.

Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|e_t\| \|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|] &\leq \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \sum_{k=1}^t q^{t-k} \mathbb{E}[\|g_k\| \|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|] \\ &\leq \frac{q}{1-q} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|g_t\| \|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|] \\ &\leq \frac{q}{1-q} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|g_t\| \left\| \eta \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t} + \epsilon} \right\|] + \frac{q}{1-q} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|g_t\| \|\Delta_t\|] \\ &\leq \eta \frac{q\sqrt{q^2+1}}{\sqrt{\epsilon}(1-q)} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|g_t\|^2] + \frac{q}{1-q} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|g_t\| \|g_t - \tilde{g}_t\|] \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Lemma 1 for the last inequality.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{q}{1-q} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|g_t\| \|g_t - \tilde{g}_t\|] &= \frac{q}{1-q} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|g_t\| \|\tilde{g}_t - (g_t + e_t) + e_t\|] \\ &\leq \frac{q^2}{1-q} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|g_t\|^2] + \left(\frac{q}{1-q} \right)^2 \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|g_t\|^2] \end{aligned}$$

where we have used A3 and inequality (63)

Finally, we obtain:

$$\sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|e_t\| \|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|] \leq \left[\eta \frac{q\sqrt{q^2+1}}{\sqrt{\epsilon}(1-q)} + \frac{q^2}{1-q} + \left(\frac{q}{1-q} \right)^2 \right] \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|g_t\|^2]$$

503 Hence

$$\frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|e_t\| \|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|] \leq \left[\eta \frac{q\sqrt{q^2+1}}{\sqrt{\epsilon}(1-q)} + \frac{q^2}{1-q} + \left(\frac{q}{1-q} \right)^2 \right] G^2$$

504 **Bounding** $\frac{L}{2T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|^2]$: Similarly, we derive the following bound:

$$\frac{L}{2T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|^2] \leq \frac{L}{2} \left[\eta^2 \frac{q^2+1}{\epsilon} + \left(\frac{q}{1-q} \right)^2 q^2 \right] G^2$$

505 Plugging the bounds of $\frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|e_t\| \|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|]$ and $\frac{L}{2T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\eta a_t + \Delta_t\|^2]$ into (62)
 506 gives:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q \right) \frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] \\ & \leq \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \frac{\mathbb{E}[f(\theta'_t) - f(\theta'_{t+1})]}{T_m} + \eta G^2 \left[\eta \frac{L}{2} \frac{q^2+1}{\epsilon} + \frac{q\sqrt{q^2+1}}{\sqrt{\epsilon}(1-q)} \right] + G^2 \left(\frac{q}{1-q} \right)^2 \left[\frac{L}{2} q^2 + 1 \right] \\ & \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[f(\theta_0) - f(\theta_{T_m})]}{T_m} + \eta^2 G^2 \frac{L}{2} \frac{q^2+1}{\epsilon} + \eta G^2 \frac{q\sqrt{q^2+1}}{\sqrt{\epsilon}(1-q)} + G^2 \left(\frac{q}{1-q} \right)^2 \left[\frac{L}{2} q^2 + 1 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (64)$$

507 Finally

$$\frac{1}{T_m} \sum_{t=0}^{T_m-1} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f(\theta_t)\|^2] \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[f(\theta_0) - f(\theta_{T_m})]}{T_m(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q)} + \eta^2 G^2 \frac{L}{2} \frac{q^2+1}{\epsilon(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q)} \quad (65)$$

$$+ \eta G^2 \frac{q\sqrt{q^2+1}}{\sqrt{\epsilon}(1-q)(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q)} + \frac{G^2}{(\eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{G^2+\epsilon}} + q)} \left(\frac{q}{1-q} \right)^2 \left[\frac{L}{2} q^2 + 1 \right] \quad (66)$$

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