

PREPARATORY RESULTS

In this document, we provide proofs of the main theorems discussed in the paper called "Decentralized Constrained Optimization: Double Averaging and Gradient Projection." The notations which were used throughout the paper are used similarly here, except for \mathbf{z}^v variable, which we have add the iteration number to it.

I. PROOF OF THEOREM 1

We start by presenting a lemma:

Lemma 1. Let $\ker(\mathbf{W}^T) = \ker(\mathbf{Q})$. $\mathbf{QW}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ if and only if $\mathbf{x} \in \ker(\mathbf{W})$.

Now, we Consider an arbitrary stopping point of the algorithm, that is $\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v = \mathbf{x}_n^v = \mathbf{x}^v$, $\nabla \mathbf{f}_{n+1} = \nabla \mathbf{f}_n = \nabla \mathbf{f}$, $\mathbf{h}_{n+1}^v = \mathbf{h}_n^v = \mathbf{h}^v$ and $\mathbf{g}_{n+1}^v = \mathbf{g}_n^v = \mathbf{g}^v$. We have

$$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{WX} - \mu(\nabla \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{G}) \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathcal{P}_S(\mathbf{Z}) \quad (2)$$

$$\rho \left[\nabla \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{G} + \frac{1}{\mu}(\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{X}) \right] + \alpha(\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{G}) = \mathbf{0} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{G}) = \mathbf{0}. \quad (4)$$

Left multiplying (3) by \mathbf{Q} , considering (4), we have

$$\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{G} - \nabla \mathbf{f}) = \frac{1}{\mu} \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{X}). \quad (5)$$

Left multiplying (1) by \mathbf{Q} , and applying (5) leads to $\mathbf{QWX} = \mathbf{0}$. Therefore, $\mathbf{X} \in \ker(\mathbf{W}) = \text{span}\{\mathbf{1}\}$ based on the result of Lemma 1, which means that $\mathbf{x}^v = \mathbf{x}^*$, $\forall v \in \mathcal{V}$. As $\mathbf{X} \in \ker(\mathbf{W})$, (1) reduces to $\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{X} = \mu(\mathbf{G} - \nabla \mathbf{f})$, which leads to $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{G}$ by incorporating it into (3). Since

$$\mathbf{h}_{n+1}^v = \mathbf{h}_n^v - \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}_v^m} q_{vu}(\mathbf{h}_n^u - \mathbf{g}_n^u)$$

is designed to preserve the summation of \mathbf{h}^v 's, and each element of \mathbf{H} is initialized with zero vector, we have

$$\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{H} = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} (\mathbf{h}^v)^T = \mathbf{0}^T. \quad (6)$$

From (2), we have $\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{X} \in \partial \mathbf{I}_S$, consequently, $\mu(\mathbf{G} - \nabla \mathbf{f}) \in \partial \mathbf{I}_S$. As $\partial \mathbf{I}_S$ is a cone, and therefore invariant to scaling, we can write $(\mathbf{G} - \nabla \mathbf{f}) \in \partial \mathbf{I}_S$. Left multiplying by $\mathbf{1}^T$, and moving all the terms to one side, considering (6), we have

$$\mathbf{0} \in \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \partial I_{S_v}(\mathbf{x}^*) + \nabla f_v(\mathbf{x}^*), \quad (7)$$

which shows that \mathbf{x}^* is optimal. \blacksquare

II. PROOF OF THEOREM 2

We start by defining

$$F^v(\mathbf{x}) = f_v(\mathbf{x}) - f_v(\mathbf{x}^*) - \langle \nabla f_v(\mathbf{x}^*), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^* \rangle \quad (8)$$

and

$$F_n^v = F^v(\mathbf{x}_n^v). \quad (9)$$

Note that from the convexity of f_v , the values of $F^v(\mathbf{x})$, particularly F_n^v are non-negative. From convexity, we also

conclude that

$$F_n^v + \langle \nabla f_v(\mathbf{x}^*) - \nabla f_v(\mathbf{x}_n^v), \mathbf{x}_n^v - \mathbf{x}^* \rangle = f_v(\mathbf{x}_n^v) - f_v(\mathbf{x}^*) + \langle \nabla f_v(\mathbf{x}_n^v), \mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}_n^v \rangle \leq 0. \quad (10)$$

From the L -smoothness property of f_v , we also obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F_{n+1}^v - F_n^v - \langle \nabla f_v(\mathbf{x}_n^v) - \nabla f_v(\mathbf{x}^*), \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v - \mathbf{x}_n^v \rangle \\ = f_v(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v) - f_v(\mathbf{x}_n^v) - \langle \nabla f_v(\mathbf{x}_n^v), \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v - \mathbf{x}_n^v \rangle \\ \leq \frac{L}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v - \mathbf{x}_n^v\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Adding (10) to (11) yields:

$$F_{n+1}^v + \langle \nabla f_v(\mathbf{x}^*) - \nabla f_v(\mathbf{x}_n^v), \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v - \mathbf{x}^* \rangle - \frac{L}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v - \mathbf{x}_n^v\|^2 \leq 0. \quad (12)$$

Now, we define

$$T^v(\mathbf{x}) = -\langle \mathbf{n}^v, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^* \rangle \quad (13)$$

and $T_n^v = T^v(\mathbf{x}_n^v)$. The fact that $\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v \in S_v$ yields $T_{n+1}^v \geq 0$. Note that from $\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v = P_{S_v}(\mathbf{z}_n^v)$ and the fact that $\mathbf{x}^* \in S_v$, we have

$$\langle \mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v, \mathbf{z}_n^v - \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v \rangle \leq 0, \quad (14)$$

which can also be written as

$$\mu T_{n+1}^v + \langle \mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v, \mathbf{z}_n^v - \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v - \mu \mathbf{n}^v \rangle \leq 0. \quad (15)$$

Multiplying (12) by μ , adding to (15), plugging the definition of \mathbf{z}_n^v in and summing over $v \in \mathcal{V}$ and $n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \sum_{n \in [N], v} F_{n+1}^v + T_{n+1}^v - \frac{L\mu}{2} \sum_{n \in [N], v} \|\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v - \mathbf{x}_n^v\|^2 \\ + \sum_{n \in [N], v} \left\langle \mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v, \mathbf{x}_n^v - \sum_u w_{vu} \mathbf{x}_n^u - \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v \right. \\ \left. + \mu(\mathbf{g}_n^v - \nabla f_v(\mathbf{x}^*) - \mathbf{n}^v) \right\rangle \leq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

We also replace the expression of \mathbf{z}_n^v in the dynamics of \mathbf{g}_n^v leading to

$$\mathbf{g}_{n+1}^v = \mathbf{g}_n^v + \frac{\rho}{\mu} \left(\mathbf{x}_n^v - \sum_u w_{vu} \mathbf{x}_n^u - \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v \right) + \alpha \delta_n^v, \quad (17)$$

where $\delta_n^v = \mathbf{h}_n^v - \mathbf{g}_n^v$ that follows the following dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{n+1}^v = (1 - \alpha) \delta_n^v - \sum_u q_{vu} \delta_n^u \\ - \frac{\rho}{\mu} \left(\mathbf{x}_n^v - \sum_u w_{vu} \mathbf{x}_n^u - \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v \right). \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

For simplicity, we define $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^v = \mathbf{x}_n^v - \mathbf{x}^*$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{g}}_n^v = \mathbf{g}_n^v - \nabla f_v(\mathbf{x}^*) - \mathbf{n}^v$ and rewrite (16), (17) and (18) as

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left(\mu \sum_v F_{n+1}^v + T_{n+1}^v + \frac{\eta}{2} \sum_{u,v} \|\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^u - \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v\|^2 \right) \\
& - \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_v \left\langle \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{n+1}^v, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^v - \sum_u w_{vu} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^u - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{n+1}^v + \mu \tilde{\mathbf{g}}_n^v \right\rangle \\
& - \frac{L\mu}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_v \|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{n+1}^v - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^v\|^2 \\
& - \frac{\eta}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_{u,v} \|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{n+1}^u - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{n+1}^v\|^2 \leq 0, \tag{19}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{g}}_{n+1}^v = \tilde{\mathbf{g}}_n^v + \frac{\rho}{\mu} \left(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^v - \sum_u w_{vu} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^u - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{n+1}^v \right) + \alpha \delta_n^v, \tag{20}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta_{n+1}^v &= (1 - \alpha) \delta_n^v - \sum_u q_{vu} \delta_n^u \\
&\quad - \frac{\rho}{\mu} \left(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^v - \sum_u w_{vu} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^u - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{n+1}^v \right), \tag{21}
\end{aligned}$$

where in the first inequality we also add and remove the term $\frac{\eta}{2} \sum_{u,v} \|\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^u - \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v\|^2$.

In the following, we will consider the last three summations in (19) as A_N . We show an asymptotic lower bound for A_N , i.e. show that there exists a constant C only depending on the initial values such that for sufficiently large N , $A_N \geq -C$. Note that since $A_N \leq 0$, we must have $C \geq 0$. Then, we conclude from (19) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left(\mu \sum_v F_{n+1}^v + T_{n+1}^v \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{\eta}{2} \sum_{u,v} \|\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^u - \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v\|^2 \right) \leq C. \tag{22}
\end{aligned}$$

Defining $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N^v = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \mathbf{x}_N^v$ and noting that each term in the summation over n is a fixed convex function of $\{\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^v\}_v$, we may recall Jensen's inequality to conclude

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mu \sum_v F^v(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N^v) + T^v(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N^v) \\
& \quad + \frac{\eta}{2} \sum_{u,v} \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N^u - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_N^v\|^2 \leq \frac{C}{N}. \tag{23}
\end{aligned}$$

Defining $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N = \frac{1}{M} \sum_v \bar{\mathbf{x}}_N^v$, we conclude that

$$\|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_N^u\|^2 = O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right).$$

Since $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N^u \in S_u$, we also conclude that

$$\text{dist}^2(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N, S_u) = O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right).$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \sum_v f_v(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N^v) - \sum_v f_v(\mathbf{x}^*) \right| \\
& \leq \frac{C}{\mu N} + \sum_v |\langle \mathbf{n}^v + \nabla f_v(\mathbf{x}^*), \bar{\mathbf{x}}_N^v - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_N \rangle| \\
& \leq \frac{C}{\mu N} + \sqrt{\sum_v \|\mathbf{n}^v + \nabla f_v(\mathbf{x}^*)\|^2} \sqrt{\sum_v \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N^v - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_N\|^2} \\
& = O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. \blacksquare

A. Bound on A_N

To find the bound C , we start by simplifying the notation in (19), (20) and (21). Let us introduce

$$\Psi_n = [\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_{n+1} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_n \quad \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_n \quad \Delta_n]^T, \tag{24}$$

where $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_n, \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_n, \Delta_n$ are matrices with $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n^v, \tilde{\mathbf{g}}_n^v, \delta_n^v$ as their v^{th} row, respectively. We may write (20) and (21) as

$$\Psi_{n+1} = \mathbf{R} \Psi_n + \mathbf{P} \mathbf{X}_{n+2} \quad n = 0, \dots, N-2, \tag{25}$$

where \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{R} are defined as

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} \\ -\frac{\rho}{\mu} \mathbf{I} & \frac{\rho}{\mu} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W}) & \mathbf{I} & \alpha \mathbf{I} \\ \frac{\rho}{\mu} \mathbf{I} & -\frac{\rho}{\mu} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W}) & \mathbf{O} & (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{Q} \end{bmatrix} \tag{26}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{O} \quad \mathbf{O} \quad \mathbf{O}]^T. \tag{27}$$

We also have

$$A_N = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \langle \Psi_n, \mathbf{S} \Psi_n \rangle \tag{28}$$

where $\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{S}_1 \quad \mathbf{S}_2]$ is computed as

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{S}_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} \left(1 - \frac{L\mu}{2}\right) \mathbf{I} - M\eta \left(\mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{M} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}^T\right) \\ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W}^T) + \frac{L\mu}{2} \mathbf{I} \\ -\frac{\mu}{2} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{O} \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{S}_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W}) + \frac{L\mu}{2} \mathbf{I} & -\frac{\mu}{2} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{O} \\ -\frac{L\mu}{2} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} \end{bmatrix} \tag{29}
\end{aligned}$$

The following Lemmas provide a guarantee that A_N is bounded.

Lemma 2. Consider matrices \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{S} , defined in (26), (27) and (29) Define a "dual" sequence $\{\Lambda_n\}_{n=-1}^{N-1}$ such that $\Lambda_{N-1} = \mathbf{0}$. Suppose that there exists a $C \geq 0$ such that for every $\beta > 0$, the system of equations in (25) together with

$$\Lambda_{n-1} - \mathbf{R}^T \Lambda_n + (\mathbf{S} + C \delta_{n,0} \mathbf{I}) \Psi_n = \mathbf{0} \tag{30}$$

for $n = N-1, N-2, \dots, 0$ with $\Lambda_{-1} = \mathbf{0}$ and

$$\mathbf{P}^T \Lambda_n = \beta \mathbf{X}_{n+2}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-2 \tag{31}$$

has no non-zero solution for $\{\Psi_n, \Lambda_n, \mathbf{X}_{n+2}\}$. Then, $\mathbf{A}_n \geq -C\|\Psi_0\|_{\mathbb{F}}^2$ always holds true.

Proof. Note that the claim is equivalent to the statement that zero is the optimal value for the optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\{\Psi_n\}_{n=0}^{N-1}, \{\mathbf{X}_{n+2}\}_{n=0}^{N-1}} & \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \langle \Psi_n, \mathbf{S}\Psi_n \rangle + C\|\Psi_0\|^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & \\ \Psi_{n+1} = \mathbf{R}\Psi_n + \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_{n+2}, & \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-2 \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

If the claim does not hold, the optimization is unbounded and the following restricted optimization will achieve a strictly negative optimal value at a non-zero solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\{\Psi_n\}_{n=0}^{N-1}, \{\mathbf{X}_{n+2}\}_{n=0}^{N-1}} & \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \langle \Psi_n, \mathbf{S}\Psi_n \rangle + C\|\Psi_0\|^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & \\ \Psi_{n+1} = \mathbf{R}\Psi_n + \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_{n+2}, & \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-2 \\ \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} \|\mathbf{X}_{n+2}\|_{\mathbb{F}}^2 \leq 1 & \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Such a solution satisfies the KKT condition, which coincides with (30), (31) where $\{\Lambda_n\}, \beta \geq 0$ are dual (Lagrangian) multipliers corresponding to the constraints. We also observe that the optimal value at this point is given by $-\beta \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} \|\mathbf{X}_{n+2}\|_{\mathbb{F}}^2$. This shows that $\beta > 0$. This contradicts the assumption that such a point does not exist and completes the proof. ■

We may further simplify the conditions in 2 by the following result:

Lemma 3. For a complex value z and a real value β , define

$$\mathbf{F}(z, \beta) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S} & z^{-1}\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R}^T & \mathbf{0} \\ z\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{P}^T & \beta\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \quad (34)$$

The condition of 2 is satisfied if

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -C\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \quad (35)$$

exists.

Proof. With an abuse of notation, define the z-transforms

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \Psi_n z^{-n}, \quad \Lambda(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} \Lambda_n z^{-n} \\ \mathbf{U}(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} \mathbf{X}_{n+2} z^{-n} \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have

$$(z^{-1}\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R}^T)\Lambda(z) + \mathbf{S}\Psi(z) + C\Psi_0 = 0 \quad (36)$$

$$(z\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R})\Psi(z) - \Psi_0 + \mathbf{R}\Psi_{N-1}z^{N-1} + \mathbf{P}\mathbf{U}(z) = 0 \quad (37)$$

$$\mathbf{P}^T \Lambda(z) = -\beta \mathbf{U}(z) \quad (38)$$

which can also be written as

$$\mathbf{F}(z, \beta) \begin{bmatrix} \Psi(z) \\ \Lambda(z) \\ \mathbf{U}(z) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -C\Psi_0 \\ \Psi_0 - \mathbf{R}\Psi_{N-1}z^{N-1} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \quad (39)$$

Note that $\mathbf{F}(z, \beta)$ may be rank-deficient at a finite number of points. Hence, there exists a sufficiently small simple loop \mathcal{C} around $z = 0$ such that \mathbf{F} is invertible on an inside it except at $z = 0$. In this region we have

$$\Psi(z) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{A}, \quad (40)$$

where \mathbf{A} is

$$\begin{bmatrix} -C\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \Psi_0 + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} z^{N-1} \Psi_{N-1}$$

On the other hand,

$$2\pi j \Psi_0 = \oint_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{1}{z} \Psi(z) dz \quad (41)$$

Further from the Cauchy integral formula for sufficiently large N , we have

$$\oint_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{1}{z} z^{N-1} \mathbf{F}^{-1}(z, \beta) dz = 2\pi j \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^{N-1} \mathbf{F}^{-1}(z, \beta) = \mathbf{0} \quad (42)$$

We conclude that

$$2\pi j \Psi_0 = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -C\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \Psi_0 \quad (43)$$

Note that by the assumption the right hand side is finite and real. However, the left hand side is imaginary, showing that $\Psi_0 = 0$, which completes the proof. ■