The Convergence Proof Process for FedSOKD-TFA

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Assumption 1. Lipschitz Smoothness. Gradients of client i's local complete heterogeneous model w_i are L1-Lipschitzsmooth,

$$\|\nabla \mathcal{L}_{i}^{t_{1}}\left(w_{i}^{t_{1}}; x, y\right) - \nabla \mathcal{L}_{i}^{t_{2}}\left(w_{i}^{t_{2}}; x, y\right)\| \leq L_{1}\|w_{i}^{t_{1}} - w_{i}^{t_{2}}\|,$$

$$\forall t_{1}, t_{2} > 0, i \in \{0, 1, ..., N - 1\}, (x, y) \in D_{i}$$

$$(1)$$

The above formulation can be further derived as:

$$\mathcal{L}_{i}^{t_{1}} - \mathcal{L}_{i}^{t_{2}} \leqslant \left\langle \nabla \mathcal{L}_{i}^{t_{2}}, \left(w_{i}^{t_{1}} - w_{i}^{t_{2}} \right) \right\rangle + \frac{L_{1}}{2} \left\| w_{i}^{t_{1}} - w_{i}^{t_{2}} \right\|_{2}^{2} \tag{2}$$

Assumption 2. Unbiased Gradient and Bounded Variance. Client i's random gradient $g_t^{w,i} = \nabla \mathcal{L}_i^t(w_i^t, \mathcal{B}_i^t)$, (\mathcal{B} is a batch of local data) is unbiased,

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{B}_{i}^{t} \subseteq D_{i}} \left[g_{w,i}^{t} \right] = \nabla \mathcal{L}_{i}^{t} \left(w_{i}^{t} \right) \tag{3}$$

and the variance of random gradient $g_t^{w,i}$ is bounded by:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{B}_{i}^{t} \subseteq D_{i}} \left[\left\| \nabla \mathcal{L}_{i}^{t} \left(w_{i}^{t}; \mathcal{B}_{i}^{t} \right) - \nabla \mathcal{L}_{i}^{t} (w_{i}^{t}) \right\|_{2}^{2} \right] \leq \sigma^{2}$$

$$(4)$$

Assumption 3. Bounded Prameter Variation. The parameter variations of the homogeneous small feature extractor θ_i^t and θ^t before and after aggregation is bounded as

$$\|\theta^t - \theta_i^t\| \le \delta^2 \tag{5}$$

Lemma 1. There is an upper bound on the loss range of any client's local model w in the t local training round.

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+1}] \le \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0} + \left(\frac{L_{1}\eta^{2}}{2} - \eta\right) \sum_{e=1}^{E} \left\|\nabla \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+e}\right\|_{2}^{2} + \frac{L_{1}\eta^{2}\sigma^{2}}{2}$$
(6)

Lemma 2.

$$\mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E+0} = \mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E} + \mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E+0} - \mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E} \approx \mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E} + \eta \|\theta_{t+1}^{E+0} - \theta_{t+1}^{E}\|_{2}^{2} \le \mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E} + \eta \delta^{2}$$
 (7)

Based on the above assumptions, We can do a further derivation. For convenience, we write an arbitrary client *i*'s local model as w, and w can be updated by $w_{t+1} = w_t - \eta \eta_{w,t}$, in the (t+1) round, and following Assumption 2, we can obtain

$$\mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+1} - \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0} \le \left\langle \nabla \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0}, (w_{t}^{E+1} - w_{t}^{E+0}) \right\rangle + \frac{L_{1}}{2} \|w_{t}^{E+1} - w_{t}^{E+0}\|_{2}^{2}$$
 (8)

$$\mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+1} \leq \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0} - \eta \left\langle \nabla \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0}, g_{w}, t_{E+0} \right\rangle + \frac{L_{1}\eta^{2}}{2} \|g_{w}, t_{E+0}\|_{2}^{2}. \tag{9}$$

Taking the expectation of both sides of the inequality concerning the random variable $\mathcal{E}_{t_{E+0}}$, we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+1}] \leq \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0} - \eta \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0}, g_{w}, t_{E+0} \rangle] + \frac{L_{1}\eta^{2}}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|g_{w}, t_{E+0}\|_{2}^{2}]$$
 (10)

And then, based on the function 3, 4 from Assumption 2 and $Var(x) = \mathbb{E}[x]^2 - (\mathbb{E}[x]^2)$, we can derive that

$$\eta \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla \mathcal{L}_t^{E+0}, g_w, t_{E+0} \rangle] = \eta \|\nabla \mathcal{L}_t^{E+0}\|_2^2$$
(11)

$$\frac{L_1 \eta^2}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|g_w, t_{E+0}\|_2^2] = \frac{L_1 \eta^2}{2} ((\mathbb{E}[\|g_w, t_{E+0}\|]_2^2) + Var(g_w, t_{E+0}))$$
(12)

$$\frac{L_1 \eta^2}{2} ((\mathbb{E}[\|g_w, t_{E+0}\|]_2^2)) = \frac{L_1 \eta^2}{2} \|\nabla \mathcal{L}_t^{E+0}\|_2^2$$
 (13)

Through function 11, 12, 13, we can get that

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+1}] \leq \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0} - \eta \|\nabla \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0}\|_{2}^{2} + \frac{L_{1}\eta^{2}}{2} (\|\nabla \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0}\|_{2}^{2} + \sigma^{2})$$
 (14)

Merge items of the same type as above,

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+1}] \le \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0} + (\frac{L_{1}\eta^{2}}{2} - \eta) \|\nabla \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0}\|_{2}^{2} + \frac{L_{1}\eta^{2}\sigma^{2}}{2}$$
(15)

This concludes the proof of Lemma 1. Next, We're going to prove Lemma 2.

$$\mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E+0} = \mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E} + \mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E+0} - \mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E} \approx \mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E} + \eta \|\theta_{t+1}^{E+0} - \theta_{t+1}^{E}\|_{2}^{2} \le \mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E} + \eta \delta^{2}$$
 (16)

Next, we are going to prove conclusion. Substituting *Lemma* 1 into the right side of *Lemma* 2's inequality, we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E+0}] \le \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0} + (\frac{L_{1}\eta^{2}}{2} - \eta) \sum_{e=1}^{E} \|\nabla \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+e}\|_{2}^{2} + \frac{L_{1}\eta^{2}\sigma^{2}}{2} + \eta\delta^{2}$$
 (17)

By transforming, we can obtain

$$\sum_{t=1}^{E} \|\nabla \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+e}\|_{2}^{2} \leq \frac{\mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0} - \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E+0}] + \frac{L_{1}E\eta^{2}\sigma^{2}}{2} + \eta\delta^{2}}{\eta - \frac{L_{1}\eta^{2}}{2}}$$
(18)

Taking the expectation of both sides of the inequality over rounds t=[0,T-1] to w , we obtain

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \sum_{e=0}^{E-1} \|\nabla \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+e}\|_{2}^{2} \leq \frac{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} [\mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+0} - \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E+0}]] + \frac{L_{1} E \eta^{2} \sigma^{2}}{2} + \eta \delta^{2}}{\eta - \frac{L_{1} \eta^{2}}{2}}$$
(19)

Let $\Delta = \mathcal{L}_{t=0} - \mathcal{L}^* > 0$, then $\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} [\mathcal{L}_t^{E+0} - \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}_{t+1}^{E+0}]] \leq \Delta$, we can get

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \sum_{e=0}^{E-1} \|\nabla \mathcal{L}_{t}^{E+e}\|_{2}^{2} \le \frac{\frac{\Delta}{T} + \frac{L_{1} E \eta^{2} \sigma^{2}}{2} + \eta \delta^{2}}{\eta - \frac{L_{1} \eta^{2}}{2}}$$
(20)

If the above equation converges to a constant ϵ ,

$$\frac{\frac{\Delta}{T} + \frac{L_1 E \eta^2 \sigma^2}{2} + \eta \delta^2}{\eta - \frac{L_1 \eta^2}{2}} \le \epsilon \tag{21}$$

then

$$T > \frac{\Delta}{\epsilon(\eta - \frac{L_1 \eta^2}{2}) - \frac{L_1 E \eta^2 \sigma^2}{2} - \eta \delta^2}$$
 (22)

Since $T > 0, \Delta > 0$, we can get

$$\epsilon(\eta - \frac{L_1 \eta^2}{2}) - \frac{L_1 E \eta^2 \sigma^2}{2} - \eta \delta^2 > 0$$
 (23)

Solving the above inequality yields

$$\eta < \frac{2(\epsilon - \delta^2)}{L_1(\epsilon + E\sigma^2)} \tag{24}$$

Since ϵ , L1, δ^2 , σ^2 are all constants greater than 0, η has solutions. Therefore, when the learning rate η satisfies the above condition, any client's local complete heterogeneous model can converge.