

APPENDIX

A. Proof of Theorem 1

We first define three virtual sequences of global models $\{\bar{\mathbf{w}}_{t+1}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1}, \bar{\mathbf{p}}_{t+1}\}$, $\bar{\mathbf{w}}_{t+1} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1} + \bar{\mathbf{p}}_{t+1}$, and $\bar{\mathbf{p}}_{t+1} = \gamma(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_t)$ for all $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ computed by

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathbf{w}}_0 &= \mathbf{w}_{t_0} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_0 = \mathbf{x}_{t_0}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \mathbf{x}_{t_1}, \bar{\mathbf{p}}_1 = \mathbf{p}_{t_1} \\ \bar{\mathbf{w}}_t &= \mathbf{w}_{t_0} - \eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \sum_{j=0}^{t-1} \nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_j^m, \boldsymbol{\xi}_j^m)\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Then we define two vectors $\bar{\mathbf{g}}_t = \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m)$ and $\mathbf{g}_t = \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m, \boldsymbol{\xi}_t^m)$. Given the above definitions, we have $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{g}_t] = \bar{\mathbf{g}}_t$. Consequently, we have $\bar{\mathbf{w}}_{t+1} = \bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \eta_t \mathbf{g}_t$. Next, we give the bound of $\|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_{t+1} - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2$:

$$\begin{aligned}\|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_{t+1} - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 &= \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \eta_t \mathbf{g}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 = \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_* - \eta_t \bar{\mathbf{g}}_t + \eta_t \bar{\mathbf{g}}_t - \eta_t \mathbf{g}_t\|^2 = \underbrace{\|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_* - \eta_t \bar{\mathbf{g}}_t\|^2}_{\text{A1}} + \underbrace{\eta_t^2 \|\bar{\mathbf{g}}_t - \mathbf{g}_t\|^2}_{\text{A2}} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{2\eta_t \langle \bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_* - \eta_t \bar{\mathbf{g}}_t, \bar{\mathbf{g}}_t - \mathbf{g}_t \rangle}_{\text{A3}}\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

In order to bound Eqn. (2), we bound A1, A2, A3 separately. First, A3 is bounded as $\mathbb{E}[\text{A3}] = 0$ since $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{g}_t] = \bar{\mathbf{g}}_t$. Then to bound A1 and A2, we first give the following lemmas.

Lemma 1. Assume Assumption 1 ~ 2 , $\beta \in (0, 1)$, and $\alpha_t = \bar{\alpha} \leq \min\{\frac{1-\beta}{\mu}, \frac{1-\beta}{4L}\}$ hold, we have

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{A1}] \leq (1 - \mu\bar{\eta})\|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2}_{\text{H1}} + \underbrace{2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2}_{\text{H2}} + 10L\bar{\eta}^2\Gamma_1\tag{3}$$

where $\bar{\eta} = \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{1-\beta}$, and $\Gamma_1 = F_* - \sum_{m=1}^M d_m F_m^* \geq 0$

Lemma 2. Assume Assumption 4 holds, we have

$$\text{H1} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 \leq \frac{\beta\bar{\eta}^2}{2\bar{\alpha}} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \left[\|\mathbf{x}_1^m - \mathbf{x}_0^m\| + \frac{\bar{\alpha}G}{1-\beta} \right]^2 = \frac{\beta\bar{\eta}^2}{2\bar{\alpha}} \left[\|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_0\| + \frac{\bar{\alpha}G}{1-\beta} \right]^2\tag{4}$$

Lemma 3. Assume Assumption 1 and 3, $\beta \in (0, 1)$, and $\alpha_t = \bar{\alpha} \leq \min\{\frac{1-\beta}{\mu}, \frac{1-\beta}{4L}\}$ hold, we have

$$\|\mathbf{g}_{t+1}^m\| \leq (1 + (1 - \beta)L\bar{\eta})^t \|\mathbf{g}_0^m\| + \underbrace{(1 + \bar{\alpha}L)^T \frac{\Xi_1}{\bar{\alpha}L}}_{\Xi_2}\tag{5}$$

where Ξ_1 and Ξ_2 are the constant.

Lemma 4. Assume Assumption 3 holds, we have

$$\text{H2} = 2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 \leq 2\bar{\eta}^2 \chi^2 \ell \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (\lambda_m^2 \ell - \lambda_m)\tag{6}$$

Lemma 5. Assume Assumption 3, $\beta \in (0, 1)$, and $\alpha_t = \bar{\alpha} \leq \min\{\frac{1-\beta}{\mu}, \frac{1-\beta}{4L}\}$ hold, we have

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{A2}] = \mathbb{E} \left[\bar{\eta}^2 \|\bar{\mathbf{g}}_t - \mathbf{g}_t\|^2 \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[\bar{\eta}^2 \left\| \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (\nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m, \boldsymbol{\xi}_t^m) - \mathbf{g}_t^m) \right\|^2 \right] = \bar{\eta}^2 \sum_{i=1}^M d_m^2 \delta_m^2\tag{7}$$

We firstly give the proof process of **Lemma 1**.

Proof. We can split A1 into three parts, which are shown as follows:

$$A1 = \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 + \underbrace{\eta_t^2 \|\bar{\mathbf{g}}_t\|^2}_{B1} - \underbrace{2\eta_t \langle \bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*, \bar{\mathbf{g}}_t \rangle}_{B2} \quad (8)$$

According to the **Assumption 1**, we can obtain the bound of B1 as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} B1 &= \eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m)\|^2 = \eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) - \nabla F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) + \nabla F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m)\|^2 \\ &\leq 2\eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) - \nabla F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m)\|^2 + 2\eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\nabla F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m)\|^2 \\ &\quad (\text{because of } \|a+b\|^2 \leq 2a^2 + 2b^2) \\ &\leq 2L^2\eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + 4L\eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_*^m) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where $F_*^m = F_m(\mathbf{x}_*)$, \mathbf{x}_* is the local optimal value for local function F_m . Next, we give the bound of B2, which is shown as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} B2 &= -2\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \langle \bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*, \nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) \rangle = -2\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \langle \bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m, \nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) \rangle - 2\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \langle \mathbf{w}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_*, \nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) \rangle \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \underbrace{-2\eta_t \langle \bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m, \nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) \rangle}_{C1} + \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \underbrace{-2\eta_t \langle \mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_*, \nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) \rangle}_{C2} + \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \underbrace{-2\eta_t \langle \mathbf{w}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_*, \nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) \rangle}_{C3} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Now, according to the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and **Assumption 2**, we give the bound of C1, C2, and C3, which are shown as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} C1 &\leq 2\eta_t \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\| \|\nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m)\| \leq \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + \eta_t^2 \|\nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m)\|^2 \\ &\leq \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + \eta_t^2 \|\nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) - \nabla F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) + \nabla F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m)\|^2 \\ &\quad (\text{because of } \|a+b\|^2 \leq 2a^2 + 2b^2) \\ &\leq \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + 2\eta_t^2 \|\nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) - \nabla F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m)\|^2 + 2\eta_t^2 \|\nabla F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m)\|^2 \\ &\leq \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + 2L^2\eta_t^2 \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + 4L\eta_t^2 (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_*^m) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$C2 \leq -2\eta_t (F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) - F_m(\mathbf{x}_*)) - \mu\eta_t \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 \quad (12)$$

$$C3 \leq 2\eta_t (F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) - F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m)) + L\eta_t \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 \quad (13)$$

Thus, we have

$$\sum_{m=1}^M d_m C1 \leq \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + 2L^2\eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + 4L\eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_*^m) \quad (14)$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^M d_m C2 \leq -2\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) - F_m(\mathbf{x}_*)) - \mu\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 \quad (15)$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^M d_m C3 \leq 2\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) - F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m)) + L\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 \quad (16)$$

Therefore, we can obtain the bound of B2 as shown in follows:

$$\begin{aligned} B2 &\leq \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + 2L^2\eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + 4L\eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_*^m) \\ &\quad - 2\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m) - F_m(\mathbf{x}_*)) - \mu\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 + L\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Let $\theta_t = 2\eta_t(1 - 4L\eta_t)$, where $\eta_t \leq \frac{1}{4L}$ (i.e., $\alpha_t \leq \frac{1-\beta}{4L}$), we can bound A1 as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
A1 &\leq \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 + B1 + B2 = \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 + 2L^2\eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + 4L\eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_*^m) \\
&+ \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + 2L^2\eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + 4L\eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_*^m) \\
&- 2\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_m(\mathbf{x}_*)) - \mu\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 + L\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 \\
&= \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 - \mu\eta_t \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 + \underbrace{8L\eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_*^m) - 2\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_m(\mathbf{x}_*))}_{D1} \\
&+ \underbrace{(4L\eta_t + 1)L\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2}_{\leq \frac{1}{2}} \\
&\leq \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 - \mu\eta_t \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 + \underbrace{8L\eta_t^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_*^m) - 2\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_m(\mathbf{x}_*))}_{D1} \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 + \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Next, we can bound D1 in the following manner:

$$\begin{aligned}
D1 &= -2\eta_t(1 - 4L\eta_t) \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_*^m) + 2\eta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{x}_*) - F_*^m) \\
&= -\theta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_*) + (2\eta_t - \theta_t) \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_* - F_*^m) \\
&= -\theta_t \underbrace{\sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_*)}_{E1} + 8L\eta_t^2 \Gamma_1
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

where $\Gamma_1 = \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_* - F_*^m) = F_* - \sum_{m=1}^M d_m F_*^m$. Before bounding E1, we firstly give the following bound:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_*) &= \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\mathbf{w}_t^m) - F_m(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t)) + \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - F_*) \\
&\geq \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \langle \nabla F_m(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t), \mathbf{w}_t^m - \bar{\mathbf{w}}_t \rangle + (F(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - F_*) \\
&\geq -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \left[\eta_t \|\nabla F_m(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t)\|^2 + \frac{1}{\eta_t} \|\mathbf{w}_t^m - \bar{\mathbf{w}}_t\|^2 \right] + (F(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - F_*) \\
&\geq -\sum_{m=1}^M d_m \left[\eta_t L (F_m(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - F_*^m) + \frac{1}{2\eta_t} \|\mathbf{w}_t^m - \bar{\mathbf{w}}_t\|^2 \right] + (F(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - F_*)
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Thus, we can obtain the bound of E1 as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
E1 &\leq \theta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \left[\eta_t L (F_m(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - F_*^m) + \frac{1}{2\eta_t} \|\mathbf{w}_t^m - \bar{\mathbf{w}}_t\|^2 \right] - \theta_t (F(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - F_*) \\
&= \theta_t \eta_t L \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - F_*) + \theta_t \eta_t L \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_* - F_*^m) \\
&- \theta_t \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - F_*) + \underbrace{\frac{\theta_t}{2\eta_t} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{w}_t^m - \bar{\mathbf{w}}_t\|^2}_{\leq 2L\eta_t^2 \Gamma_1} \\
&= \theta_t \underbrace{(\eta_t L - 1) \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_m(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - F_*)}_{\leq 0} + \underbrace{\theta_t \eta_t L \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (F_* - F_*^m)}_{\geq 0} + \underbrace{\frac{\theta_t}{2\eta_t} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{w}_t^m - \bar{\mathbf{w}}_t\|^2}_{\leq 1} \\
&\leq 2L\eta_t^2 \Gamma_1 + \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{w}_t^m - \bar{\mathbf{w}}_t\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Then, we bound D1 in the following manner:

$$D1 \leq 10L\eta_t^2 \Gamma_1 + \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 \tag{22}$$

Therefore, we can rewrite the bound of A1 as follows:

$$A1 \leq \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 - \mu\eta_t \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2}_{H1} + \underbrace{2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2}_{H2} + 10L\eta_t^2 \Gamma_1 \tag{23}$$

Because of $\mathbb{E}\|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 = \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2$, taking the expectation on A1 and holding the value of $\alpha_t = \bar{\alpha}$, we can obtain the Eqn. (3). Thus, we finish the proof of **Lemma 1**. \square

Secondly, we give the proof process of **Lemma 2**.

Proof. To bound H1, we first give the following inequality.

$$\|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\| = \gamma \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^m\| = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \bar{\eta} \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^m\| \quad (24)$$

where, we can bound the $\|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^m\|$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^m\| &= \|-\bar{\alpha} \mathbf{g}_{t-1}^m + \beta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}^m - \mathbf{x}_{t-2}^m)\| \leq \bar{\alpha} \|\mathbf{g}_{t-1}^m\| + \beta \|\mathbf{x}_{t-1}^m - \mathbf{x}_{t-2}^m\| \leq \bar{\alpha} G + \beta \|\mathbf{x}_{t-1}^m - \mathbf{x}_{t-2}^m\| \\ (\text{According to the difference equation}) \\ &\leq \left(\|\mathbf{x}_1^m - \mathbf{x}_0^m\| - \frac{\bar{\alpha} G}{1-\beta} \right) \underbrace{\beta^{t-1}}_{\leq 1} + \frac{\bar{\alpha} G}{1-\beta} \leq \|\mathbf{x}_1^m - \mathbf{x}_0^m\| + \frac{\bar{\alpha} G}{1-\beta} \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Now, we can obtain the bound of H1 as shown in follows:

$$\text{H1} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 \leq \frac{\beta \bar{\eta}^2}{2\alpha} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \left[\|\mathbf{x}_1^m - \mathbf{x}_0^m\| + \frac{\bar{\alpha} G}{1-\beta} \right]^2 = \frac{\beta \bar{\eta}^2}{2\alpha} \left[\|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_0\| + \frac{\bar{\alpha} G}{1-\beta} \right]^2 \quad (26)$$

□

Then, we give the proof process of **Lemma 3**.

Proof. The detailed proof process is shown as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{g}_{t+1}^m\| &= \|\mathbf{g}_{t+1}^m - \mathbf{g}_t^m + \mathbf{g}_t^m\| \leq \|\mathbf{g}_{t+1}^m - \mathbf{g}_t^m\| + \|\mathbf{g}_t^m\| \\ &= \|\nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m - \bar{\alpha} \mathbf{g}_t^m + \beta(\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^m)) - \nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m)\| + \|\mathbf{g}_t^m\| \\ (\text{According to the Assumption 2}) \\ &\leq L \|\bar{\alpha} \mathbf{g}_t^m + \beta(\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^m)\| + \|\mathbf{g}_t^m\| \leq L \|\bar{\alpha} \mathbf{g}_t^m\| + L\beta \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^m\| + \|\mathbf{g}_t^m\| \\ &\leq (1 + \bar{\alpha} L) \|\mathbf{g}_t^m\| + L\beta \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^m\| \leq (1 + \bar{\alpha} L) \|\mathbf{g}_t^m\| + L\beta \underbrace{\left[\|\mathbf{x}_1^m - \mathbf{x}_0^m\| + \frac{\bar{\alpha} G}{1-\beta} \right]}_{\Xi_1} \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

(According to the difference equation)

$$\leq \underbrace{-\frac{\Xi_1}{\bar{\alpha} L}}_{\leq 0} + [\|\mathbf{g}_0^m\| + \frac{\Xi_1}{\bar{\alpha} L}] (1 + \bar{\alpha} L)^t \leq (1 + (1 - \beta)L\bar{\eta})^t \|\mathbf{g}_0^m\| + (1 + \bar{\alpha} L)^t \underbrace{\frac{\Xi_1}{\bar{\alpha} L}}_{\Xi_2}$$

□

Next, we give the proof process of **Lemma 4**.

Proof. To bound H2, we firstly bound $\|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|$ in the following manner:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\| &= \|(\mathbf{w}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_{t_{m_0}}^m) - (\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_{t_{m_0}}^m)\| = \sum_{l=t_{m_0}}^t \left\| \bar{\eta}(\mathbf{g}_l^m - \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \mathbf{g}_l^m) \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{l=t_{m_0}}^t (1 + (1 - \beta)L\bar{\eta})^{l-t_{m_0}} \left\| \bar{\eta}(\mathbf{g}_{t_{m_0}}^m - \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \mathbf{g}_{t_{m_0}}^m) \right\| \leq \left\| \frac{(1 + (1 - \beta)L\bar{\eta})^{t-t_{m_0}} - 1}{(1 - \beta)L} (\mathbf{g}_{t_{m_0}}^m - \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \mathbf{g}_{t_{m_0}}^m) \right\| \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

The t_{m_0} is the last time step when device m uploads its model to the server. Note that the Ξ_2 can be eliminated as a constant term. According to the **Assumption 3** and $t - t_{m_0} \leq \lambda_m \ell - 1$, we can obtain the following inequality by using Taylor expansion.

$$\|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 \leq \left\| \frac{(1 + (1 - \beta)L\bar{\eta})^{\lambda_m \ell - 1} - 1}{(1 - \beta)L} \right\|^2 \chi^2 \leq \frac{2}{\bar{\eta}^2} (\lambda_m \ell - 1)^2 \chi^2 \leq \bar{\eta}^2 \ell (\lambda_m^2 \ell - \lambda_m) \chi^2 \quad (29)$$

Thus, we can bound the H2 as follows:

$$\text{H2} = 2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 \leq 2\bar{\eta}^2 \chi^2 \ell \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (\lambda_m^2 \ell - \lambda_m) \quad (30)$$

□

Therefore, we can obtain the expectation of A1 in the following manner:

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{A1}] \leq (1 - \mu\bar{\eta}) \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 + \frac{\beta\bar{\eta}^2}{2\bar{\alpha}} \left[\|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_0\| + \frac{\bar{\alpha}G}{1-\beta} \right]^2 + 2\bar{\eta}^2 \chi^2 \ell \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (\lambda_m^2 \ell - \lambda_m) + 10L\bar{\eta}^2 \Gamma_1 \quad (31)$$

Finally, we give the proof process of **Lemma 5**.

Proof. We can take the expectation of A2 in the following manner:

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{A2}] = \mathbb{E}[\bar{\eta}^2 \|\bar{\mathbf{g}}_t - \mathbf{g}_t\|^2] = \mathbb{E} \left[\bar{\eta}^2 \left\| \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (\nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m, \boldsymbol{\xi}_t^m) - \mathbf{g}_t^m) \right\|^2 \right] = \bar{\eta}^2 \sum_{i=1}^M d_m^2 \delta_m^2 \quad (32)$$

□

Now, we have obtained the bound of A1, A2, and A3, we define $\Delta_{t+1} = \mathbb{E}(\|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_{t+1} - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2)$, taking the expectation of both side Eqn. (2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{t+1} &\leq (1 - \mu\bar{\eta})\Delta_t + \frac{\beta\bar{\eta}^2}{2\bar{\alpha}} \left[\|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_0\| + \frac{\bar{\alpha}G}{1-\beta} \right]^2 + 2\bar{\eta}^2 \chi^2 \ell \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (\lambda_m^2 \ell - \lambda_m) + 10L\bar{\eta}^2 \Gamma_1 + \bar{\eta}^2 \sum_{i=1}^M d_m^2 \delta_m^2 \\ &= (1 - \mu\bar{\eta})\Delta_t + \bar{\eta}^2 \underbrace{\left[\underbrace{\frac{\beta}{2\bar{\alpha}} \left[\|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_0\| + \frac{\bar{\alpha}G}{1-\beta} \right]^2}_{\Gamma_2} + 2\chi^2 \ell \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (\lambda_m^2 \ell - \lambda_m) + 10L\Gamma_1 + \sum_{i=1}^M d_m^2 \delta_m^2 \right]}_{\Lambda} \\ &= (1 - \mu\bar{\eta})\Delta_t + \bar{\eta}^2 \Lambda \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Taking the recursion, we have

$$\Delta_{t+1} - \frac{\bar{\eta}\Lambda}{\mu} \leq (1 - \mu\bar{\eta})^{t+1} (\Delta_0 - \frac{\bar{\eta}\Lambda}{\mu}) \quad (34)$$

According to the **Assumption 1**, we have

$$\mathbb{E}(F(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t)) - F_* \leq \frac{L}{2} \Delta_t \quad (35)$$

Finally, we can obtain the following conclusion

$$\mathbb{E}[F(\mathbf{x}_T)] - F_* \leq \frac{L(1 - \mu\bar{\eta})^T}{2} (\|\mathbf{x}_{t_0} - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 - 2\Phi) + \Phi \quad (36)$$

where $\Phi = \frac{\bar{\eta}L\Lambda}{2\mu} = \frac{\bar{\eta}L}{2\mu} [\Gamma_2 + 2\chi^2 \ell \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (\lambda_m^2 \ell - \lambda_m) + 10L\Gamma_1 + \sum_{m=1}^M d_m^2 \delta_m^2]$, $\Gamma_1 = F_* - \sum_{m=1}^M d_m F_m^*$, and $\Gamma_2 = \frac{\beta}{2\bar{\alpha}} \left[\|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_0\| + \frac{\bar{\alpha}G}{1-\beta} \right]^2$.

B. Proof of Theorem 2

In order to bound Eqn. (2), we bound A1, A2, A3 separately. First, A3 is bounded as $\mathbb{E}[\text{A3}] = 0$ since $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{g}_t] = \bar{\mathbf{g}}_t$. Then to bound A1 and A2, we first give the following lemmas.

Lemma 6. Assume Assumption 1 \sim Assumption 2, $\beta \in (0, 1)$, and $\alpha_t = \frac{2(1-\beta)}{\mu(v+t)}$ hold, where $v = \max\{8\rho, \max_i(\lambda_i)\ell\}$ and $\rho = \frac{L}{\mu}$, we have

$$\mathbb{E}[A1] \leq (1 - \mu\eta_t) \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2}_{H1'} + \underbrace{2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2}_{H2'} + 10L\eta_t^2 \Gamma_1 \quad (37)$$

where $\eta_t = \frac{\alpha_t}{1-\beta}$, and $\Gamma_1 = F_* - \sum_{m=1}^M d_m F_m^* \geq 0$

Proof. The process of **Lemma 6** is same as the **Lemma 1**, only replacing $\bar{\eta}$ with η_t . \square

Lemma 7. Assume Assumption 4 and $\alpha_{\min} = \min(\alpha_t)$, and $\alpha_{\max} = \max(\alpha_t)$ hold, we have

$$H1' = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\mathbf{x}_t^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 \leq \frac{\beta\eta_t^2}{2\alpha_{\min}} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \left[\|\mathbf{x}_1^m - \mathbf{x}_0^m\| + \frac{\alpha_{\max} G}{1-\beta} \right]^2 = \frac{\beta\eta_t^2}{2\alpha_{\min}} \left[\|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_0\| + \frac{\alpha_{\max} G}{1-\beta} \right]^2 \quad (38)$$

Proof. The process of **Lemma 7** is same as the **Lemma 2**, only replacing $\bar{\alpha}$ with α_{\min} and α_{\max} . \square

Lemma 8. Assume Assumption 1 and 3, $\beta \in (0, 1)$, $\alpha_t = \frac{2(1-\beta)}{\mu(v+t)}$, $\alpha_{\min} = \min(\alpha_t)$, and $\alpha_{\max} = \max(\alpha_t)$ hold, we have

$$\|\mathbf{g}_{t+1}^m\| \leq (1 + (1-\beta)L\eta_t)^t \|\mathbf{g}_0^m\| + \underbrace{(1 + \alpha_{\max} L)^T \frac{\Xi 1'}{\alpha_{\min} L}}_{\Xi 2'} \quad (39)$$

where $\Xi 1'$ and $\Xi 2'$ are the constant.

Proof. The process of **Lemma 8** is same as the **Lemma 3**, only replacing $\bar{\eta}$ with η_t , and $\bar{\alpha}$ with α_{\min} and α_{\max} . \square

Lemma 9. Assume Assumption 3, $\beta \in (0, 1)$, $\alpha_t = \frac{2(1-\beta)}{\mu(v+t)}$, $\alpha_{\min} = \min(\alpha_t)$, and $\alpha_{\max} = \max(\alpha_t)$ hold. Moreover, we have $\eta_t \leq 2\eta_{t+\lambda_m \ell}$ (i.e., $\eta_{t_{m_0}} \leq 2\eta_t$), thus we have

$$H2' = 2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{w}_t^m\|^2 \leq 8\eta_t^2 \chi^2 \ell \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (\lambda_m^2 \ell - \lambda_m) \quad (40)$$

Proof. Inspired by the process of **Lemma 4**, using the inequality $\eta_t \leq 2\eta_{t+\lambda_m \ell}$ (i.e., $\eta_{t_{m_0}} \leq 2\eta_t$), and replacing $\bar{\eta}$ with η_t , the process of **Lemma 9** is finished. \square

Lemma 10. Assume Assumption 3, $\beta \in (0, 1)$, $\alpha_t = \frac{2(1-\beta)}{\mu(v+t)}$, $\alpha_{\min} = \min(\alpha_t)$, and $\alpha_{\max} = \max(\alpha_t)$ hold. We have

$$\mathbb{E}[A2] = \mathbb{E} \left[\eta_t^2 \|\bar{\mathbf{g}}_t - \mathbf{g}_t\|^2 \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[\eta_t^2 \left\| \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (\nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m, \boldsymbol{\xi}_t^m) - \mathbf{g}_t^m) \right\|^2 \right] = \eta_t^2 \sum_{i=1}^M d_m^2 \delta_m^2 \quad (41)$$

Proof. The process of **Lemma 10** is same as the **Lemma 5**, only replacing $\bar{\eta}$ with η_t . \square

Using the new bound and replacing Λ with Λ' in inequality (33), we have

$$\Delta_{t+1} \leq (1 - \mu\eta_t) \Delta_t + \eta_t^2 \Lambda' \quad (42)$$

The rest of the proof can refer to the literature [1]. Then we finish the proof of **Theorem 2**.

C. Proof of Theorem 3

The expression of NAG in an asynchronous federated learning system is shown as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}_{t+1}^m &= \mathbf{x}_t^m - \alpha_t \nabla F_m(\mathbf{x}_t^m, \xi_t^m) \\ \mathbf{x}_{t+1}^m &= \begin{cases} \mathbf{w}_{t+1}^m + \beta_t(\mathbf{w}_{t+1}^m - \mathbf{w}_t^m) & \text{if } t+1 \notin \Theta_m \\ \mathbf{x}_{t+1} & \text{if } t+1 \in \Theta_m \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

According to the literature [2], we first give the following lemmas.

Lemma 11. Assume Assumption 1 ~ 4, let $\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t = \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \mathbf{w}_t^m$, $\alpha_t = \frac{6}{\mu(t+v)}$, $\beta_{t-1} = \frac{3}{14(t+v)(1-\frac{6}{t+v})\max\{\mu, 1\}}$, $v = \max\{32\rho, \max_m(\lambda_m)\ell\}$, and $\rho = \frac{L}{\mu}$ hold, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_{t+1} - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 &\leq \mathbb{E}(1 - \mu\alpha_t)(1 + \beta_{t-1})^2 \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 + 20L\alpha_t^3 G^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \lambda_m^2 \ell^2 \\ &\quad + (1 - \mu\alpha_t)\beta_{t-1}^2 \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_{t-1} - \mathbf{x}_*\|^2 + \frac{\alpha_t^2 \nu_{\max}}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m^2 \delta_m^2 + 2\beta_{t-1}(1 + \beta_{t-1})(1 - \mu\alpha_t) \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t - \mathbf{x}_*\| \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}_{t-1} - \mathbf{x}_*\| \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

where $\nu_{\max} = \max_m M d_m$

Proof. The process of **Lemma 11** can be deduced from combining the proof process of **Theorem 1** and the Lemma 7 of [2]. \square

Lemma 12. Assume Assumption 1 ~ 4, let $\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t = \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \mathbf{w}_t^m$ and assume that α_t is non-increasing, $\alpha_t \leq 2\alpha_{t+\lambda_m\ell}$ (i.e., $\alpha_{t_{m_0}} \leq 2\alpha_t$), $t - t_{m_0} \leq \lambda_m\ell - 1$, and $2\beta_{t-1}^2 + 2\alpha_t^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}$ for all $t \geq 0$, where the definition of t_{m_0} is given in the Eqn. (28), we have

$$\mathbb{E} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1} - \mathbf{x}_t^m\|^2 \leq 16\alpha_{t_0}^2 G^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (\lambda_m\ell - 1)^2 \quad (45)$$

Proof. We can take the expectation of $\sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1} - \mathbf{x}_t^m\|^2$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1} - \mathbf{x}_t^m\|^2 &\leq \mathbb{E} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1} - \mathbf{x}_{t_{m_0}}\|^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E} \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \left\| \sum_{i=t_{m_0}}^{t-1} \beta_i (\mathbf{w}_{i+1}^m - \mathbf{w}_i^m) - \sum_{i=t_{m_0}}^{t-1} \alpha_i \mathbf{g}_i^m \right\|^2 \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \mathbb{E} \sum_{i=t_{m_0}}^{t-1} (\lambda_m\ell - 1)^2 \beta_i^2 \|\mathbf{w}_{i+1}^m - \mathbf{w}_i^m\|^2 + 2 \sum_{i=t_{m_0}}^{t-1} d_m \mathbb{E} \sum_{i=t_{m_0}}^{t-1} (\lambda_m\ell - 1) \alpha_i^2 \|\mathbf{g}_i^m\|^2 \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \mathbb{E} \sum_{i=t_{m_0}}^{t-1} (\lambda_m\ell - 1)^2 \alpha_i^2 \left[\|\mathbf{g}_i^m\|^2 + \|\mathbf{w}_{i+1}^m - \mathbf{w}_i^m\|^2 \right] \\ &\leq 4 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m \mathbb{E} \sum_{i=t_{m_0}}^{t-1} (\lambda_m\ell - 1)^2 \alpha_i^2 G^2 \leq 4 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (\lambda_m\ell - 1)^2 \alpha_{t_{m_0}}^2 G^2 \leq 16\alpha_{t_0}^2 G^2 \sum_{m=1}^M d_m (\lambda_m\ell - 1)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

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Then, we can refer to the literature [2] and combine the **Lemma 11** and **Lemma 12** to finish the rest proof of **Theorem 3**.

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