

We denote the synthesized label from greedy LAST as $y_{i_t}^*$. The other notation follows the main paper.

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{w}^{t+1} - \mathbf{w}^*\|^2 &= \|\mathbf{w}^t - \eta_t \nabla_{\mathbf{w}^t} \ell(\mathbf{x}_{i_t}, y_{i_t}^* | \mathbf{w}^t) - \mathbf{w}^*\|^2 \\
&= \|\mathbf{w}^t - \eta_t g(y_{i_t}^*) \nabla_{\mathbf{w}^t} \ell(\mathbf{x}_{i_t}, \tilde{y}_{i_t} | \mathbf{w}^t) - \mathbf{w}^*\|^2 \\
&= \|\mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^*\|^2 - 2\eta_t g(y_{i_t}^*) \langle \nabla_{\mathbf{w}^t} \ell(\mathbf{x}_{i_t}, \tilde{y}_{i_t} | \mathbf{w}^t), \mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^* \rangle + \eta_t^2 (g(y_{i_t}^*))^2 \|\nabla_{\mathbf{w}^t} \ell(\mathbf{x}_{i_t}, \tilde{y}_{i_t} | \mathbf{w}^t)\|^2 \\
\textcircled{1} &= \|\mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^*\|^2 + \min_{y_{i_t}} \left\{ \eta_t^2 (g(y_{i_t}))^2 \|\nabla_{\mathbf{w}^t} \ell(\mathbf{x}_{i_t}, \tilde{y}_{i_t} | \mathbf{w}^t)\|^2 - 2\eta_t g(y_{i_t}) \langle \nabla_{\mathbf{w}^t} \ell(\mathbf{x}_{i_t}, \tilde{y}_{i_t} | \mathbf{w}^t), \mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^* \rangle \right\} \\
\textcircled{2} &\leq \|\mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^*\|^2 + \eta_t^2 c_1^2 \|\mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^*\|^2 \|\nabla_{\mathbf{w}^t} \ell(\mathbf{x}_{i_t}, \tilde{y}_{i_t} | \mathbf{w}^t)\|^2 - 2\eta_t c_1 \|\mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^*\| \langle \nabla_{\mathbf{w}^t} \ell(\mathbf{x}_{i_t}, \tilde{y}_{i_t} | \mathbf{w}^t), \mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^* \rangle \\
\textcircled{3} &\leq \|\mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^*\|^2 + \eta_t^2 c_1^2 L_{\max}^2 \|\mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^*\|^2 - 2\eta_t c_1 \|\mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^*\| \langle \nabla_{\mathbf{w}^t} \ell(\mathbf{x}_{i_t}, \tilde{y}_{i_t} | \mathbf{w}^t), \mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^* \rangle \\
\textcircled{4} &\leq \|\mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^*\|^2 + \eta_t^2 c_1^2 L_{\max}^2 \|\mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^*\|^2 - \eta_t c_1 \|\mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^*\|^2 \\
&\leq \dots
\end{aligned}$$

The final form is the same as Eq. (12) in the appendix and the rest of the proof follows from there.

- $\textcircled{1}$: According to the definition of greedy LAST, $y_{i_t}^*$ is the minimizer of the following optimization:

$$\min_{y_{i_t}} \left\{ \eta_t^2 (g(y_{i_t}))^2 \|\nabla_{\mathbf{w}^t} \ell(\mathbf{x}_{i_t}, \tilde{y}_{i_t} | \mathbf{w}^t)\|^2 - 2\eta_t g(y_{i_t}) \langle \nabla_{\mathbf{w}^t} \ell(\mathbf{x}_{i_t}, \tilde{y}_{i_t} | \mathbf{w}^t), \mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^* \rangle \right\}$$

- $\textcircled{2}$: Choose a y_{i_t} such that $g(y_{i_t}) = c_1 \|\mathbf{w}^t - \mathbf{w}^*\|$ and put it back to the minimization objective. By doing so, the resulting objective function becomes an upper bound of the original minimization objective, because any y_{i_t} will lead to a larger (or equal) objective value.
- $\textcircled{3}$: Lipschitz continuous (see the proof of Theorem 1)
- $\textcircled{4}$: Convexity and interpolation property (see the proof of Theorem 1)