

Supplementary Materials

Proof of Theorem 1

To help theoretical analysis, we denote the objective functions in (6) and (7) as

$$\begin{aligned} g_m(x_m) &= \lambda R_m(x_m) + \langle y^t, \mathcal{D}_m x_m \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t + \mathcal{D}_m x_m - z^t \right\|^2, \\ h(z) &= l(z) - \langle y^t, z \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z \right\|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

correspondingly. We prove the following four lemmas to help prove the theorem.

Lemma 2 *Under Assumption 1, we have*

$$\nabla l(z^{t+1}) = y^{t+1},$$

and

$$\|y^{t+1} - y^t\|^2 \leq L^2 \|z^{t+1} - z^t\|^2.$$

Proof. By the optimality in (7), we have

$$\nabla l(z^{t+1}) - y^t + \rho \left(z^{t+1} - \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} \right) = 0.$$

Combined with (8), we can get

$$\nabla l(z^{t+1}) = y^{t+1}. \quad (19)$$

Combined with Assumption 1.1, we have

$$\|y^{t+1} - y^t\|^2 = \|\nabla l(z^{t+1}) - \nabla l(z^t)\|^2 \leq L^2 \|z^{t+1} - z^t\|^2. \quad (20)$$

□

Lemma 3 *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\left\| \sum_{m=1}^M x_m^{t+1} - z \right\|^2 - \left\| \sum_{m=1}^M x_m^t - z \right\|^2 \right) - \sum_{m=1}^M \left(\left\| \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M x_k^t + x_m^{t+1} - z \right\|^2 - \left\| \sum_{m=1}^M x_m^t - z \right\|^2 \right) \\ & \leq \sum_{m=1}^M \|x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \left(\sum_{m=1}^M (x_m^{t+1} + x_m^t) - 2z \right)^\top \left(\sum_{m=1}^M x_m^{t+1} - \sum_{m=1}^M x_m^t \right) - \sum_{m=1}^M \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M 2x_k^t + x_m^t + x_m^{t+1} - 2z \right)^\top (x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t) \\ &= - \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M (x_k^{t+1} - x_k^t)^\top (x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t) \\ &= - \left\| \sum_{m=1}^M (x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t) \right\|^2 + \sum_{m=1}^M \|x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t\|^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{m=1}^M \|x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 4 *Suppose Assumption 1 holds. We have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^{t+1}) - \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^t\}, z^t; y^t) \\ & \leq \sum_{m=1}^M - \left(\frac{\gamma_m(\rho)}{2} - \sigma_{\max}(\mathcal{D}_m^\top \mathcal{D}_m) \right) \|x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t\|^2 - \left(\frac{\gamma(\rho)}{2} - \frac{L^2}{\rho} \right) \|z^{t+1} - z^t\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The LFH can be decomposed into two parts as

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^{t+1}) - \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^t\}, z^t; y^t) \\
&= (\mathcal{L}(\{x_m^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^{t+1}) - \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^t)) \\
&+ (\mathcal{L}(\{x_m^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^t) - \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^t\}, z^t; y^t)).
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

For the first term, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{L}(\{x_j^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^{t+1}) - \mathcal{L}(\{x_j^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^t) \\
&= \langle y^{t+1} - y^t, \sum_j D_j x_j^{t+1} - z^{t+1} \rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{\rho} \|y^{t+1} - y^t\|^2 \quad (\text{by (8)}) \\
&= \frac{L^2}{\rho} \|z^{t+1} - z^t\|^2 \quad (\text{by Lemma 2}).
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

For the second term, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^t) - \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^t\}, z^t; y^t) \\
&= \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^t) - \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^t\}, z^{t+1}; y^t) + \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^t\}, z^{t+1}; y^t) - \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^t\}, z^t; y^t) \\
&\leq \left(\left(\lambda \sum_{m=1}^M R_m(x_m^{t+1}) + \langle y^t, \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^{t+1} - z^{t+1} \right\|^2 \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \left(\lambda \sum_{m=1}^M R_m(x_m^t) + \langle y^t, \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^t \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t - z^{t+1} \right\|^2 \right) \right) \\
&\quad + \left(\left(l(z^{t+1}) - \langle y^t, z^{t+1} \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z^{t+1} \right\|^2 \right) - \left(l(z^t) - \langle y^t, z^t \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^t - z^t \right\|^2 \right) \right) \\
&\leq \sum_{m=1}^M \left(\left(\lambda R_m(x_m^{t+1}) + \langle y^t, \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t + \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z^{t+1} \right\|^2 \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \left(\lambda R_m(x_m^t) + \langle y^t, \mathcal{D}_m x_m^t \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t - z^{t+1} \right\|^2 \right) \right) + \sum_{m=1}^M \|\mathcal{D}_m(x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t)\|^2 \\
&\quad + \left(\left(l(z^{t+1}) - \langle y^t, z^{t+1} \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z^{t+1} \right\|^2 \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \left(l(z^t) - \langle y^t, z^t \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^t - z^t \right\|^2 \right) \right) \quad (\text{by Lemma 3}) \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^M (g_m(x_m^{t+1}) - g_m(x_m^t)) + (h(z^{t+1}) - h(z^t)) + \sum_{m=1}^M \|\mathcal{D}_m(x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t)\|^2 \\
&\leq \sum_{m=1}^M \left(\langle \nabla g_m(x_m^{t+1}), x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t \rangle - \frac{\gamma_m(\rho)}{2} \|x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t\|^2 \right) + \langle \nabla h(z^{t+1}), z^{t+1} - z^t \rangle - \frac{\gamma(\rho)}{2} \|z^{t+1} - z^t\|^2 \\
&\quad + \sum_{m=1}^M \|\mathcal{D}_m(x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t)\|^2 \quad (\text{by strongly convexity from Assumption 1.2})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq -\sum_{m=1}^M \frac{\gamma_m(\rho)}{2} \|x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t\|^2 - \frac{\gamma(\rho)}{2} \|z^{t+1} - z^t\|^2 + \sum_{m=1}^M \|\mathcal{D}_m(x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t)\|^2 \\
&\quad (\text{by optimality condition for subproblem in (6) and (7)}) \\
&\leq \sum_{m=1}^M -\left(\frac{\gamma_m(\rho)}{2} - \sigma_{\max}(\mathcal{D}_m^\top \mathcal{D}_m)\right) \|x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t\|^2 - \frac{\gamma(\rho)}{2} \|z^{t+1} - z^t\|^2. \tag{24}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that we have abused the notation $\nabla g_m(x_m)$ and denote it as the subgradient when g is non-smooth but convex. Combining (22), (23) and (24), the lemma is proved. \square

Lemma 5 Suppose Assumption 1 holds. Then the following limit exists and is bounded from below:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{L}(\{x^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^{t+1}). \tag{25}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathcal{L}(\{x^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^{t+1}) \\
&= l(z^{t+1}) + \lambda \sum_{m=1}^M R_m(x_m^{t+1}) + \langle y^{t+1}, \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z^{t+1} \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z^{t+1}\|^2 \\
&= \lambda \sum_{m=1}^M R_m(x_m^{t+1}) + l(z^{t+1}) + \langle \nabla l(z^{t+1}), \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z^{t+1} \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z^{t+1}\|^2 \quad (\text{by Lemma 2}) \\
&\geq \lambda \sum_{m=1}^M R_m(x_m^{t+1}) + l\left(\sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1}\right) + \frac{\rho - L}{2} \|\mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z^{t+1}\|^2. \tag{26}
\end{aligned}$$

Combined with Assumption 1.3, $\mathcal{L}(\{x^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^{t+1})$ is lower bounded. Furthermore, by Assumption 1.2 and Lemma 4, $\mathcal{L}(\{x^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^{t+1})$ is decreasing. These complete the proof. \square

Now we are ready for the proof.

Part 1. By Assumption 1.2, Lemma 4 and Lemma 5, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t\| &\rightarrow 0 \quad \forall m = 1, 2, \dots, M, \\
\|z^{t+1} - z^t\| &\rightarrow 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Combined with Lemma 2, we have

$$\|y^{t+1} - y^t\|^2 \rightarrow 0.$$

Combined with (8), we complete the proof for Part 1.

Part 2. Due to the fact that $\|y^{t+1} - y^t\|^2 \rightarrow 0$, by taking limit in (8), we can get (12).

At each iteration $t + 1$, by the optimality of the subproblem in (7), we have

$$\nabla l(z^{t+1}) - y^t + \rho(z^{t+1} - \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1}) = 0. \tag{27}$$

Combined with (12) and taking the limit, we get (11).

Similarly, by the optimality of the subproblem in (6), for $\forall m \in \mathcal{M}$ there exists $\eta_m^{t+1} \in \partial R_m(x_m^{t+1})$, such that

$$\langle x_m - x_m^{t+1}, \lambda \eta_m^{t+1} + \mathcal{D}_m^\top y^t + \rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \leq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^{t+1} + \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k > j}}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t - z^t \right) \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall x_m \in X_m. \tag{28}$$

Since R_m is convex, we have

$$\lambda R_m(x_m) - \lambda R_m(x_m^{t+1}) + \langle x - x_m^{t+1}, \mathcal{D}_m^\top y^t + \rho \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \leq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^{t+1} + \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k > j}}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t - z^t \right)^\top \mathcal{D}_j \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall x_m \in X_m. \tag{29}$$

Combined with (12) and the fact $\|x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t\| \rightarrow 0$, by taking the limit, we get

$$\lambda R_m(x_m) - \lambda R_m(x_m^*) + \langle x - x_m^*, \mathcal{D}_m^\top y^* \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall x_m \in X_m, \forall m, \tag{30}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\lambda R_m(x) + \langle y^*, \mathcal{D}_m x \rangle - \lambda R_m(x_m^*) - \langle y^*, \mathcal{D}_m x_m^* \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in X_m, \forall m. \quad (31)$$

And we can get the result in (9).

When $m \notin \mathcal{M}$, we have

$$\langle x_m - x_m^{t+1}, \lambda \nabla R_m(x_m^{t+1}) + \mathcal{D}_m^\top y^t + \rho \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \leq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^{t+1} + \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k > j}}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t - z^t \right)^T \mathcal{D}_m \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall x_m \in X_m. \quad (32)$$

Taking the limit and we can get (10).

Part 3. We first show that there exists a limit point for each of the sequences $\{x_m^t\}$, $\{z^t\}$ and $\{y^t\}$. Since $X_m, \forall m$ is compact, $\{x_m^t\}$ must have a limit point. With Theorem 1.1, we can get that $\{z^t\}$ is also compact and has a limit point. Furthermore, with Lemma 2, we can get $\{y^t\}$ is also compact and has a limit point.

We prove Part 3 by contradiction. Since $\{x_m^t\}$, $\{z^t\}$ and $\{y^t\}$ lie in some compact set, there exists a subsequence $\{x_m^{t_k}\}$, $\{z^{t_k}\}$ and $\{y^{t_k}\}$, such that

$$(\{x_m^{t_k}\}, z^{t_k}; y^{t_k}) \rightarrow (\{\hat{x}_m\}, \hat{z}; \hat{y}), \quad (33)$$

where $(\{\hat{x}_m\}, \hat{z}; \hat{y})$ is some limit point and by part 2, we have $(\{\hat{x}_m\}, \hat{z}; \hat{y}) \in Z^*$. Suppose that $\{\{x_m^t\}, z^t; y^t\}$ does not converge to Z^* , since $(\{x_m^{t_k}\}, z^{t_k}; y^{t_k})$ is a subsequence of it, there exists some $\gamma > 0$, such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{dist}((\{x_m^{t_k}\}, z^{t_k}; y^{t_k}); Z^*) = \gamma > 0. \quad (34)$$

From (33), there exists some $J(\gamma) > 0$, such that

$$\|(\{x_m^{t_k}\}, z^{t_k}; y^{t_k}) - (\{\hat{x}_m\}, \hat{z}; \hat{y})\| \leq \frac{\gamma}{2}, \quad \forall k \geq J(\gamma). \quad (35)$$

Since $(\{\hat{x}_m\}, \hat{z}; \hat{y}) \in Z^*$, we have

$$\text{dist}((\{x_m^{t_k}\}, z^{t_k}; y^{t_k}); Z^*) \leq \text{dist}((\{x_m^{t_k}\}, z^{t_k}; y^{t_k}); (\{\hat{x}_m\}, \hat{z}; \hat{y})). \quad (36)$$

From the above two inequalities, we must have

$$\text{dist}((\{x_m^{t_k}\}, z^{t_k}; y^{t_k}); Z^*) \leq \frac{\gamma}{2}, \quad \forall k \geq J(\gamma), \quad (37)$$

which contradicts to (34), completing the proof. \square

Proof of Theorem 2

We first show an upper bound for V^t .

1. Bound for $\tilde{\nabla}_{x_m} \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^t\}, z^t; y^t)$. When $m \in \mathcal{M}$, from the optimality condition in (6), we have

$$0 \in \lambda \partial_{x_m} R_j(x_m^{t+1}) + \mathcal{D}^\top y^t + \rho \mathcal{D}_j^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t + \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z^t \right).$$

By some rearrangement, we have

$$(x_m^{t+1} - \mathcal{D}^\top y^t - \rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t + \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z^t \right)) - x_m^{t+1} \in \lambda \partial_{x_m} R_m(x_m^{t+1}),$$

which is equivalent to

$$x_m^{t+1} = \text{prox}_{\lambda R_m} [x_m^{t+1} - \mathcal{D}^\top y^t - \rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t + \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z^t \right)]. \quad (38)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|x_m^t - \text{prox}_{\lambda R_m} [x_m^t - \nabla_{x_m} (\mathcal{L}(\{x_m^t\}, z^t; y^t) - \lambda \sum_{m=1}^M R_m(x_m^t))] \| \\
&= \|x_m^t - x_m^{t+1} + x_m^{t+1} - \text{prox}_{\lambda R_m} [x_m^t - \mathcal{D}^\top y^t - \rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top (\sum_{k=1}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t - z^t)] \| \\
&\leq \|x_m^t - x_m^{t+1}\| + \|\text{prox}_{\lambda R_m} [x_m^{t+1} - \mathcal{D}^\top y^t - \rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top (\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t + \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z^t)] \\
&\quad - \text{prox}_{\lambda R_m} [x_m^t - \mathcal{D}^\top y^t - \rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top (\sum_{k=1}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t - z^t)] \| \\
&\leq 2\|x_m^t - x_m^{t+1}\| + \rho \|\mathcal{D}_m^\top \mathcal{D}_m (x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t)\|. \tag{39}
\end{aligned}$$

When $m \notin \mathcal{M}$, similarly, we have

$$\lambda \nabla_{x_m} R_m(x_m^{t+1}) + \mathcal{D}^\top y^t + \rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top (\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t + \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z^t) = 0. \tag{40}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\nabla_{x_m} \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^t\}, z^t; y^t)\| \\
&= \|\lambda \nabla_{x_m} R_m(x_m^t) + \mathcal{D}^\top y^t + \rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top (\sum_{k=1}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t - z^t)\| \\
&= \|\lambda \nabla_{x_m} R_m(x_m^t) + \mathcal{D}^\top y^t + \rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top (\sum_{k=1}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t - z^t) \\
&\quad - (\lambda \nabla_{x_m} R_m(x_m^{t+1}) + \mathcal{D}^\top y^t + \rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top (\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^M \mathcal{D}_k x_k^t + \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1} - z^t))\| \\
&\leq \lambda \|\nabla_{x_m} R_m(x_m^t) - \nabla_{x_m} R_m(x_m^{t+1})\| + \rho \|\mathcal{D}_m^\top \mathcal{D}_m (x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t)\| \\
&\leq L_m \|x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t\| + \rho \|\mathcal{D}_m^\top \mathcal{D}_m (x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t)\|. \quad (\text{by Assumption 1.4}) \tag{41}
\end{aligned}$$

2. Bound for $\|\nabla_z \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^t\}, z^t; y^t)\|$. By optimality condition in (7), we have

$$\nabla l(z^{t+1}) - y^t + \rho(z^{t+1} - \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1}) = 0.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\nabla_z \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^t\}, z^t; y^t)\| \\
&= \|l(z^t) - y^t + \rho(z^t - \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^t)\| \\
&= \|l(z^t) - y^t + \rho(z^t - \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^t) - (l(z^{t+1}) - y^t + \rho(z^{t+1} - \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^{t+1}))\| \\
&\leq (L + \rho) \|z^{t+1} - z^t\| + \rho \sum_{m=1}^M \|\mathcal{D}_m (x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t)\|. \tag{42}
\end{aligned}$$

3. Bound for $\|\sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^t - z^t\|$. According to Lemma 2, we have

$$\|\sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}_m x_m^t - z^t\| = \frac{1}{\rho} \|y^{t+1} - y^t\| \leq \frac{L}{\rho} \|z^{t+1} - z^t\|. \tag{43}$$

Combining (39), (41), (42) and (43), we can conclude that there exists some $C_1 > 0$, such that

$$V^t \leq C_1 (\|z^{t+1} - z^t\|^2 + \sum_{m=1}^M \|x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t\|^2), \quad (44)$$

By Lemma 4, there exists some constant $C_2 = \min\{\sum_{m=1}^M \frac{\gamma_m(\rho)}{2}, \frac{\gamma(\rho)}{2} - \frac{L^2}{\rho}\}$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^t\}, z^t; y^t) - \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^{t+1}) \\ & \geq C_2 (\|z^{t+1} - z^t\|^2 + \sum_{m=1}^M \|x_m^{t+1} - x_m^t\|^2). \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

By (44) and (45), we have

$$V^t \leq \frac{C_1}{C_2} \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^t\}, z^t; y^t) - \mathcal{L}(\{x_m^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^{t+1}). \quad (46)$$

Taking the sum over $t = 1, \dots, T$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=1}^T V^t & \leq \frac{C_1}{C_2} \mathcal{L}(\{x^1\}, z^1; y^1) - \mathcal{L}(\{x^{t+1}\}, z^{t+1}; y^{t+1}) \\ & \leq \frac{C_1}{C_2} (\mathcal{L}(\{x^1\}, z^1; y^1) - \underline{f}). \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

By the definition of $T(\epsilon)$, we have

$$T(\epsilon)\epsilon \leq \frac{C_1}{C_2} (\mathcal{L}(\{x^1\}, z^1; y^1) - \underline{f}). \quad (48)$$

By taking $C = \frac{C_1}{C_2}$, we complete the proof. \square

Proof of Lemma 1

From the optimality condition of the x update procedure in (16), we can get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_m x_{m, \mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1} &= -\mathcal{D}_m (\rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top \mathcal{D}_m)^{-1} \left[\lambda R'_m(x_{m, \mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1}) + \mathcal{D}_m^\top y^t + \rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right) \right], \\ \mathcal{D}'_m x_{m, \mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1} &= -\mathcal{D}'_m (\rho \mathcal{D}'_m{}^\top \mathcal{D}'_m)^{-1} \left[\lambda R'_m(x_{m, \mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1}) + \mathcal{D}'_m{}^\top y^t + \rho \mathcal{D}'_m{}^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{D}_m x_{m,\mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1} - \mathcal{D}'_m x_{m,\mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1} \\
&= -\mathcal{D}_m (\rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top \mathcal{D}_m)^{-1} \left[\lambda R'_m(x_{m,\mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1}) + \mathcal{D}_m^\top y^t \mathcal{D}_m + \rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right) \right] \\
&\quad + \mathcal{D}'_m (\rho \mathcal{D}'_m{}^\top \mathcal{D}'_m)^{-1} \left[\lambda R'_m(x_{m,\mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1}) + \mathcal{D}'_m{}^\top y^t + \rho \mathcal{D}'_m{}^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right) \right] \\
&= \mathcal{D}_m (\rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top \mathcal{D}_m)^{-1} \\
&\quad \times \left[\lambda (R'_m(x_{m,\mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1}) - R'_m(x_{m,\mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1})) + (\mathcal{D}'_m - \mathcal{D}_m)^\top y^t + \rho (\mathcal{D}'_m - \mathcal{D}_m)^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right) \right] \\
&\quad + [\mathcal{D}'_m (\rho \mathcal{D}'_m{}^\top \mathcal{D}'_m)^{-1} - \mathcal{D}_m (\rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top \mathcal{D}_m)^{-1}] \\
&\quad \times \left(\lambda R'_m(x_{m,\mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1}) + \mathcal{D}'_m{}^\top y^t + \rho \mathcal{D}'_m{}^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Denote

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi_1 &= \mathcal{D}_m (\rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top \mathcal{D}_m)^{-1} \\
&\quad \times \left[\lambda (R'_m(x_{m,\mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1}) - R'_m(x_{m,\mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1})) + (\mathcal{D}'_m - \mathcal{D}_m)^\top y^t + \rho (\mathcal{D}'_m - \mathcal{D}_m)^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right) \right], \\
\Phi_2 &= [\mathcal{D}'_m (\rho \mathcal{D}'_m{}^\top \mathcal{D}'_m)^{-1} - \mathcal{D}_m (\rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top \mathcal{D}_m)^{-1}] \\
&\quad \times \left(\lambda R'_m(x_{m,\mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1}) + \mathcal{D}'_m{}^\top y^t + \rho \mathcal{D}'_m{}^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

As a result:

$$\mathcal{D}_m x_{m,\mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1} - \mathcal{D}'_m x_{m,\mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1} = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2. \quad (49)$$

In the following, we will analyze the components in (49) term by term. The object is to prove $\max_{\substack{\mathcal{D}_m, \mathcal{D}'_m \\ \|\mathcal{D}_m - \mathcal{D}'_m\| \leq 1}} \|x_{m,\mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1} - x_{m,\mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1}\|$ is bounded. To see this, notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \max_{\substack{\mathcal{D}_m, \mathcal{D}'_m \\ \|\mathcal{D}_m - \mathcal{D}'_m\| \leq 1}} \|\mathcal{D}_m x_{m,\mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1} - \mathcal{D}'_m x_{m,\mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1}\| \\
& \leq \max_{\substack{\mathcal{D}_m, \mathcal{D}'_m \\ \|\mathcal{D}_m - \mathcal{D}'_m\| \leq 1}} \|\Phi_1\| + \max_{\substack{\mathcal{D}_m, \mathcal{D}'_m \\ \|\mathcal{D}_m - \mathcal{D}'_m\| \leq 1}} \|\Phi_2\|.
\end{aligned}$$

For $\max_{\substack{\mathcal{D}_m, \mathcal{D}'_m \\ \|\mathcal{D}_m - \mathcal{D}'_m\| \leq 1}} \|\Phi_2\|$, from assumption 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \max_{\substack{\mathcal{D}_m, \mathcal{D}'_m \\ \|\mathcal{D}_m - \mathcal{D}'_m\| \leq 1}} \|\Phi_2\| \\
& \leq \left\| \frac{2}{d_m \rho} \left(\lambda R'_m(x_{m,\mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1}) + \mathcal{D}'_m{}^\top y^t + \rho \mathcal{D}'_m{}^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right) \right) \right\|.
\end{aligned}$$

By mean value theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{2}{d_m \rho} \left(\lambda \mathcal{D}_m'^\top R_m''(x_*) + \mathcal{D}_m'^\top y^t + \rho \mathcal{D}_m'^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right) \right) \right\| \\ & \leq \frac{2}{d_m \rho} \left[\lambda \|R_m''(\cdot)\| + \|y^t\| + \rho \left\| \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right) \right\| \right]. \end{aligned}$$

For $\max_{\substack{\mathcal{D}_m, \mathcal{D}_m' \\ \|\mathcal{D}_m - \mathcal{D}_m'\| \leq 1}} \|\Phi_1\|$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\substack{\mathcal{D}_m, \mathcal{D}_m' \\ \|\mathcal{D}_m - \mathcal{D}_m'\| \leq 1}} \|\Phi_1\| \leq \left\| \mathcal{D}_m (\rho \mathcal{D}_m^\top \mathcal{D}_m)^{-1} \right. \\ & \quad \times \left[\lambda (R_m'(x_{m, \mathcal{D}_m'}^{t+1}) - R_m'(x_{m, \mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1})) + (\mathcal{D}_m' - \mathcal{D}_m)^\top y^t + \rho (\mathcal{D}_m' - \mathcal{D}_m)^\top \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right) \right] \left. \right\| \\ & \leq \rho^{-1} \|(\mathcal{D}_m^\top \mathcal{D}_m)^{-1}\| \left[\lambda \|R_m''(\cdot)\| + \|y^t\| + \rho \left\| \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right)^\top \right\| \right] \\ & = \frac{1}{d_m \rho} \left[\lambda \|R_m''(\cdot)\| + \|y^t\| + \rho \left\| \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right) \right\| \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus by assumption 2.1-2.2

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\substack{\mathcal{D}_m, \mathcal{D}_m' \\ \|\mathcal{D}_m - \mathcal{D}_m'\| \leq 1}} \|\mathcal{D}_m x_{m, \mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1} - \mathcal{D}_m' x_{m, \mathcal{D}_m'}^{t+1}\| \\ & \leq \frac{3}{d_m \rho} \left[\lambda c_1 + \|y^t\| + \rho \left\| \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \mathcal{D}_k \tilde{x}_k - z \right)^\top \right\| \right] \\ & \leq \frac{3}{d_m \rho} \left[\lambda c_1 + \|y^t\| + \rho \|z\| + \rho \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq m}}^M \|\tilde{x}_k\| \right] \\ & \leq \frac{3}{d_m \rho} [\lambda c_1 + (1 + M\rho)b_1] \end{aligned}$$

is bounded. □

Proof of Theorem 3

Proof: The privacy loss from $\mathcal{D}_m \tilde{x}_m^{t+1}$ is calculated by:

$$\left| \ln \frac{P(\mathcal{D}_m \tilde{x}_m^{t+1} | \mathcal{D}_m)}{P(\mathcal{D}_m' \tilde{x}_m^{t+1} | \mathcal{D}_m')} \right| = \left| \ln \frac{P(\mathcal{D}_m \tilde{x}_m^{t+1} + \mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1})}{P(\mathcal{D}_m' \tilde{x}_m^{t+1} + \mathcal{D}_m' \xi_m^{t+1})} \right| = \left| \ln \frac{P(\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1})}{P(\mathcal{D}_m' \xi_m^{t+1})} \right|.$$

Since $\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1}$ and $\mathcal{D}'_m \xi_m^{t+1}$ are sampled from $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{m,t+1}^2)$, combine with lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \ln \frac{P(\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1})}{P(\mathcal{D}'_m \xi_m^{t+1})} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{2\xi_m^{t+1} \|\mathcal{D}_m x_{m,\mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1} - \mathcal{D}'_m x_{m,\mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1}\| + \|\mathcal{D}_m x_{m,\mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1} - \mathcal{D}'_m x_{m,\mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1}\|^2}{2\sigma_{m,t+1}^2} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{2\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1} \mathbb{C} + \mathbb{C}^2}{2 \frac{\mathbb{C}^2 \cdot 2\ln(1.25/\sigma)}{\varepsilon^2}} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{(2\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1} + \mathbb{C})\varepsilon^2}{4\mathbb{C}\ln(1.25/\sigma)} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

In order to make $\left| \frac{(2\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1} + \mathbb{C})\varepsilon^2}{4\mathbb{C}\ln(1.25/\sigma)} \right| \leq \varepsilon$, we need to make sure

$$|\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1}| \leq \frac{2\mathbb{C}\ln(1.25/\sigma)}{\varepsilon} - \frac{\mathbb{C}}{2}.$$

In the following, we need to proof

$$P(|\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1}| \geq \frac{2\mathbb{C}\ln(1.25/\sigma)}{\varepsilon} - \frac{\mathbb{C}}{2}) \leq \delta \quad (50)$$

holds. However, we will proof a stronger result that lead to (50). Which is

$$P(\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1} \geq \frac{2\mathbb{C}\ln(1.25/\sigma)}{\varepsilon} - \frac{\mathbb{C}}{2}) \leq \frac{\delta}{2}.$$

Since the tail bound of normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{m,t+1}^2)$ is:

$$P(\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1} > r) \leq \frac{\sigma_{m,t+1}}{r\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma_{m,t+1}^2}}.$$

Let $r = \frac{2\mathbb{C}\ln(1.25/\sigma)}{\varepsilon} - \frac{\mathbb{C}}{2}$, we then have

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1} \geq \frac{2\mathbb{C}\ln(1.25/\sigma)}{\varepsilon} - \frac{\mathbb{C}}{2}) \\ &\leq \frac{\mathbb{C}\sqrt{2\ln(1.25/\sigma)}}{r\sqrt{2\pi}\varepsilon} \exp\left[-\frac{[4\ln(1.25/\sigma) - \varepsilon]^2}{8\ln(1.25/\sigma)}\right]. \end{aligned}$$

When δ is small and let $\varepsilon \leq 1$, we then have

$$\frac{\sqrt{2\ln(1.25/\sigma)}2}{(4\ln(1.25/\sigma) - \varepsilon)\sqrt{2\pi}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{2\ln(1.25/\sigma)}2}{(4\ln(1.25/\sigma) - 1)\sqrt{2\pi}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}. \quad (51)$$

As a result, we can proof that

$$-\frac{[4\ln(1.25/\sigma) - \varepsilon]^2}{8\ln(1.25/\sigma)} < \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\frac{\delta}{2})$$

by equation (51). Thus we have

$$P(\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1} \geq \frac{2\mathbb{C}\ln(1.25/\sigma)}{\varepsilon} - \frac{\mathbb{C}}{2}) < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(\ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\frac{\delta}{2})) = \frac{\delta}{2}.$$

Thus we proved (50) holds. Define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{A}_1 &= \{\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1} : |\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1}| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(\ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\frac{\delta}{2}))\}, \\ \mathbb{A}_2 &= \{\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1} : |\mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1}| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(\ln(\sqrt{2\pi}\frac{\delta}{2}))\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain the desired result:

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\mathcal{D}'_m \tilde{x}_m^{t+1} | \mathcal{D}_m) \\ &= P(\mathcal{D}_m x_{m,\mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1} + \mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1} : \mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1} \in \mathbb{A}_1) \\ &+ P(\mathcal{D}_m x_{m,\mathcal{D}_m}^{t+1} + \mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1} : \mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1} \in \mathbb{A}_2) \\ &< e^\varepsilon P(\mathcal{D}_m x_{m,\mathcal{D}'_m}^{t+1} + \mathcal{D}_m \xi_m^{t+1}) + \delta = e^\varepsilon P(\mathcal{D}_m \tilde{x}_m^{t+1} | \mathcal{D}'_m) + \delta. \end{aligned}$$

□