

APPENDIX A
PROOF OF LEMMA 1

Lemma 1. *Given any feasible task replication and power allocation, the Lyapunov drift-plus-penalty function B in our formulation (32) is upper bounded by the following expression.*

$$B \geq \frac{1}{2}E[(Q(t))^2 + \omega^2] + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^I E\left[\left(\frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} D_{i,b}(t)\right)^2 + \epsilon^2\right],$$

where ω is the restricted queue length in the cloud, and $R_{i,b}(t)$ is denoted as the total amount of computing from TaV i in the time slot t , ϵ is the average delay constraint.

Proof. By squaring both sides of the equation (12), we can get the expression below.

$$\begin{aligned} & H(t+1)^2 \\ &= (\max\{H(t) + Q(t) - \omega, 0\})^2 \\ &\leq H(t)^2 + \omega^2 + Q(t)^2 + 2H(t)Q(t) \\ &\quad - 2\omega Q(t) - 2\omega H(t). \end{aligned}$$

The following inequality can be obtained as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2}[H(t+1)^2 - H(t)^2] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}(\omega^2 + Q(t)^2 + 2Q(t)H(t) \\ &\quad - 2\omega Q(t) - 2\omega H(t)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}[Q(t)^2 + \omega^2 + 2H(t)(Q(t) - \omega)]. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can obtain the following expression.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2}[G_i(t+1)^2 - G_i(t)^2] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\left[\epsilon^2 + \left(\frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} D_{i,b}(t)\right)^2 - 2\epsilon G_i(t) - 2\epsilon\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} D_{i,b}(t) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2G_i(t)\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} D_{i,b}(t)\right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\left[\left(\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} D_{i,b}(t)\right)^2 + \epsilon^2 + 2G_i(t)\left(\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} D_{i,b}(t) - \epsilon\right)\right]. \end{aligned}$$

Summing over all the above inequality when $i = 1, 2, \dots, I$, the following inequality can be obtained as below.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^I [G_i(t+1)^2 - G_i(t)^2] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^I \left[\left(\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} D_{i,b}(t)\right)^2 + \epsilon^2 + 2G_i(t)\left(\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} D_{i,b}(t) - \epsilon\right)\right]. \end{aligned}$$

According to the definition of Lyapunov drift function, we can get the expression below.

$$L(\Theta(t)) = \frac{1}{2}\left((H(t))^2 + \sum_{i=1}^I (G_i(t))^2\right),$$

$$\Delta L(t) = E[L(\Theta(t+1)) - L(\Theta(t))].$$

Then, we can get a bound on $\Delta L(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta L(t) &\leq B + [H(t)(Q(t) - \omega) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^I G_i(t)\left(\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} D_{i,b}(t) - \epsilon\right)], \end{aligned}$$

where B is upper bounded by the expression as below.

$$\begin{aligned} B &\geq \frac{1}{2}E[(Q(t))^2 + \omega^2] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^I E\left[\left(\frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} D_{i,b}(t)\right)^2 + \epsilon^2\right]. \end{aligned}$$

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APPENDIX B
PROOF OF LEMMA 2

Lemma 2. *The BER $\Omega_{i,b}(t)$ between TaV i and the edge cloud and the BER $\Omega_{i,j}(t)$ between TaV i and SeV j under Rayleigh fading conditions have the approximation as below.*

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{i,b}(t) &\approx \frac{(e^{R_{i,b}(t)} - 1) \left(\sum_{k=i+1}^I |h_{k,b}(t)|^2 \alpha_i^n(t) p_{k,b}(t) + \sigma^2\right)}{p_{i,b}(t) |h_{i,b}(t)|^2}, \\ \Omega_{i,j}(t) &\approx \frac{(e^{\frac{K_{i,j}}{L_{i,j}}} - 1) \sigma^2}{p_{i,j}(t) |h_{i,j}(t)|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. According to Taylor's Expanded Form, we can get the approximations of (7) and (8) as below.

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{i,b}(t) &\approx 1 - k_1 \gamma_{i,b}(t) \left(1 + \frac{k_2}{\gamma_{i,b}(t)} + \frac{k_2^2}{2\gamma_{i,b}^2(t)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 1 - \frac{k_3}{\gamma_{i,b}(t)} - \frac{k_3^2}{2\gamma_{i,b}^2(t)}\right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } k_1 &= \sqrt{\frac{L_{i,b}}{2\pi(e^{\frac{K_{i,b}}{L_{i,b}}} - 1)}}, k_2 = 1 - e^{\frac{K_{i,b}}{L_{i,b}}} + \sqrt{\frac{\pi(e^{\frac{K_{i,b}}{L_{i,b}}} - 1)}{2L_{i,b}}}, \\ \text{and } k_3 &= 1 - e^{\frac{K_{i,b}}{L_{i,b}}} - \sqrt{\frac{\pi(e^{\frac{K_{i,b}}{L_{i,b}}} - 1)}{2L_{i,b}}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{i,j}(t) &\approx 1 - g_1 \gamma_{i,j}(t) \left(1 + \frac{g_2}{\gamma_{i,j}(t)} + \frac{g_2^2}{2\gamma_{i,j}^2(t)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 1 - \frac{g_3}{\gamma_{i,j}(t)} - \frac{g_3^2}{2\gamma_{i,j}^2(t)}\right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } g_1 &= \sqrt{\frac{L_{i,j}}{2\pi(e^{\frac{K_{i,j}}{L_{i,j}}} - 1)}}, g_2 = 1 - e^{\frac{K_{i,j}}{L_{i,j}}} + \sqrt{\frac{\pi(e^{\frac{K_{i,j}}{L_{i,j}}} - 1)}{2L_{i,j}}}, \\ \text{and } g_3 &= 1 - e^{\frac{K_{i,j}}{L_{i,j}}} - \sqrt{\frac{\pi(e^{\frac{K_{i,j}}{L_{i,j}}} - 1)}{2L_{i,j}}}. \end{aligned}$$

After simplification, we can obtain the below expressions.

$$\Omega_{i,b}(t) \approx \frac{(e^{\frac{K_{i,b}}{L_{i,b}}} - 1) \left(\sum_{k=i+1}^I |h_{k,b}(t)|^2 p_{k,b}(t) + \sigma^2 \right)}{p_{i,b}(t) |h_{i,b}(t)|^2},$$

$$\Omega_{i,j}(t) \approx \frac{(e^{\frac{K_{i,j}}{L_{i,j}}} - 1) \sigma^2}{p_{i,j}(t) |h_{i,j}(t)|^2}.$$

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APPENDIX C

PROOF OF LEMMA 3

Lemma 3. *The expected service reliability incurred by PA-TRLF could achieve the effect that has a gap with the maximal service reliability, which can be described below.*

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} E\{\Upsilon(t)|\Theta(t)\} \leq \Upsilon^{\sup}(t) - \frac{B}{V},$$

where $\Upsilon^{\sup}(t)$ is the supremum of the average service reliability achieved by any joint strategy under the required constraints, and B is mentioned in **Lemma 1**.

Proof. From **Lemma 2**, we can get the below expression.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta L(t) - VE\{\Upsilon(t)|\Theta(t)\} &\leq B - VE\{\Upsilon(t)|\Theta(t)\} \\ &+ \sum_i^I G_i(t) E\left\{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} D_{i,b}(t) - \epsilon | \Theta(t)\right\} \\ &+ H(t) E\{Q(t) - \omega | \Theta(t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

B is the upper bound, which follows the below inequality.

$$\begin{aligned} B &\geq \frac{1}{2} E \left[(Q(t))^2 + \omega^2 \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^I E \left[\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} D_{i,b}(t) \right)^2 + \epsilon^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

From **Section 3.1.4** in the study [16], we have the following inequality.

$$B - V\Upsilon^{\sup}(t) \leq \Delta L(t) - VE\{\Upsilon(t)|\Theta(t)\}.$$

By adding $t = 0, 1, \dots, T-1$ cumulatively, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} TB - TV\Upsilon^{\sup}(t) &\leq E\{L(\Theta(t)) - L(\Theta(0))\} \\ &- V \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} E\{\Upsilon(t)|\Theta(t)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $L(\Theta(t)) \geq 0, L(\Theta(0)) = 0$, both sides divide by the same $-TV$, when $t \rightarrow +\infty$, we can obtain that:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \sup \frac{1}{t} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} E\{\Upsilon(t)\} \leq \Upsilon^{\sup}(t) - \frac{B}{V}.$$

With Jensen's inequality, we can get:

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} E(\Upsilon(t)) \leq \Upsilon^{\sup}(t) - \frac{B}{V}.$$

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APPENDIX D PROOF OF LEMMA 4

Lemma 4. *The virtual task queue in the edge cloud and the virtual delay queue for all TaVs in NOMA-enabled VEC are stable, which can be presented as follows.*

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \left(E\{H(t)\} + \sum_{i=1}^I E\{G_i(t)\} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{V(\hat{\Upsilon}(t) - \check{\Upsilon}(t)) - B}{\varsigma}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\hat{\Upsilon}(t)$ and $\check{\Upsilon}(t)$ are defined as the maximum and minimum service reliability among all strategies. B is mentioned in **Lemma 1**.

Proof. We now prove that $Q(t)$ and $G_i(t)$ are mean rate stable under Algorithm 3.

Denote $\Phi(t)TV\{\hat{\Upsilon}(t)\} - V \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} E\{\Upsilon(t)|\Theta(t)\} - TB + E\{L(\Theta(0))\}$.

Based on **Lemma 3**, we can get $E\{L(\Theta(t))\} \leq \Phi(t)$, i.e., $E\{H(t)^2\} \leq 2\Phi(t)$ and $E\{\sum_{i=1}^I G_i(t)^2\} \leq 2\Phi(t)$. Thus, we have the following inequality.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq E\{H(t)\} \leq \sqrt{2\Phi(t)}. \\ 0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^I E\{G_i(t)\} \leq \sqrt{2\Phi(t)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2\Phi(t)}}{T} = 0$, we can also acknowledge that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E\{H(t)\}}{T} &= 0. \\ \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^I \frac{E\{G_i(t)\}}{T} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

To find the upper bound of the average sum queue length of $E\{H(t)\}$ and $\sum_{i=1}^I E\{G_i(t)\}$, we can obtain the below expression in the proof of **Lemma 3**,

$$\begin{aligned} &L(\Theta(t+1)) - L(\Theta(t)) - VE\{\Upsilon(t)|\Theta(t)\} \geq \\ &\left[\sum_{i=1}^I G_i(t) \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} D_{i,b}(t) - \epsilon \right) + H(t) (Q(t) - \omega) \right] \\ &+ B - V\Upsilon^{\sup}(t), \end{aligned}$$

where $\Upsilon^{\sup}(t)$ is the supremum of the average service reliability achieved by any joint strategy under the required constraints.

Then, summing over $t \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, T-1\}$, we can obtain the expression below.

$$\begin{aligned} &L(\Theta(T)) - L(\Theta(0)) - \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} VE\{\Upsilon(t)|\Theta(t)\} \geq \\ &TB - TV\Upsilon^{\sup}(t) + \varsigma \left(E\{H(t)\} + \sum_{i=1}^I E\{G_i(t)\} \right), \end{aligned}$$

□ where $\varsigma > 0$.

After dividing T and ς by both sides of the above inequality, we can finally get.

$$\frac{1}{T} \left(E\{H(t)\} + \sum_{i=1}^I E\{G_i(t)\} \right) \leq \frac{E(L(T))}{\varsigma T} - \frac{E(L(0))}{\varsigma T} - \frac{B - V\Upsilon^{\text{sup}}(t) + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} V E\{\Upsilon(t)|\Theta(t)\}}{\varsigma},$$

$$\Upsilon^{\text{sup}}(t) - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} E\{\Upsilon(t)|\Theta(t)\} \leq \hat{\Upsilon}(t) - \check{\Upsilon}(t).$$

From the predefined value $L(0)$, we can get the conclusion.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \left(E\{H(t)\} + \sum_{i=1}^I E\{G_i(t)\} \right) \\ \leq \frac{V(\hat{\Upsilon}(t) - \check{\Upsilon}(t)) - B}{\varsigma}. \end{aligned}$$

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