

## 381 A Appendix

### 382 A.1 Proof of [Theorem 2.1](#)

383 Consider the Lyapunov function

$$\varepsilon(t) = \frac{1}{2} \|X_t + e^{-\alpha t} \dot{X}_t - x^* + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha t} \nabla f(X_t)\|^2 + e^{\beta t} (f(X_t) - f(x^*)). \quad (34)$$

384 Taking derivative with respect to  $t$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = & \left\langle \frac{d}{dt} (X_t + e^{-\alpha t} \dot{X}_t - x^* + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha t} \nabla f(X_t)), X_t + e^{-\alpha t} \dot{X}_t - x^* + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha t} \nabla f(X_t) \right\rangle \\ & + \dot{\beta}_t e^{\beta t} (f(X_t) - f(x^*)) + e^{\beta t} \langle \nabla f(X_t), \dot{X}_t \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

385 Note that [\(7\)](#) can be represented as

$$\frac{d}{dt} [X_t + e^{-\alpha t} \dot{X}_t + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha t} \nabla f(X_t)] = -e^{\alpha t + \beta t} \nabla f(X_t). \quad (36)$$

386 Using [\(36\)](#) in [\(35\)](#) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = & \langle -e^{\alpha t + \beta t} \nabla f(X_t), X_t + e^{-\alpha t} \dot{X}_t - x^* + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha t} \nabla f(X_t) \rangle \\ & + \dot{\beta}_t e^{\beta t} (f(X_t) - f(x^*)) + e^{\beta t} \dot{X}_t \nabla f(X_t) \\ = & -e^{\alpha t + \beta t} \langle \nabla f(X_t), X_t - x^* \rangle - e^{\beta t} \langle \nabla f(X_t), \dot{X}_t \rangle - \sqrt{s} e^{\beta t} \|\nabla f(X_t)\|^2 \\ & + \dot{\beta}_t e^{\beta t} (f(X_t) - f(x^*)) + e^{\beta t} \langle \nabla f(X_t), \dot{X}_t \rangle \\ \stackrel{(\text{convexity})}{\leq} & -e^{\alpha t + \beta t} (f(X_t) - f(x^*)) + \dot{\beta}_t e^{\beta t} (f(X_t) - f(x^*)) \\ = & -e^{\beta t} \left[ (e^{\alpha t} - \dot{\beta}_t) (f(X_t) - f(x^*)) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

387 Utilizing the ideal scaling condition  $\dot{\beta}_t \leq e^{\alpha t}$  we have

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} \leq 0.$$

Thus, for the initialization point  $t_0$  we have

$$e^{\beta t} (f(X_t) - f(x^*)) \leq \varepsilon(t) \leq \varepsilon(t_0),$$

388 and the proof is complete.

### 389 A.2 Proof of [Theorem 2.2](#)

390 Consider the Lyapunov function

$$\varepsilon(t) = \frac{1}{2} \|X_t + e^{-\alpha t} \dot{X}_t - x^* + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha t} \nabla f(X_t)\|^2 + (e^{\beta t} + \sqrt{s} e^{-2\alpha t} \dot{\beta}_t) (f(X_t) - f(x^*)). \quad (37)$$

391 Taking derivative with respect to  $t$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = & \left\langle \frac{d}{dt} (X_t + e^{-\alpha t} \dot{X}_t - x^* + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha t} \nabla f(X_t)), X_t + e^{-\alpha t} \dot{X}_t - x^* + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha t} \nabla f(X_t) \right\rangle \\ & + (\dot{\beta}_t e^{\beta t} - \sqrt{s} (2\dot{\alpha}_t) e^{-2\alpha t} \dot{\beta}_t + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha t} \ddot{\beta}_t) (f(X_t) - f(x^*)) \\ & + (e^{\beta t} + \sqrt{s} e^{-2\alpha t} \dot{\beta}_t) \dot{X}_t \nabla f(X_t). \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

392 Note that [\(7\)](#) can be represented as

$$\frac{d}{dt} [X_t + e^{-\alpha t} \dot{X}_t + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha t} \nabla f(X_t)] = - \left( e^{\alpha t + \beta t} + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha t} \dot{\beta}_t \right) \nabla f(X_t). \quad (39)$$

393 Using (39) in (38) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} &= \langle - \left( e^{\alpha_t + \beta_t} + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha_t} \dot{\beta}_t \right) \nabla f(X_t), X_t + e^{-\alpha_t} \dot{X}_t - x^* + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha_t} \nabla f(X_t) \rangle \\
&\quad + (\dot{\beta}_t e^{\beta_t} - \sqrt{s} (2\dot{\alpha}_t) e^{-2\alpha_t} \dot{\beta}_t + \sqrt{s} e^{-2\alpha_t} \ddot{\beta}_t) (f(X_t) - f(x^*)) \\
&\quad + (e^{\beta_t} + \sqrt{s} e^{-2\alpha_t} \dot{\beta}_t) \langle \nabla f(X_t), \dot{X}_t \rangle, \\
&= - \left( e^{\alpha_t + \beta_t} + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha_t} \dot{\beta}_t \right) \langle \nabla f(X_t), X_t - x^* \rangle - \left( e^{\beta_t} + \sqrt{s} e^{-2\alpha_t} \dot{\beta}_t \right) \langle \nabla f(X_t), \dot{X}_t \rangle \\
&\quad - \sqrt{s} \left( e^{\beta_t} + \sqrt{s} e^{-2\alpha_t} \dot{\beta}_t \right) \|\nabla f(X_t)\|^2 \\
&\quad + (\dot{\beta}_t e^{\beta_t} - \sqrt{s} (2\dot{\alpha}_t) e^{-2\alpha_t} \dot{\beta}_t + \sqrt{s} e^{-2\alpha_t} \ddot{\beta}_t) (f(X_t) - f(x^*)) \\
&\quad + (e^{\beta_t} + \sqrt{s} e^{-2\alpha_t} \dot{\beta}_t) \langle \nabla f(X_t), \dot{X}_t \rangle, \\
&\stackrel{(\text{convexity})}{\leq} - \left( e^{\alpha_t + \beta_t} + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha_t} \dot{\beta}_t \right) (f(X_t) - f(x^*)) \\
&\quad + (\dot{\beta}_t e^{\beta_t} - \sqrt{s} (2\dot{\alpha}_t) e^{-2\alpha_t} \dot{\beta}_t + \sqrt{s} e^{-2\alpha_t} \ddot{\beta}_t) (f(X_t) - f(x^*)), \\
&= - \left[ e^{\beta_t} (e^{\alpha_t} - \dot{\beta}_t) + \sqrt{s} e^{-\alpha_t} (\dot{\beta}_t + 2\dot{\alpha}_t e^{-\alpha_t} \dot{\beta}_t - e^{-\alpha_t} \ddot{\beta}_t) \right] (f(X_t) - f(x^*)).
\end{aligned}$$

394 Utilizing the modified ideal scaling conditions  $\dot{\beta}_t \leq e^{\alpha_t}$  and  $\ddot{\beta}_t \leq e^{\alpha_t} \dot{\beta}_t + 2\dot{\alpha}_t \dot{\beta}_t$  we have

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} \leq 0.$$

Thus, for the initialization point  $t_0$  we have

$$(e^{\beta_t} + \sqrt{s} e^{-2\alpha_t} \dot{\beta}_t) (f(X_t) - f(x^*)) \leq \varepsilon(t) \leq \varepsilon(t_0),$$

395 and the proof is complete.

### 396 A.3 Proof of Theorem 2.3

397 Consider the Lyapunov function

$$\varepsilon(t) = e^{\beta_t} \left( \frac{\mu}{2} \|X_t - x^* + e^{-\alpha_t} \dot{X}_t + \frac{\sqrt{s} e^{\alpha_t}}{\mu} \nabla f(X_t)\|^2 + f(X_t) - f(x^*) \right). \quad (40)$$

398 Taking derivative w.r.t. time gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\varepsilon(t)}{dt} &= \dot{\beta}_t e^{\beta_t} \left( \frac{\mu}{2} \|X_t - x^* + e^{-\alpha_t} \dot{X}_t + \frac{\sqrt{s} e^{\alpha_t}}{\mu} \nabla f(X_t)\|^2 + f(X_t) - f(x^*) \right) \\
&\quad + \mu e^{\beta_t} \left\langle \dot{X}_t - \dot{\alpha}_t e^{-\alpha_t} \dot{X}_t + e^{-\alpha_t} \ddot{X}_t + \frac{\sqrt{s}}{\mu} \dot{\alpha}_t e^{\alpha_t} \nabla f(X_t) + \frac{\sqrt{s}}{\mu} e^{\alpha_t} \nabla^2 f(X_t) \dot{X}_t \right. \\
&\quad \left. , X_t - x^* + e^{-\alpha_t} \dot{X}_t + \frac{\sqrt{s} e^{\alpha_t}}{\mu} \nabla f(X_t) \right\rangle + e^{\beta_t} \langle \nabla f(X_t), \dot{X}_t \rangle. \quad (41)
\end{aligned}$$

399 Next, we will use (17) in (41)

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\varepsilon(t)}{dt} &= \dot{\beta}e^{\beta t} \left( \frac{\mu}{2} \|X_t - x^* + e^{-\alpha t} \dot{X}_t + \frac{\sqrt{s}e^{\alpha t}}{\mu} \nabla f(X_t)\|^2 + f(X_t) - f(x^*) \right) \\
&\quad + \mu e^{\beta t} \left\langle \dot{X}_t - e^{-\alpha t}(\dot{\gamma}_t + \dot{\beta}_t)\dot{X}_t + \frac{e^{\alpha t}}{\mu}(\sqrt{s}(\dot{\alpha}_t - \dot{\beta}_t) - 1)\nabla f(X_t) \right. \\
&\quad \left. , X - x^* + e^{-\alpha t} \dot{X}_t + \frac{\sqrt{s}e^{\alpha t}}{\mu} \nabla f(X_t) \right\rangle + e^{\beta t} \langle \nabla f(X_t), \dot{X}_t \rangle, \\
&= \dot{\beta}_t e^{\beta t} \left( \frac{\mu}{2} \left[ \|X_t - x^*\|^2 + e^{-2\alpha t} \|\dot{X}_t\|^2 + \left\| \frac{\sqrt{s}e^{\alpha t}}{\mu} \nabla f(X_t) \right\|^2 + 2e^{-\alpha t} \langle X_t - x^*, \dot{X}_t \rangle \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \frac{2\sqrt{s}e^{\alpha t}}{\mu} \langle X_t - x^*, \nabla f(X_t) \rangle + \frac{2\sqrt{s}}{\mu} \langle \nabla f(X_t), \dot{X}_t \rangle \right] \right) + \dot{\beta}_t e^{\beta t} (f(X_t) - f(x^*)) \\
&\quad + \mu e^{\beta t} \left[ (1 - e^{-\alpha t}(\dot{\gamma}_t + \dot{\beta}_t)) \langle \dot{X}_t, X_t - x^* \rangle + e^{-\alpha t} (1 - e^{-\alpha t}(\dot{\gamma}_t + \dot{\beta}_t)) \|\dot{X}_t\|^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\sqrt{s}e^{\alpha t}}{\mu} (1 - e^{-\alpha t}(\dot{\gamma}_t + \dot{\beta}_t)) \langle \dot{X}_t, \nabla f(X_t) \rangle + \frac{e^{\alpha t}}{\mu} (\sqrt{s}(\dot{\alpha}_t - \dot{\beta}_t) - 1) \langle \nabla f(X_t), X_t - x^* \rangle \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{(\sqrt{s}(\dot{\alpha}_t - \dot{\beta}_t) - 1)}{\mu} \langle \nabla f(X_t), \dot{X}_t \rangle + \frac{\sqrt{s}e^{2\alpha t}}{\mu^2} (\sqrt{s}(\dot{\alpha}_t - \dot{\beta}_t) - 1) \|\nabla f(X_t)\|^2 \right] \\
&\quad + e^{\beta t} \langle \nabla f(X_t), \dot{X}_t \rangle. \tag{42}
\end{aligned}$$

400 Now, using strong convexity of  $f$  and applying  $\alpha_t = \alpha$ ,  $\dot{\beta} \geq 0$ ,  $\dot{\gamma}_t = e^{\alpha t}$ , and  $\dot{\beta}_t \leq e^{\alpha t}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\varepsilon(t)}{dt} &\leq -\dot{\beta}_t e^{\beta t} \left\| \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{2}} e^{-\alpha t} \dot{X}_t \right\|^2 - \sqrt{s} e^{\beta t} \dot{\beta}_t \langle \dot{X}_t, \nabla f(X_t) \rangle - \dot{\beta}_t e^{\beta t} \left\| \frac{\sqrt{s}e^{\alpha t}}{\sqrt{2}\mu} \nabla f(X_t) \right\|^2 \\
&= -\dot{\beta}_t e^{\beta t} \left\| \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{2}} e^{-\alpha t} \dot{X}_t + \frac{\sqrt{s}e^{\alpha t}}{\sqrt{2}\mu} \nabla f(X_t) \right\|^2 \leq 0, \tag{43}
\end{aligned}$$

and therefore,

$$e^{\beta t} (f(X_t) - f(x^*)) \leq \varepsilon(t) \leq \varepsilon(0)$$

401 and the proof is complete.

#### 402 A.4 Proof of Theorem 3.1

403 Take the Lyapunov function

$$\varepsilon(k) = \frac{s(k+2)k}{4} (f(x_k) - f(x^*)) + \frac{1}{2} \|x_{k+1} - x^*\|^2 + \frac{k}{2} (x_{k+1} - x_k) + \frac{ks}{2} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2. \tag{44}$$

404 The choice of Lyapunov function is the same as [Shi et al., 2021]. Note that the second term is  
405 equivalent to  $\frac{1}{2} \|v_k - x^*\|^2$  through the first line of the update rule (21). Next, we will show that

$$\varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k) \leq -\frac{s^2 k(k+2)}{8} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2. \tag{45}$$

406 Using (44) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k) &= \frac{s(k+3)(k+1)}{4}(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*)) + \frac{1}{2}\|v_{k+1} - x^*\|^2 \\
&\quad - \frac{s(k+2)(k)}{4}(f(x_k) - f(x^*)) + \frac{1}{2}\|v_k - x^*\|^2 \\
&= \frac{s(k+2)k}{4}(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)) + \frac{s(2k+3)}{4}(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*)) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2}(2\langle v_{k+1} - v_k, v_k - x^* \rangle + \|v_{k+1} - v_k\|^2) \\
&= \frac{s(k+2)k}{4}(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)) + \frac{s(2k+3)}{4}(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*)) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2}(2\langle -s(\frac{k+2}{2})\nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle + \frac{k}{2}(x_{k+1} - x_k) + \frac{ks}{2}\nabla f(x_k)) \\
&\quad + \|s(\frac{k+2}{2})\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2) \\
&= \frac{s(k+2)k}{4}(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)) + \frac{s(2k+3)}{4}(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*)) \\
&\quad - s(\frac{k+2}{2})\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle - s\frac{k(k+2)}{4}\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle \\
&\quad - s^2(\frac{k(k+2)}{4})\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), \nabla f(x_k) \rangle + \frac{(s(k+2))^2}{8}\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 \tag{46}
\end{aligned}$$

407 Now, from convexity and smoothness of the function  $f$  we have

$$f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k) \leq \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle - \frac{1}{2L}\|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k)\|^2. \tag{47}$$

408 Applying (47) in (46) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k) &\leq \frac{s(k+2)k}{4} \left[ \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle - \frac{1}{2L}\|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{s(2k+3)}{4} \left[ \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle - \frac{1}{2L}\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 \right] \\
&\quad - s(\frac{k(k+2)}{4})\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle - s(\frac{k+2}{2})\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \\
&\quad - s^2(\frac{k(k+2)}{4})\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), \nabla f(x_k) \rangle + \frac{(s(k+2))^2}{8}\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 \\
&\leq -\frac{s(k+2)k}{8L}\|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k)\|^2 - \frac{s(2k+4)}{8L}\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 \\
&\quad - 2s^2(\frac{k(k+2)}{8})\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), \nabla f(x_k) \rangle + \frac{s^2k(k+2)}{8}\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{s^2(k+2)}{4}\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 \\
&= -\frac{s(k+2)k}{8}(\frac{1}{L} - s)\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 - \frac{s(2k+4)}{8L}\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 \\
&\quad + 2s(\frac{k(k+2)}{8})(\frac{1}{L} - s)\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), \nabla f(x_k) \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{s(k+2)k}{8}(\frac{1}{L} - s)\|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 - s^2(\frac{k(k+2)}{8})\|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \\
&= -\frac{s(k+2)k}{8}(\frac{1}{L} - s)\|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k)\|^2 - \frac{s(2k+4)}{8L}\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 \\
&\quad - s^2(\frac{k(k+2)}{8})\|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \leq -s^2(\frac{k(k+2)}{8})\|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2, \tag{48}
\end{aligned}$$

409 where in the second inequality we used  $-\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \leq -\frac{1}{2L}\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2$  and the  
410 last inequality holds as long as  $s \leq 1/L$ .

411 With (45) at hand, we can make sum both sides from  $i = 0$  till  $i = k - 1$  and get

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon(k) - \varepsilon(0) &\leq -\frac{s^2}{8} \sum_{i=0}^k i(i+2) \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2 \\
&\leq -\frac{s^2}{8} \min_{0 \leq i \leq k} \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2 \sum_{i=0}^k i(i+2) \\
&= -\frac{s^2}{8} \min_{0 \leq i \leq k} \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2 \sum_{i=1}^k i(i+2) \\
&= -\frac{s^2}{8} \min_{0 \leq i \leq k} \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2 \left[ \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} + k(k+1) \right] \\
&\leq -\frac{s^2}{8} \min_{0 \leq i \leq k} \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2 \left[ \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} \right] \\
&\leq -\frac{k^3 s^2}{24} \min_{0 \leq i \leq k} \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

412 Note that  $\varepsilon(k) \geq 0$ . Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
-\varepsilon(0) &\leq -\frac{k^3 s^2}{24} \min_{0 \leq i \leq k} \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2 \\
\rightarrow \varepsilon(0) &\geq \frac{k^3 s^2}{24} \min_{0 \leq i \leq k} \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

413 Next, not ethat for  $k = 0$ , Lyapunov function (44) is equivalent to  $1/2 \|v_0 - x^*\|^2$ . With initialization  
414  $v_0 = x_0$  we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \|x_0 - x^*\|^2 \geq \frac{k^3 s^2}{24} \min_{0 \leq i \leq k} \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2, \tag{51}$$

415 and therefore,

$$\min_{0 \leq i \leq k} \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2 \leq \frac{12}{k^3 s^2} \|x_0 - x^*\|^2, \tag{52}$$

416 for  $0 < s \leq 1/L$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Also, from (49) we have  $\varepsilon(k) \leq \varepsilon(0) = 1/2 \|v_0 - x^*\|^2$ . Thus,

$$f(x_k) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{2}{sk(k+2)} \|x_0 - x^*\|^2, \tag{53}$$

417 since  $x_0 = v_0$ . This completes the proof.

#### 418 A.5 Proof of Proposition 4.1

419 From the update rule (24) we have

$$z_k = x_{k+1} + \frac{k}{2}(x_{k+1} - y_k) = x_{k+1} + \frac{k}{2}(x_{k+1} - x_k + s\nabla f(x_k)). \tag{54}$$

420 Replacing (54) in the update rule of  $z_k$  in (24), we get

$$x_{k+1} - x_k + \frac{k}{2}(x_{k+1} - x_k + s\nabla f(x_k)) - \frac{k-1}{2}(x_k - x_{k-1} + s\nabla f(x_{k-1})) = -\frac{sk}{2} \nabla f(y_k). \tag{55}$$

421 By rearranging we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&x_{k+1} - x_k + \frac{1}{2}(x_k - x_{k-1}) + \frac{s}{2} \nabla f(x_{k-1}) + \frac{k}{2}(x_{k+1} + x_{k-1} - 2x_k) \\
&\quad + \frac{ks}{2}(\nabla f(x_k) - \nabla f(x_{k-1})) = -\frac{sk}{2} \nabla f(y_k), \\
\rightarrow &\frac{2}{k\sqrt{s}} \left( \frac{x_{k+1} - x_k}{\sqrt{s}} \right) + \frac{1}{k\sqrt{s}} \left( \frac{x_k - x_{k-1}}{\sqrt{s}} \right) + \frac{1}{k} \nabla f(x_{k-1}) \\
&\quad + \frac{x_{k+1} - 2x_k + x_{k-1}}{s} + \nabla f(x_k) - \nabla f(x_{k-1}) = -\nabla f(y_k).
\end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

422 Using approximations

$$\frac{2}{k\sqrt{s}}\left(\frac{x_{k+1}-x_k}{\sqrt{s}}\right) + \frac{1}{k\sqrt{s}}\left(\frac{x_k-x_{k-1}}{\sqrt{s}}\right) \approx \frac{1}{t_k}(2\dot{X}(t_k)) \quad (57)$$

$$\frac{x_{k+1}-2x_k+x_{k-1}}{s} \approx \ddot{X}(t_k) \quad (58)$$

$$\nabla f(x_k) - \nabla f(x_{k-1}) \approx \sqrt{s}\nabla^2 f(X(t_k))\dot{X}(t_k) \quad (59)$$

$$\nabla f(y_k) = \nabla f(x_k - s\nabla f(x_k)) \approx \nabla f(x_k) - s\nabla^2 f(x_k)\nabla f(x_k) \approx \nabla f(x_k) \quad (60)$$

$$X(t) \approx X(t_k) \quad \dot{X}(t) \approx \dot{X}(t_k) \quad \ddot{X}(t) \approx \ddot{X}(t_k) \quad Y(t_k) \approx Y(t) \quad (61)$$

423 and  $t_k = k\sqrt{s}$  in (56), we get

$$\ddot{X}(t) + \left(\frac{3}{t} + \sqrt{s}\nabla f(X(t))\right)\dot{X}(t) + \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{s}}{t}\right)\nabla f(X(t)) = 0. \quad (62)$$

424 This, concludes the proof.

## 425 A.6 Proof of Theorem 5.2

426 Take the Lyapunov function

$$\varepsilon(k) = \left(\frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2}\right)(f(x_k) - f(x^*)) + \frac{1}{2}\|v_k - x^*\|^2. \quad (63)$$

427 Next, we will bound the difference  $\varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k)$ . Using (63) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k) &= \left(\frac{t_{k+1}^2}{4} + \frac{s_{k+1}t_{k+1}}{2}\right)(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*)) \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2}\right)(f(x_k) - f(x^*)) + \frac{1}{2}(\|v_{k+1} - x^*\|^2 - \|v_k - x^*\|^2), \\ &= \left(\frac{t_{k+1}^2 - t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_{k+1}t_{k+1} - s_k t_k}{2}\right)(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*)) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2}\right)(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)) + \frac{1}{2}(\|v_{k+1} - x^*\|^2 - \|v_k - x^*\|^2), \\ &= \left(\frac{t_{k+1}^2 - t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_{k+1}t_{k+1} - s_k t_k}{2}\right)(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*)) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2}\right)(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)) + \frac{1}{2}(\|v_{k+1} - v_k\|^2 + 2\langle v_{k+1} - v_k, v_k - x^* \rangle), \end{aligned} \quad (64)$$

where in the last equality we used

$$\langle a - b, a - c \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\|a - b\|^2 + \|a - c\|^2 - \|b - c\|^2).$$

428 Next, from the update (31) we have

$$\begin{cases} v_k - x^* = \frac{t_k}{2s_k}(x_{k+1} - x_k) + x_{k+1} - x^* + \frac{t_k}{2\sqrt{L}}(\nabla f(x_k) + e_k), \\ v_{k+1} - v_k = -\frac{1}{2}(t_k + 2s_k)s_k(\nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1}). \end{cases} \quad (65)$$

429 Using (65) in (64) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k) &= \left(\frac{t_{k+1}^2 - t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_{k+1}t_{k+1} - s_k t_k}{2}\right)(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*)) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2}\right)(f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)) + \frac{1}{8}((t_k + 2s_k)s_k)^2\|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1}\|^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}\langle (t_k + 2s_k)s_k(\nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1}), \frac{t_k}{2s_k}(x_{k+1} - x_k) + x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{t_k}{2\sqrt{L}}\langle \nabla f(x_k) + e_k, \nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1} \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (66)$$

430 Now, using (47) in (66) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k) &\leq \left( \frac{t_{k+1}^2 - t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_{k+1}t_{k+1} - t_k s_k}{2} \right) (\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle - \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2) \\
&\quad + \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right) (\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle - \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k)\|^2) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{8} ((t_k + 2s_k)s_k)^2 (\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 + \|e_{k+1}\|^2 + 2\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle) \\
&\quad - \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right) \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{2} \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{t_k(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{4\sqrt{L}} \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1}, \nabla f(x_k) + e_k \rangle. \tag{67}
\end{aligned}$$

Now, note that in (67) the terms containing  $\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle$  disappear. Due to  $t_k = \sum_{i=1}^k s_i$ , we get  $t_{k+1}^2 = t_k^2 + 2t_k s_{k+1} + s_{k+1}^2$  and  $s_{k+1}t_{k+1} = s_{k+1}t_k + s_{k+1}^2$ . Also, note that by definition  $s_{k+1} \leq s_k$  as long as  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Thus,

$$\left( \frac{t_{k+1}^2 - t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_{k+1}t_{k+1} - t_k s_k}{2} - \frac{(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{2} \right) \leq 0.$$

431 Then, due to convexity and smoothness of  $f$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left( \frac{t_{k+1}^2 - t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_{k+1}t_{k+1} - t_k s_k}{2} - \frac{(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{2} \right) \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \\
&\leq \frac{\left( \frac{t_{k+1}^2 - t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_{k+1}t_{k+1} - t_k s_k}{2} - \frac{(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{2} \right)}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2. \tag{68}
\end{aligned}$$

432 Replacing (68) in (67) and simplification gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k) &\leq -\frac{(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{4L} \|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 - \frac{\left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right)}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{8} ((t_k + 2s_k)s_k)^2 (\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 + \|e_{k+1}\|^2 + 2\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle) \\
&\quad - \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right) \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle - \frac{(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{2} \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{t_k(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{4\sqrt{L}} \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1}, \nabla f(x_k) + e_k \rangle, \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t_k}{2} + s_k \right)^2 \left( s_k^2 - \frac{1}{L} \right) \|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{L} - \frac{s_k}{\sqrt{L}} \right) 2\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), \nabla f(x_k) \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{\left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right)}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 + \frac{1}{8} ((t_k + 2s_k)s_k)^2 (\|e_{k+1}\|^2 + 2\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle) \\
&\quad - \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right) \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle - \frac{(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{2} \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{t_k(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{4\sqrt{L}} (\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle + \langle \nabla f(x_k), e_{k+1} \rangle + \langle e_{k+1}, e_k \rangle). \tag{69}
\end{aligned}$$

433 Here, the proof divides in 2 sections for each of the results in Theorem 5.2. First, we prove the rate  
434 for  $\mathbb{E}[f(x_k)] - f(x^*)$ .

435 a) Taking  $c \leq 1/\sqrt{L}$  in  $s_k = c/k^\alpha$ , we get  $s_k \leq 1/\sqrt{L}$ . This implies

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t_k}{2} + s_k \right)^2 \left( \frac{1}{L} - s_k^2 \right) &\leq -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{L} - \frac{s_k}{\sqrt{L}} \right), \\ -\frac{1}{2L} \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right) &\leq -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{L} - \frac{s_k}{\sqrt{L}} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (70)$$

436 Utilizing (70) in (69) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k) &\leq -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{L} - \frac{s_k}{\sqrt{L}} \right) \|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{8} ((t_k + 2s_k)s_k)^2 (\|e_{k+1}\|^2) + \frac{1}{4} ((t_k + 2s_k)s_k)^2 \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right) \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle - \frac{(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{2} \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \\ &\quad - \frac{t_k(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{4\sqrt{L}} (\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle + \langle \nabla f(x_k), e_{k+1} \rangle + \langle e_{k+1}, e_k \rangle), \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8} ((t_k + 2s_k)s_k)^2 \|e_{k+1}\|^2 + \frac{1}{4} ((t_k + 2s_k)s_k)^2 \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right) \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle - \frac{(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{2} \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \\ &\quad - \frac{t_k(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{4\sqrt{L}} (\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle + \langle \nabla f(x_k), e_{k+1} \rangle + \langle e_{k+1}, e_k \rangle), \\ &\leq \frac{s_k(t_k + 2s_k)}{2} \left( \frac{(t_k + 2s_k)s_k}{4} \|e_{k+1}\|^2 + \frac{s_k(t_k + 2s_k)}{2} + \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{t_k}{s_k} \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle - \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{t_k}{2\sqrt{L}} (\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle + \langle \nabla f(x_k), e_{k+1} \rangle + \langle e_{k+1}, e_k \rangle) \right) \\ &= \frac{s_k(t_k + 2s_k)}{2} g_k. \end{aligned} \quad (71)$$

Next, note that  $\mathbb{E}[g_k] = \frac{s_k(t_k + 2s_k)}{4} \sigma^2$  and therefore,  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(k+1)] - \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(k)] \leq \frac{s_k^2(t_k + 2s_k)^2}{8} \sigma^2$ . Also, by the form of  $\varepsilon(k)$  in (63) we have

$$\left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{t_k s_k}{2} \right) (\mathbb{E}[f(x_k)] - f(x^*)) \leq \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(k)].$$

437 Thus, forming a telescope summation leads to

$$\left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{t_k s_k}{2} \right) (\mathbb{E}[f(x_k)] - f(x^*)) \leq \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(k)] \leq \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(0)] + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{s_i^2(t_i + 2s_i)^2}{8} \sigma^2, \quad (72)$$

438 with  $s_0 = t_0 = 0$ . From (72) one can get

$$\mathbb{E}[f(x_k)] - f(x^*) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(0)] + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{s_i^2(t_i + 2s_i)^2}{8} \sigma^2}{\left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{t_k s_k}{2} \right)}. \quad (73)$$

Now, we should bound  $\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} s_i^2(t_i + 2s_i)^2$ . Note that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} s_i^2(t_i + 2s_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} s_i^2 t_i^2 + 4t_i s_i^3 + 4s_i^4,$$

and

$$t_i = \left( \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{c}{j^\alpha} \right) \leq \left( \int_0^i \frac{c}{t^\alpha} dt \right) = \frac{ci^{1-\alpha}}{(1-\alpha)},$$



$$t_i^2 = \left( \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{c}{j^\alpha} \right)^2 \leq \left( \int_0^i \frac{c}{t^\alpha} dt \right)^2 = \frac{c^2 i^{2-2\alpha}}{(1-\alpha)^2}.$$

439 Therefore, for the first term we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} s_i^2 t_i^2 &\leq \frac{c^4}{(1-\alpha)^2} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{1}{i^{4\alpha-2}} \leq \frac{c^4}{(1-\alpha)^2} \left( 1 + \int_1^k \frac{1}{t^{4\alpha-2}} dt \right) \leq \frac{c^4}{(1-\alpha)^2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4\alpha-3} \right) \\ &= \frac{c^4(4\alpha-2)}{(1-\alpha)^2(4\alpha-3)}, \end{aligned} \quad (74)$$

440 when  $\alpha > 3/4$  and if  $\alpha = 3/4$  we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} s_i^2 t_i^2 \leq 16c^4 \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{1}{i} \leq 16c^4(1 + \log(k)). \quad (75)$$

441 For the second term we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} s_i^3 t_i \leq \frac{c^4}{(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{1}{i^{4\alpha-1}} \leq \frac{c^4}{(1-\alpha)} \left( 1 + \int_1^k \frac{1}{t^{4\alpha-1}} dt \right) \leq \frac{c^4(4\alpha-1)}{(1-\alpha)(4\alpha-2)} \quad (76)$$

442 for  $\alpha > 1/2$ . The third term gives

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} s_i^4 \leq c^4 \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{1}{i^{4\alpha}} \leq c^4 \left( 1 + \int_1^k \frac{1}{t^{4\alpha}} dt \right) \leq \frac{c^4(4\alpha)}{(4\alpha-1)}, \quad (77)$$

443 for  $\alpha > 1/4$ .

444 For the terms in denominator of (73) we use lower bounds as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{t_k^2}{4} &\geq \frac{c^2}{4(1-\alpha)^2} (k^{1-\alpha} - 1)^2, \\ \frac{t_k s_k}{2} &\geq \frac{c^2 k^{-\alpha}}{2(1-\alpha)} (k^{1-\alpha} - 1). \end{aligned} \quad (78)$$

445 Using (74)(75)(76)(77)(78) in (73) leads to

$$\mathbb{E}[f(x_k)] - f(x^*) \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(0)] + \frac{c^4 \sigma^2}{8} [16(1+\log(k)) + 32 + 6]}{2c^2 \left[ 2(k^{\frac{1}{4}-1})^2 + k^{-\frac{3}{4}}(k^{\frac{1}{4}-1}) \right]} & \alpha = \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(0)] + \frac{c^4 \sigma^2}{8} \left[ \frac{(4\alpha-2)}{(1-\alpha)^2(4\alpha-3)} + \frac{4(4\alpha-1)}{(1-\alpha)(4\alpha-2)} + \frac{4(4\alpha)}{(4\alpha-1)} \right]}{\frac{c^2}{2(1-\alpha)} \left[ \frac{(k^{1-\alpha}-1)^2}{2(1-\alpha)} + k^{-\alpha}(k^{1-\alpha}-1) \right]} & 1 > \alpha > \frac{3}{4} \end{cases} \quad (79)$$

446 with  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(0)] = \frac{1}{2} \|v_0 - x^*\|^2$ .

447 b) On the transition from (69) to (71), one can write

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k) &\leq \frac{s_k(t_k + 2s_k)}{2} g_k - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{L} - \frac{s_k}{\sqrt{L}} \right) \|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right) \left( \frac{s_k}{\sqrt{L}} \right) \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{s_k(t_k + 2s_k)}{2} g_k - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{s_k t_k}{2} \right) \left( \frac{s_k}{\sqrt{L}} \right) \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (80)$$

448 Recursively summing (80) from 0 to  $k$  gives

$$0 \leq \varepsilon(k) \leq \varepsilon(0) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{s_i(t_i + 2s_i)}{2} g_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left( \frac{t_i^2}{4} + \frac{s_i t_i}{2} \right) \left( \frac{s_i}{\sqrt{L}} \right) \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2, \quad (81)$$

449 which results in

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left( \frac{t_i^2}{4} + \frac{s_i t_i}{2} \right) \left( \frac{s_i}{\sqrt{L}} \right) \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2 \leq \varepsilon(0) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{s_i(t_i + 2s_i)}{2} g_i, \quad (82)$$

450 and therefore,

$$\min_{0 \leq i \leq k-1} \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon(0) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{s_i(t_i + 2s_i)}{2} g_i}{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{L}} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left( \frac{t_i^2}{4} + \frac{s_i t_i}{2} \right) s_i}, \quad (83)$$

451 Evaluating the expectation of both hand sides gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ \min_{0 \leq i \leq k-1} \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2 \right] &\leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(0)] + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{s_i(t_i + 2s_i)}{2} \mathbb{E}[g_i]}{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{L}} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left( \frac{t_i^2}{4} + \frac{s_i t_i}{2} \right) s_i}, \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(0)] + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{s_i^2(t_i + 2s_i)^2}{8} \sigma^2}{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{L}} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left( \frac{t_i^2}{4} + \frac{s_i t_i}{2} \right) s_i}, \end{aligned}$$

452 and the last equality is due to  $\mathbb{E}[g_i] = \frac{s_i(t_i + 2s_i)}{4} \sigma^2$ . Next, we will bound the numerator from above  
453 and lower bound the denominator as

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{s_i^2(t_i + 2s_i)^2}{8} \sigma^2 \stackrel{\text{75 76 77}}{\leq} 2\sigma^2 c^4 (1 + \log(k)) + \frac{\sigma^2 c^4 (4\alpha - 1)}{2(1 - \alpha)(4\alpha - 2)} + \frac{\sigma^2 c^4 (4\alpha)}{2(4\alpha - 1)} \quad (84)$$

454 for  $\alpha = 3/4$ . For bounding the denominator one can use [78](#) as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s_i t_i^2}{4} &\geq \frac{c^3 i^{-\alpha}}{4(1 - \alpha)^2} (i^{1-\alpha} - 1)^2, \\ \frac{t_i s_i^2}{2} &\geq \frac{c^3 i^{-2\alpha}}{2(1 - \alpha)} (i^{1-\alpha} - 1). \end{aligned} \quad (85)$$

455 Applying the summation to [85](#) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left( \frac{s_i t_i^2}{4} + \frac{s_i^2 t_i}{2} \right) &\geq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{c^3}{4(1 - \alpha)^2} (i^{2-3\alpha} - 2i^{1-2\alpha} + i^{-\alpha}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{c^3}{2(1 - \alpha)} (i^{1-3\alpha} - i^{-2\alpha}) \\ &\geq \frac{c^3}{4(1 - \alpha)^2} \left( \frac{k^{3(1-\alpha)} - 1}{3 - 3\alpha} + \frac{(k^{1-\alpha} - 1)}{1 - \alpha} + \frac{1 - 2\alpha + k^{2-2\alpha}}{1 - \alpha} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{c^3}{2(1 - \alpha)} \left( \frac{k^{2-3\alpha} - 1}{2 - 3\alpha} + \frac{(2\alpha - k^{1-2\alpha})}{1 - 2\alpha} \right) \\ &\stackrel{\alpha=3/4}{=} 4c^3 \left( \frac{k^{3/4} - 1}{3/4} + \frac{(k^{1/4} - 1)}{1/4} + \frac{-\frac{1}{2} + k^{1/2}}{1/4} \right) \\ &\quad + 2c^3 \left( -4k^{-1/4} + 4 - 3 + 2k^{-1/2} \right) \\ &\geq 4c^3 \left( \frac{k^{3/4} - 1}{3/4} + \frac{(k^{1/4} - 1)}{1/4} + \frac{-\frac{1}{2} + k^{1/2}}{1/4} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (86)$$

456 Combining [86](#) and [84](#) gives

$$\begin{aligned} 2\sqrt{L} \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{s_i^2(t_i + 2s_i)^2}{8} \sigma^2}{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left( \frac{s_i t_i^2}{4} + \frac{s_i^2 t_i}{2} \right)} &\leq 2\sqrt{L} \frac{2\sigma^2 c^4 (1 + \log(k)) + \frac{\sigma^2 c^4 (4\alpha - 1)}{2(1 - \alpha)(4\alpha - 2)} + \frac{\sigma^2 c^4 (4\alpha)}{2(4\alpha - 1)}}{4c^3 \left( \frac{k^{3/4} - 1}{3/4} + \frac{(k^{1/4} - 1)}{1/4} + \frac{-\frac{1}{2} + k^{1/2}}{1/4} \right)} \\ &\stackrel{\alpha=3/4}{=} 2c\sigma^2 \sqrt{L} \frac{2 \log(k) + 6 + \frac{3}{4}}{16 \left( \frac{k^{3/4} - 1}{3} + k^{1/4} - \frac{3}{2} + k^{1/2} \right)}, \end{aligned} \quad (87)$$

457 and therefore,

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \min_{0 \leq i \leq k-1} \|\nabla f(x_i)\|^2 \right] \leq \frac{2\sqrt{L}\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(0)]}{16c^3 \left( \frac{k^{3/4}-1}{3} + k^{1/4} - \frac{3}{2} + k^{1/2} \right)} + 2c\sigma^2\sqrt{L} \frac{2\log(k) + 6 + \frac{3}{4}}{16 \left( \frac{k^{3/4}-1}{3} + k^{1/4} - \frac{3}{2} + k^{1/2} \right)}, \quad (88)$$

458 with  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(0)] = \frac{1}{2}\|x_0 - x^*\|^2$ .

## 459 A.7 Proof of Theorem 5.1

460 Take the Lyapunov function

$$\varepsilon(k) = \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{t_k\beta}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) (f(x_k) - f(x^*)) + \frac{1}{2}\|v_k - x^*\|^2. \quad (89)$$

461 Using (89) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k) &= \left( \frac{t_{k+1}^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_{k+1}}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) (f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*)) \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) (f(x_k) - f(x^*)) + \frac{1}{2}(\|v_{k+1} - x^*\|^2 - \|v_k - x^*\|^2), \\ &= \left( \frac{t_{k+1}^2 - t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta(t_{k+1} - t_k)}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) (f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*)) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) (f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)) + \frac{1}{2}(\|v_{k+1} - x^*\|^2 - \|v_k - x^*\|^2), \\ &= \left( \frac{t_{k+1}^2 - t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta(t_{k+1} - t_k)}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) (f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*)) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) (f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)) + \frac{1}{2}(\|v_{k+1} - v_k\|^2 + 2\langle v_{k+1} - v_k, v_k - x^* \rangle), \end{aligned} \quad (90)$$

where in the last equality we used

$$\langle a - b, a - c \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\|a - b\|^2 + \|a - c\|^2 - \|b - c\|^2).$$

462 Next, from the update (29) we have

$$\begin{cases} v_k - x^* = \frac{t_k}{2s_k}(x_{k+1} - x_k) + x_{k+1} - x^* + \frac{t_k\beta}{2\sqrt{L}}(\nabla f(x_k) + e_k), \\ v_{k+1} - v_k = -\frac{1}{2}(t_k s_k + \frac{2s_k\beta}{\sqrt{L}})(\nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1}). \end{cases} \quad (91)$$

463 Using (91) in (90) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k) &= \left( \frac{t_{k+1}^2 - t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta(t_{k+1} - t_k)}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) (f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*)) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) (f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)) + \frac{1}{8} \left( (t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}})s_k \right)^2 \|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1}\|^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \left( t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}} \right) s_k (\nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1}), \frac{t_k}{2s_k}(x_{k+1} - x_k) + x_{k+1} - x^* \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{t_k\beta}{2\sqrt{L}} \langle \nabla f(x_k) + e_k, \nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1} \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (92)$$

464 Now, using (47) in (92) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k) &\leq \left( \frac{t_{k+1}^2 - t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta(t_{k+1} - t_k)}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) (\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle - \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2) \\
&\quad + \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) (\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle - \frac{1}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k)\|^2) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{8} \left( (t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k \right)^2 (\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 + \|e_{k+1}\|^2 + 2\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle) \\
&\quad - \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{(t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k}{2} \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{\beta t_k (t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k}{4\sqrt{L}} \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1}, \nabla f(x_k) + e_k \rangle. \tag{93}
\end{aligned}$$

Due to  $t_k = \sum_{i=1}^k s_i$ , we get  $t_{k+1}^2 = t_k^2 + 2t_k s_{k+1} + s_{k+1}^2$  and  $t_{k+1} = t_k + s_{k+1}$ . Also, note that by definition  $s_{k+1} \leq s_k$  as long as  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Thus,

$$\left( \frac{t_{k+1}^2 - t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta(t_{k+1} - t_k)}{2\sqrt{L}} - \frac{(t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k}{2} \right) \leq 0,$$

465 for  $\beta \geq 1/(2k^\alpha)$ . Then, due to convexity and smoothness of  $f$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left( \frac{t_{k+1}^2 - t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta(t_{k+1} - t_k)}{2\sqrt{L}} - \frac{(t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k}{2} \right) \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \\
&\leq \frac{\left( \frac{t_{k+1}^2 - t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta(t_{k+1} - t_k)}{2\sqrt{L}} - \frac{(t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k}{2} \right)}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2. \tag{94}
\end{aligned}$$

466 Replacing (94) in (93) and simplification gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k) &\leq -\frac{(t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k}{4L} \|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 - \frac{(\frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}})}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_{k+1}) - \nabla f(x_k)\|^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{8} \left( (t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k \right)^2 (\|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 + \|e_{k+1}\|^2 + 2\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle) \\
&\quad - \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle - \frac{(t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k}{2} \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{\beta t_k (t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k}{4\sqrt{L}} \langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}) + e_{k+1}, \nabla f(x_k) + e_k \rangle, \\
&= \left( \frac{(t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k^2}{8} - \frac{(\frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}})}{2L} - \frac{(t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k}{4L} \right) \|\nabla f(x_{k+1})\|^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{L} - \frac{\beta s_k}{\sqrt{L}} \right) 2\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), \nabla f(x_k) \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{(\frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}})}{2L} \|\nabla f(x_k)\|^2 + \frac{((t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k)^2}{8} (\|e_{k+1}\|^2 + 2\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle) \\
&\quad - \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle - \frac{(t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k}{2} \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \\
&\quad - \frac{\beta t_k (t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) s_k}{4\sqrt{L}} (\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle + \langle \nabla f(x_k), e_{k+1} \rangle + \langle e_{k+1}, e_k \rangle). \tag{95}
\end{aligned}$$

467 **Lemma A.1.** Consider  $t_k = \sum_{i=0}^k s_i$  and  $s_i = \frac{c}{i^\alpha}$  with  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $c \leq 1/\sqrt{L}$ . For any  $\beta \geq 1$   
 468 there exists  $k_0$  such that

$$\left( \frac{((t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}})s_k)^2}{8} - \frac{(t_k^2 + \frac{\beta t_k}{\sqrt{L}})}{2L} - \frac{(t_k + 2\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{L}})s_k}{4L} \right) \leq - \left| \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{L} - \frac{\beta s_k}{\sqrt{L}} \right) \right| \quad (96)$$

469 *Proof.* Without loss of generality, consider  $\frac{1}{L} - \frac{\beta s_k}{\sqrt{L}} \geq 0$ . Then, after simplification of (96) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{((t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}})s_k)^2}{8} - \frac{(t_k + 2\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{L}})s_k}{4L} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) \left( \frac{\beta s_k}{\sqrt{L}} \right) \leq 0 \\ & \frac{t_k^2 s_k}{8} (s_k - \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) + \frac{t_k \beta s_k}{2\sqrt{L}} (s_k - \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{L}}) + \frac{\beta s_k}{2L} (\beta s_k - \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}}) - \frac{t_k s_k}{4L} \leq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (97)$$

470 which holds as long as  $\frac{2}{k^\alpha} \leq \beta \leq k^\alpha$ . Note that for any choice of  $\beta$  there exists  $k_0$  such that  $\beta \leq k_0^\alpha$ .  
 471 Note that if  $c = 1/\sqrt{L}$ , then we can improve this bound (in the sense that smaller  $k_0$  is needed)  
 472 to  $\beta \leq k_0^\alpha (\frac{1}{8} (\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{i^\alpha})^2 + 1)$ . This is done by considering  $\frac{t_k^2 s_k}{8} (-\frac{\beta}{2\sqrt{L}})$  from the first term when  
 473 showing the third term is negative.  $\square$

474 Next, using Theorem A.1 in (95) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(k+1) - \varepsilon(k) & \leq \frac{((t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}})s_k)^2}{8} (\|e_{k+1}\|^2 + 2\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle) \\ & \quad - \left( \frac{t_k^2}{4} + \frac{\beta t_k}{2\sqrt{L}} \right) \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x_k \rangle - \frac{(t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}})s_k}{2} \langle e_{k+1}, x_{k+1} - x^* \rangle \\ & \quad - \frac{\beta t_k (t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}})s_k}{4\sqrt{L}} (\langle \nabla f(x_{k+1}), e_k \rangle + \langle \nabla f(x_k), e_{k+1} \rangle + \langle e_{k+1}, e_k \rangle). \end{aligned} \quad (98)$$

475 By evaluating the expectation of (98) we have

$$\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(k) - \varepsilon(k-1)] \leq \frac{((t_k + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}})s_k)^2}{8} \sigma^2. \quad (99)$$

476 Summing both sides from  $k_0$  to  $k$  gives

$$\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(k)] \leq \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(k_0)] + \sum_{i=k_0+1}^k \frac{((t_i + \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{L}})s_i)^2}{8} \sigma^2 \quad (100)$$

477 As in (75, 76, 77), one can bound (100) as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(k)] & \leq \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(k_0)] + \frac{\sigma^2 c^4}{(1-\alpha)^2} [k_0^{3-4\alpha} - k^{3-4\alpha}] + \frac{\sigma^2 c^3 \beta}{2\sqrt{L}(1-\alpha)(3\alpha-2)} [k_0^{2-3\alpha} - k^{2-3\alpha}] \\ & \quad + \frac{\beta^2 c^2 \sigma^2}{2L(2\alpha-1)} [k_0^{1-2\alpha} - k^{1-2\alpha}] \end{aligned} \quad (101)$$

478 for  $\alpha > 3/4$  and

$$\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(k)] \leq \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(k_0)] + 2\sigma^2 c^4 \left[ \log\left(\frac{k}{k_0}\right) \right] + \frac{8\sigma^2 c^3 \beta}{\sqrt{L}} \left[ k_0^{-\frac{1}{4}} - k^{-\frac{1}{4}} \right] + \frac{\beta^2 c^2 \sigma^2}{L} \left[ k_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} - k^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right] \quad (102)$$

479 for  $\alpha = 3/4$ . Therefore,

$$\mathbb{E}[f(x_k)] - f(x^*) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(k_0)] + \frac{\sigma^2 c^4}{(1-\alpha)^2} [k_0^{3-4\alpha} - k^{3-4\alpha}] + \frac{\sigma^2 c^3 \beta}{2\sqrt{L}(1-\alpha)(3\alpha-2)} [k_0^{2-3\alpha} - k^{2-3\alpha}] + \frac{\beta^2 c^2 \sigma^2}{2L(2\alpha-1)} [k_0^{1-2\alpha} - k^{1-2\alpha}]}{\frac{c^2}{4(1-\alpha)^2} ((k^{1-\alpha}-1)^2) + \frac{c\beta}{2\sqrt{L}(1-\alpha)} (k^{(1-\alpha)}-1)} \quad (103)$$

480 for  $\alpha > 3/4$  and

$$\mathbb{E}[f(x_k)] - f(x^*) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon(k_0)] + 2\sigma^2 c^4 \left[ \log\left(\frac{k}{k_0}\right) \right] + \frac{8\sigma^2 c^3 \beta}{\sqrt{L}} [k_0^{-1/4} - k^{-1/4}] + \frac{\beta^2 c^2 \sigma^2}{L} [k_0^{-1/2} - k^{-1/2}]}{4c^2 ((k^{1/4}-1)^2) + \frac{2c\beta}{\sqrt{L}} (k^{1/4}-1)} \quad (104)$$

481 for  $\alpha = 3/4$ .