

Appendix

A Preliminary Lemmas

In this section, we give preliminary lemmas which are also used in the proof the proofs of Lemmas 1 and 2. While Lemmas 4 and 5 depend on the optimality conditions of subproblems, Lemmas 3, 6 and 7 require Assumption 1.

Lemma 3. *It holds that $\forall z_1, z_2 \in R^q$,*

$$h(z_1) \leq h(z_2) + \nabla h(z_2)^T (z_1 - z_2) + (H/2) \|z_1 - z_2\|^2, \quad -h(z_1) \leq -h(z_2) - \nabla h(z_2)^T (z_1 - z_2) + (H/2) \|z_1 - z_2\|^2.$$

Proof. Because $h(z)$ is Lipschitz differentiable by Assumption 1, so is $-h(z)$. Therefore, this lemma is proven exactly as same as Lemma 2.1 in [4].

Lemma 4. *It holds that $y^k = \nabla h(z^k)$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$.*

Proof. The optimality condition for the problem with regard to z^k gives rise to

$$\nabla h(z^k) - y^{k-1} - \rho \left(\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^k - z^k \right) = 0.$$

Because $y^k = y^{k-1} + \rho \left(\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^k - z^k \right)$, we have $y^k = \nabla h(z^k)$.

Lemma 5. *It holds that for $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$,*

$$L_\rho(\cdots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^k, \cdots) - L_\rho(\cdots, x_i^{k+1}, x_{i+1}^k, \cdots) \geq (\rho/2) \|A_i x_i^k - A_i x_i^{k+1}\|_2^2. \quad (8)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & L_\rho(\cdots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^k, \cdots) - L_\rho(\cdots, x_i^{k+1}, x_{i+1}^k, \cdots) \\ &= f(\cdots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^k, \cdots) - f(\cdots, x_i^{k+1}, x_{i+1}^k, \cdots) \\ &+ (y^k)^T (A_i x_i^k - A_i x_i^{k+1}) + (\rho/2) \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} A_j x_j^{k+1} + \sum_{j=i}^n A_j x_j^k - z^k \right\|_2^2 - (\rho/2) \left\| \sum_{j=1}^i A_j x_j^{k+1} + \sum_{j=i+1}^n A_j x_j^k - z^k \right\|_2^2 \\ &= f(\cdots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^k, \cdots) - f(\cdots, x_i^{k+1}, x_{i+1}^k, \cdots) \\ &+ (y^k)^T (A_i x_i^k - A_i x_i^{k+1}) + (\rho/2) \|A_i x_i^k - A_i x_i^{k+1}\|_2^2 + \rho \left(\sum_{j=1}^i A_j x_j^{k+1} + \sum_{j=i+1}^n A_j x_j^k - z^k \right)^T (A_i x_i^k - A_i x_i^{k+1}) \\ &= f(\cdots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^k, \cdots) - f(\cdots, x_i^{k+1}, x_{i+1}^k, \cdots) \\ &+ (A_i^T y^k + \rho A_i^T \left(\sum_{j=1}^i A_j x_j^{k+1} + \sum_{j=i+1}^n A_j x_j^k - z^k \right))^T (x_i^k - x_i^{k+1}) + (\rho/2) \|A_i x_i^k - A_i x_i^{k+1}\|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

where the second equality follows from the cosine rule: $\|b + c\|^2 - \|a + c\|^2 = \|b - a\|^2 + 2(a + c)^T (b - a)$ with $a = A_i x_i^{k+1}$, $b = A_i x_i^k$ and $c = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} A_j x_j^{k+1} + \sum_{j=i+1}^n A_j x_j^k - z^k$.

The optimality condition of x_i^{k+1} leads to

$$\begin{aligned} & 0 \in \partial_{x_i} L_\rho(\cdots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^k, \cdots) \\ &= \partial_{x_i} f(\cdots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^k, \cdots) + A_i^T y^k + \rho A_i^T \left(\sum_{j=1}^i A_j x_j^{k+1} + \sum_{j=i+1}^n A_j x_j^k - z^k \right) \\ &- A_i^T y^k - \rho A_i^T \left(\sum_{j=1}^i A_j x_j^{k+1} + \sum_{j=i+1}^n A_j x_j^k - z^k \right) \in \partial_{x_i} f(\cdots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^k, \cdots). \end{aligned}$$

We have the following result according to the definition of subgradient

$$\begin{aligned} & f(\cdots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^k, \cdots) \\ &\geq f(\cdots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_{i+1}^k, \cdots) + (-A_i^T y^k - \rho A_i^T \left(\sum_{j=1}^i A_j x_j^{k+1} + \sum_{j=i+1}^n A_j x_j^k - z^k \right))^T (x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k) \\ &= f(\cdots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_{i+1}^k, \cdots) + (A_i^T y^k + \rho A_i^T \left(\sum_{j=1}^i A_j x_j^{k+1} + \sum_{j=i+1}^n A_j x_j^k - z^k \right))^T (x_i^k - x_i^{k+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the lemma is proved.

Lemma 6. If $\rho > 2H$ so that $C_1 = \rho/2 - H/2 - H^2/\rho > 0$, then it holds that

$$L_\rho(\cdots, x_n^{k+1}, z^k, y^k) - L_\rho(\cdots, x_n^{k+1}, z^{k+1}, y^{k+1}) \geq C_1 \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2. \quad (9)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& L_\rho(x_1^{k+1}, \dots, x_n^{k+1}, z^k, y^k) - L_\rho(x_1^{k+1}, \dots, x_n^{k+1}, z^{k+1}, y^{k+1}) \\
&= h(z^k) + (y^k)^T (\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1} - z^k) + (\rho/2) \|\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 \\
&\quad - h(z^{k+1}) - (y^{k+1})^T (\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1} - z^{k+1}) - (\rho/2) \|\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1} - z^{k+1}\|_2^2 \\
&= h(z^k) - h(z^{k+1}) + (y^k - y^{k+1})^T \sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1} + (y^{k+1})^T z^{k+1} - (y^k)^T z^k + (\rho/2) \|\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 \\
&\quad - (\rho/2) \|\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1} - z^{k+1}\|_2^2 \\
&= h(z^k) - h(z^{k+1}) + (y^k - y^{k+1})^T \sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1} + (y^{k+1})^T z^{k+1} - (y^k)^T z^k \\
&\quad + (\rho/2) \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 + \rho(z^{k+1} - \sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1})^T (z^k - z^{k+1}) \\
&\quad (\text{cosine rule } \|a - b\|^2 - \|a - c\|^2 = \|c - b\|^2 + 2(c - a)^T(b - c) \text{ where } a = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1}, b = z^k \text{ and } c = z^{k+1}.) \\
&= h(z^k) - h(z^{k+1}) + (y^k - y^{k+1})^T \sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1} + (y^{k+1})^T z^{k+1} - (y^k)^T z^k + (\rho/2) \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 + (y^k - y^{k+1})^T (z^k - z^{k+1}) \\
&\quad (\text{Because } y^{k+1} = y^k + \rho(\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1} - z^{k+1}).) \\
&= h(z^k) - h(z^{k+1}) + (y^k - y^{k+1})^T (\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1} + z^k - z^{k+1}) + (y^{k+1})^T z^{k+1} - (y^k)^T z^k + (\rho/2) \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 \\
&= h(z^k) - h(z^{k+1}) + (y^k - y^{k+1})^T (\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1} - z^{k+1}) + (y^k - y^{k+1})^T z^k + (y^{k+1})^T z^{k+1} - (y^k)^T z^k + (\rho/2) \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 \\
&= h(z^k) - h(z^{k+1}) - (1/\rho)(y^k - y^{k+1})^T (y^k - y^{k+1}) - (y^{k+1})^T (z^k - z^{k+1}) + (\rho/2) \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 \\
&\quad (\text{Because } y^{k+1} = y^k + \rho(\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^{k+1} - z^{k+1}).) \\
&= h(z^k) - h(z^{k+1}) - (y^{k+1})^T (z^k - z^{k+1}) + (\rho/2) \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 - (1/\rho) \|y^{k+1} - y^k\|_2^2 \\
&= h(z^k) - h(z^{k+1}) + \nabla h(z^{k+1})^T (z^{k+1} - z^k) + (\rho/2) \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 - (1/\rho) \|y^{k+1} - y^k\|_2^2 \quad (\text{Lemma 4}) \\
&\geq (-H/2) \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 + (\rho/2) \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 - (1/\rho) \|\nabla h(z^{k+1}) - \nabla h(z^k)\|_2^2 \\
&\quad (-\nabla h(z) \text{ is Lipschitz differentiable, Lemma 3 and Lemma 4}) \\
&\geq (-H/2) \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 + (\rho/2) \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 - (H^2/\rho) \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 \quad (\text{Assumption 1}) \\
&= C_1 \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2.
\end{aligned}$$

We choose $\rho > 2H$ to make $C_1 > 0$.

Lemma 7. $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $\|y^{k+1} - y^k\| \leq H \|z^{k+1} - z^k\|$.

Proof.

$$\|y^{k+1} - y^k\| = \|\nabla h(z^{k+1}) - \nabla h(z^k)\| \quad (\text{Lemma 4}) \leq H \|z^{k+1} - z^k\| \quad (\text{Assumption 1}).$$

B Proofs of Lemmas 1- 2

Proof (Proof of Lemma 1). This follows directly from Lemmas 5 and 6.

Proof (Proof of Lemma 2). There exists z' such that $\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^k - z' = 0$. Therefore, we have

$$f(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k) + h(z') \geq \min S > -\infty.$$

where $S = \{f(x_1, \dots, x_n) + h(z) : \sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i - z = 0\}$, which is the objective value of Problem 1, and therefore bounded from below. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& L_\rho(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k) \\
&= f(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k) + h(z^k) + (y^k)^T (\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^k - z^k) + (\rho/2) \|\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^k - z^k\|^2 \\
&= f(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k) + h(z^k) + (y^k)^T (z' - z^k) + (\rho/2) \|\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^k - z^k\|^2 \quad (\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^k - z' = 0) \\
&= f(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k) + h(z^k) + (\nabla h(z^k))^T (z' - z^k) + (\rho/2) \|\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^k - z^k\|^2 \quad (\text{Lemma 4}) \\
&\geq f(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k) + h(z') + (\rho - H)/2 \|\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^k - z^k\|_2^2 \quad (\text{Lemmas 3 and 4, } h(z) \text{ is Lipschitz differentiable}) \\
&\geq \min S + (\rho - H)/2 \|\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^k - z^k\|_2^2 \geq \min S > -\infty.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $L_\rho(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k)$ is bounded from below.

C Proofs of Theorems 1-3

Proof (Proof of Theorem 1). We show residual convergence and objective convergence based on Lemmas 1 and 2.

From Lemma 1, $L_\rho(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k)$ decreases monotonically, and $L_\rho(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k)$ is lower bounded by Lemma 2. Therefore, $L_\rho(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k)$ is convergent because a monotone bounded sequence converges (Monotone Convergence Theorem). According to the continuity of L_ρ , we take $k \rightarrow \infty$ on the both sides of Inequality (4) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (L_\rho(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k) - L_\rho(x_1^{k+1}, \dots, x_n^{k+1}, z^{k+1}, y^{k+1})) \\
& \geq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} C_2 (\|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i(x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k)\|_2^2).
\end{aligned}$$

On one hand, $L_\rho(x_1, \dots, x_n, z, y)$ is convergent, so we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} C_2 (\|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i(x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k)\|_2^2) \leq 0.$$

On the other hand, $C_2 (\|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i(x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k)\|_2^2)$ is nonnegative, so we get

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} C_2 (\|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i(x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k)\|_2^2) = 0.$$

This suggests that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (z^{k+1} - z^k) = 0$ and $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_i(x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k) = 0 (i = 1, \dots, n)$. Moreover, by Lemma 7, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|y^{k+1} - y^k\| \leq H \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|z^{k+1} - z^k\| = 0$. So we have $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (y^{k+1} - y^k) = 0$.

a). For residual convergence, by the Line 8 of Algorithm 1, we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} r^k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (y^k - y^{k-1})/\rho = 0.$$

b). For objective convergence, since

$$L_\rho(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k) = F(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k) + (y^k)^T r^k + (\rho/2) \|r^k\|_2^2$$

and $L_\rho(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k)$ is convergent, r^k converges to 0 and y^k is bounded, then $F(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k)$ is also convergent.

Proof (Proof of Theorem 2). Obviously $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (z^{k+1} - z^k) = 0$ and $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (y^{k+1} - y^k) = 0$ from the proof of Theorem 1. In order to prove this theorem, we firstly prove that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k) = 0 (i = 1, \dots, n)$ if either of two assumptions holds, then prove that any limit point $(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*)$ is a feasible Nash point of Problem 1.

(a). Suppose $A_i (i = 1, \dots, n)$ have full rank. Because $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_i(x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k) = 0$ from the proof of Theorem 1, then obviously $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k) = 0$ [23].

(b). Suppose F is strongly convex with regard to x_i . Because $L_\rho(x_1, \dots, x_n, z, y) = F(x_1, \dots, x_n, z) + y^T (\sum A_i x_i - z) + (\rho/2) \|\sum A_i x_i - z\|_2^2$, $F(x_1, \dots, x_n, z)$, and $y^T (\sum A_i x_i - z) + (\rho/2) \|\sum A_i x_i - z\|_2^2$ are strongly convex, L_ρ is also strongly convex regard to x_i [24] with the assumed constant $D_i > 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
L_\rho(x_1^{k+1}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^k, x_{i+1}^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k) &\geq L_\rho(x_1^{k+1}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^{k+1}, x_{i+1}^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k) + (v_i^{k+1})^T (x_i^k - x_i^{k+1}) \\
&\quad + (D_i/2) \|x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k\|_2^2
\end{aligned}$$

where $\forall v_i^{k+1} \in \partial_{x_i} L_\rho(x_1^{k+1}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^{k+1}, x_{i+1}^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k)$. The optimality condition of x_i^{k+1} leads to $0 \in \partial_{x_i} L_\rho(x_1^{k+1}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^{k+1}, x_{i+1}^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k)$. Therefore, we have

$$L_\rho(x_1^{k+1}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^k, x_{i+1}^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k) \geq L_\rho(x_1^{k+1}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{k+1}, x_i^{k+1}, x_{i+1}^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k) + (D_i/2)\|x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k\|_2^2 \quad (10)$$

We sum up Inequality (10) from $i = 1, \dots, n$ and Inequality (9) to obtain

$$L_\rho(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k) - L_\rho(x_1^{k+1}, \dots, x_n^{k+1}, z^{k+1}, y^{k+1}) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n (D_i/2)\|x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k\|_2^2 + C_1\|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 \quad (11)$$

where $C_1 > 0$ by Lemma 6 if $\rho > 2H$. According to the continuity of L_ρ , we take $k \rightarrow \infty$ on the both sides of Inequality (11) to obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (L_\rho(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k) - L_\rho(x_1^{k+1}, \dots, x_n^{k+1}, z^{k+1}, y^{k+1})) \geq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\sum_{i=1}^n (D_i/2)\|x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k\|_2^2 + C_1\|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2)$$

On one hand, $L_\rho(x_1, \dots, x_n, z, y)$ is convergent, so we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\sum_{i=1}^n (D_i/2)\|x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k\|_2^2 + C_1\|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2) \leq 0$$

On the other hand, $\sum_{i=1}^n (D_i/2)\|x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k\|_2^2 + C_1\|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2$ is nonnegative, so we get

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\sum_{i=1}^n (D_i/2)\|x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k\|_2^2 + C_1\|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2) = 0$$

This suggests that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k) = 0 (i = 1, \dots, n)$ and $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (z^{k+1} - z^k) = 0$.

Therefore, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k) = 0 (i = 1, \dots, n)$ if either of two assumptions holds. Because $(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k)$ is bounded, there exists a subsequence $(x_1^s, \dots, x_n^s, z^s, y^s)$ such that $(x_1^s, \dots, x_n^s, z^s, y^s) \rightarrow (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*, y^*)$ where $(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*, y^*)$ is a limit point. Because $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} (x_i^{s+1} - x_i^s) = 0 (i = 1, \dots, n)$, $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} (z^{s+1} - z^s) = 0$ and $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} (y^{s+1} - y^s) = 0$, we have $(x_1^{s+1}, \dots, x_n^{s+1}, z^{s+1}, y^{s+1}) \rightarrow (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*, y^*)$. Now we prove that the limit point $(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*)$ is a feasible Nash point of Problem 1.

For feasibility, since $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} r^k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^k - z^k = 0$, so for the subsequence $(x_1^s, \dots, x_n^s, z^s, y^s) \rightarrow (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*, y^*)$, we have $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} r^s = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} (\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^s - z^s) = 0$ then $\sum_{i=1}^n A_i x_i^* - z^* = 0$.

For the Nash point, we obtain the following according to the optimality conditions of $x_i^{s+1} (i = 1, \dots, n)$ and z^{s+1} in Equations (2) and (3), respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} L_\rho(x_1^{s+1}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{s+1}, x_i^{s+1}, x_{i+1}^s, \dots, x_n^s, z^s, y^s) &\leq L_\rho(x_1^{s+1}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{s+1}, x_i, x_{i+1}^s, \dots, x_n^s, z^s, y^s), \\ \forall (x_1^{s+1}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{s+1}, x_i, x_{i+1}^s, \dots, x_n^s, z^s) &\in \text{dom}(F) \\ L_\rho(x_1^{s+1}, \dots, x_n^{s+1}, z^{s+1}, y^s) &\leq L_\rho(x_1^{s+1}, \dots, x_n^{s+1}, z, y^s), \forall (x_1^{s+1}, \dots, x_n^{s+1}, z) \in \text{dom}(F) \end{aligned}$$

According to the continuity of L_ρ , we take $s \rightarrow \infty$ on the both sides of two inequalities. Because $(x_1^s, \dots, x_n^s, z^s, y^s) \rightarrow (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*, y^*)$ and $(x_1^{s+1}, \dots, x_n^{s+1}, z^{s+1}, y^{s+1}) \rightarrow (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*, y^*)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L_\rho(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*, y^*) &\leq L_\rho(x_1^*, \dots, x_{i-1}^*, x_i, x_{i+1}^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*, y^*), \forall (x_1^*, \dots, x_{i-1}^*, x_i, x_{i+1}^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*) \in \text{dom}(F) \\ L_\rho(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*, y^*) &\leq L_\rho(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*, y^*), \forall (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z) \in \text{dom}(F) \end{aligned}$$

Here $\forall (x_1^*, \dots, x_{i-1}^*, x_i, x_{i+1}^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*) \in \text{dom}(F)$ and $\forall (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z) \in \text{dom}(F)$ mean $\forall x_i$ s.t. $\sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n A_j x_j^* + A_i x_i - z^* = 0$ and $\forall z$ s.t. $\sum_{j=1}^n A_j x_j^* - z = 0$, respectively. Using the fact that $(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*)$ is feasible in Problem 1, we obtain $L_\rho(x_1^*, \dots, z^*, y^*) = F(x_1^*, \dots, z^*)$, $L_\rho(x_1^*, \dots, x_{i-1}^*, x_i, x_{i+1}^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*, y^*) = F(x_1^*, \dots, x_{i-1}^*, x_i, x_{i+1}^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*)$ and $L_\rho(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z, y^*) = F(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z)$. Therefore, we prove that $(x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*, z^*)$ is a feasible Nash point of F defined in Problem 1.

Proof (Proof of Theorem 3). To prove this theorem, we will first show that u_k satisfies two conditions: (1). $u_k \geq u_{k+1}$. (2). $\sum_{k=0}^\infty u_k$ is bounded. We then conclude the convergence rate of $o(1/k)$ based on these two conditions. Specifically, first, we have

$$\begin{aligned} u_k &= \min_{0 \leq l \leq k} (\|z^{l+1} - z^l\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i(x_i^{l+1} - x_i^l)\|_2^2) \\ &\geq \min_{0 \leq l \leq k+1} (\|z^{l+1} - z^l\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i(x_i^{l+1} - x_i^l)\|_2^2) \\ &= u_{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore u_k satisfies the first condition. Second,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} u_k \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \min_{0 \leq l \leq k} (\|z^{l+1} - z^l\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i(x_i^{l+1} - x_i^l)\|_2^2) \\
&\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\|z^{k+1} - z^k\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_i(x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k)\|_2^2) \\
&\leq (L_\rho(x_1^0, \dots, x_n^0, z^0, y^0) - L_\rho^*)/C_2 \text{ (Lemma 1)}
\end{aligned}$$

where $L_\rho^* = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} L_\rho(x_1^k, \dots, x_n^k, z^k, y^k)$. So $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} u_k$ is bounded and u_k satisfies the second condition. Finally, it has been proved that the sufficient conditions of convergence rate $o(1/k)$ are: (1) $u_k \geq u_{k+1}$, and (2) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} u_k$ is bounded, and (3) $u_k \geq 0$ (Lemma 1.2 in [12]). Since we have proved the first two conditions and the third one $u_k \geq 0$ is obvious, the convergence rate of $o(1/k)$ is proven.

D Algorithms for Applications

D.1 Weakly-constrained Multi-task Learning

Applying the proposed ADMM to solve the problem in Equation (6), we get Algorithm 2. Specifically, Lines 4-9 update primal variables $w_i (i = 1, \dots, n)$ and $z_i (i = 1, \dots, n)$, Line 10 updates the dual variable $y_i (i = 1, \dots, n)$.

Algorithm 2 The Proposed ADMM to Solve Equation (6).

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1: Denote  $z = [z_1; \dots; z_n], y = [y_1; \dots; y_n]$ .
2: Initialize  $\rho, k = 0$ .
3: repeat
4:   Update  $w_1^{k+1}$  by Equation (12).
5:   for  $i=2$  to  $n-1$  do
6:     Update  $w_i^{k+1}$  by Equation (13).
7:   end for
8:   Update  $w_n^{k+1}$  by Equation (14).
9:   Update  $z_i^{k+1}$  by Equation (15) in parallel.
10:   $y_i^{k+1} \leftarrow y_i^k + \rho(w_i^{k+1} - z_i^{k+1})$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) in parallel.
11:   $k \leftarrow k + 1$ .
12: until convergence.
13: Output  $w_i (i = 1, \dots, n), z$ .
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All subproblems are detailed as follows:

1. Update w^{k+1}

The $w_i^{k+1} (i = 1, \dots, n)$ are updated as follows:

$$w_1^{k+1} \leftarrow \arg \min_{w_1} \text{Loss}_1(w_1) + \lambda_1 \sum_{j=1}^m c_1(w_{1,j} w_{2,j}^k) + (\rho/2) \|w_1 - z_1^k + y_1^k / \rho\|_2^2. \quad (12)$$

$$w_i^{k+1} \leftarrow \arg \min_{w_i} \text{Loss}_i(w_i) + \lambda_1 \sum_{j=1}^m c_1(w_{i,j} w_{i+1,j}^k) + \lambda_1 \sum_{j=1}^m c_1(w_{i-1,j}^{k+1} w_{i,j}) + (\rho/2) \|w_i - z_i^k + y_i^k / \rho\|_2^2. \quad (13)$$

$$w_n^{k+1} \leftarrow \arg \min_{w_n} \text{Loss}_n(w_n) + \lambda_1 \sum_{j=1}^m c_1(w_{n-1,j}^{k+1} w_{n,j}) + (\rho/2) \|w_n - z_n^k + y_n^k / \rho\|_2^2. \quad (14)$$

They can be solved by the Iterative Soft Thresholding Algorithm (ISTA) [4]. Take w_1^{k+1} as an example, The ISTA leads to

$$w_1^{t+1} \leftarrow \lambda_1 \sum_{j=1}^m c_1(w_{1,j} w_{2,j}^k) + 1/(2\eta) \|w_1 - (w_1^t - \eta \nabla \phi(w_1^t))\|_2^2.$$

where w_1^t is the t -th iteration in the ISTA, $\eta > 0$ is a learning rate, $\phi(w_1^t) = \text{Loss}_1(w_1^t) + \rho/2 \|w_1^t - z_1^k + y_1^k / \rho\|_2^2$. For each entry of $w_{1,j}^{t+1} (j = 1, 2, \dots, m)$, we have the following closed-form solution as follows:

- 1). If $w_{1,j}^{t+1} w_{2,j}^k \leq 0$, then $w_{1,j}^{t+1} \leftarrow (w_{1,j}^t - \eta \nabla_j \phi(w_1^t)) / (2\eta \lambda_1 w_{2,j}^2 + 1)$.
- 2). If $w_{1,j}^{t+1} w_{2,j}^k \geq 0$, then $w_{1,j}^{t+1} \leftarrow w_{1,j}^t - \eta \nabla_j \phi(w_1^t)$. where $\nabla_j \phi(w_1^t)$ is the j -th entry of $\nabla \phi(w_1^t)$.

2. Update z^{k+1}

The $z_i^{k+1} (i = 1, \dots, n)$ are updated as follows:

$$z_i^{k+1} \leftarrow \arg \min_{z_i} \Omega_i(z_i) + (\rho/2) \|w_i^{k+1} - z_i + y_i^k / \rho\|_2^2 (i = 1, \dots, n). \quad (15)$$

For ℓ_1 or ℓ_2 regularization, they have closed-form solutions.

D.2 Learning with Signed-Network Constraints

Applying proposed ADMM to solve the problem in Equation (7), we get Algorithm 3. Specifically, Lines 4-7 update primal variables $\beta_i (i = 1, \dots, n)$ and z , Line 8 updates the dual variable y . All subproblems are detailed as follows:

Algorithm 3 The Proposed ADMM to Solve Equation (7).

- 1: Denote $z = [z_1; \dots; z_n], y = [y_1; \dots; y_n]$.
 - 2: Initialize $\rho, k = 0$.
 - 3: **repeat**
 - 4: **for** $i=1$ to n **do**
 - 5: Update β_i^{k+1} by Equation (16).
 - 6: **end for**
 - 7: Update $z_i^{k+1} (i = 1, \dots, n)$ by Equation (17) in parallel.
 - 8: $y_i^{k+1} \leftarrow y_i^k + \rho(\beta_i^{k+1} - z_i^{k+1}) (i = 1, \dots, n)$ in parallel.
 - 9: $k \leftarrow k + 1$.
 - 10: **until** convergence.
 - 11: Output $\beta_i (i = 1, \dots, n), z$.
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1. Update β^{k+1}

The $\beta_i^{k+1} (i = 1, \dots, n)$ are updated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_i^{k+1} \leftarrow \arg \min_{\beta_i} \text{Loss}(\dots, \beta_{i-1}^{k+1}, \beta_i, \beta_{i+1}^k, \dots) + \lambda_2 (\sum_{(\beta_i, \beta_j^{k+1}) \in E_s, j < i} c_2(\beta_i, \beta_j^{k+1}) + \sum_{(\beta_i, \beta_j^k) \in E_s, j > i} c_2(\beta_i, \beta_j^k) \\ + \sum_{(\beta_i, \beta_q^{k+1}) \in E_d, q < i} c_3(\beta_i, \beta_q^{k+1}) + \sum_{(\beta_i, \beta_q^k) \in E_d, q > i} c_3(\beta_i, \beta_q^k) + (\rho/2) \|\beta_i - z_i^k + y_i^k / \rho\|_2^2). \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Similar to updating w_i^{k+1} in Algorithm 2, they can be solved efficiently by the ISTA [4].

2. Update z^{k+1}

The $z_i^{k+1} (i = 1, \dots, n)$ are updated as follows:

$$z_i^{k+1} \leftarrow \arg \min_{z_i} \omega_i(z_i) + (\rho/2) \|\beta_i^{k+1} - z_i + y_i^k / \rho\|_2^2 (i = 1, \dots, n). \quad (17)$$

Similar to updating z_i^{k+1} in Algorithm 2, they usually have closed-form solutions.