
Appendix for "Fine-Grained Theoretical Analysis of Federated Zeroth-Order Optimization"

A. Notations

The main notations of this paper are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Descriptions of the main notations used in this work.

Notations	Descriptions
N, n	the total number of clients and the total sample number of each client
S, S_i	the total dataset and the i -th local dataset, $i = 1, \dots, N$
$S_i^{(j)}$	the i -th client's dataset where the j -th sample z_{ij} is replaced by z'_{ij} , $S^{(j_i)} = \{S_1, \dots, S_{i-1}, S_i^{(j)}, S_{i+1}, \dots, S_N\}$
\mathcal{M}_t, M	the collection of selected client indices in the t -th iteration and its size
z_{ij}	the j -th sample in S_i over distribution \mathcal{D}_i , $j = 1, \dots, n$
\mathcal{D}_i	the distribution of z_{ij} (\mathcal{D}_i is independent of $\mathcal{D}_{i'}$ if $i \neq i'$)
w^t, w_i^t	the training parameters for the global model and the i -th local model in the t -th iteration respectively
\mathcal{W}, d	the hypothesis function space and its dimension
$F(w), F_i(w_i)$	the expected risks for the global model and the local model of the i -th client
$F_S(w), F_{S_i}(w_i)$	the empirical risks for the global model and the local model of the i -th client
$f_i(w_i; z_i), \nabla f_i, \tilde{\nabla} f_i$	the loss function of the i -th local client over sample z_i , its first-order gradient and the corresponding estimation
η_t, μ	the step sizes in the t -th iteration and the positive step size in the definition of the derivative
b_1, b_2	the sizes of i.i.d. random samples and random direction vectors
$v_{i,l}^t$	the l -th random direction vector for the i -th client in the t -th iteration
$w^*, w(S)$	the expected optimal model and the empirical optimal model
T	the total number of iterations
$A, A(S) = w^T$	the federated learning algorithm and the parameter trained with A on S
ϵ	the parameter of ℓ_1 on-average model stability
$\ \cdot\ $	the Euclidean norm
θ, K	the parameters related to sub-Weibull distribution
L, β, α	the parameters of Lipschitz, smoothness and PL condition respectively
$t - t_i, t_0$	the delay of the i -th client in the t -th iteration and the maximum delay
$\Gamma(x)$	$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$

B. Proofs of Main Results

We first introduce the lemmas which will be used in our proofs.

B.1. Lemmas

Lemma 1. *If the function f is β -smooth, then we have for any z, \bar{z} ,*

$$f(w; z, \bar{z}) - f(\bar{w}; z, \bar{z}) \leq \langle w - \bar{w}, \nabla f(\bar{w}; z, \bar{z}) \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\beta\|w - \bar{w}\|^2 \quad (1)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{2\beta}\|\nabla f(w; z, \bar{z})\|^2 \leq f(w; z, \bar{z}) - \inf_{\bar{w}} f(\bar{w}; z, \bar{z}) \leq f(w; z, \bar{z}). \quad (2)$$

Lemma 2. [1]. Assume X is K -sub-Weibull(θ), i.e. $X \sim \text{sub}W(\theta, K)$, then $\|X\|_p \leq (2\theta)^\theta K p^\theta$, where $p \geq 1/\theta$. In particular, $\|X\|_2 \leq (4\theta)^\theta K$, $\theta \geq 1/2$.

Lemma 3. [2]. Let e be the base of the natural logarithm. The following inequalities hold:

$$(a) \text{ if } \alpha = 1, \text{ then } \sum_{k=1}^t k^{-\alpha} \leq \log(et); \quad (b) \text{ if } \alpha > 1, \text{ then } \sum_{k=1}^t k^{-\alpha} \leq \frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}.$$

Lemma 4. [3]. Assume a random vector $X \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is d -dimensional uniform distribution. For any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, there holds $\mathbb{E}[\|X\|^k] = d/(d+k)$.

Lemma 5. [3]. Let $v_l \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $l \in \{1, 2, \dots, b_2\}$ be i.i.d. random vectors satisfying d -dimensional uniform distribution. For every random vector $u \in \mathbb{R}^d$ independent of all v_l , the following inequality holds

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle u, v_l \rangle v_l - u \right\| \middle\| u \right] \leq \sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \|u\|.$$

B.2. Proof of Theorem 1

Proof of Theorem 1: (a) According to the symmetry, triangular inequality, L -Lipschitz continuity and ℓ_1 on-average model stability, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & |\mathbb{E}[F(A(S)) - F_S(A(S))]| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}[F_i(A(S)) - F_{S_i}(A(S))] \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n |\mathbb{E}[F_i(A(S)) - F_{S_i}(A(S))]| \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left| \mathbb{E} \left[F_i(A(S)) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n f_i(A(S); z_{ij}) \right] \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[f_i(A(S^{(j_i)}); z_{ij}) - f_i(A(S); z_{ij}) \right] \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{nN} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[|f_i(A(S^{(j_i)}); z_{ij}) - f_i(A(S); z_{ij})| \right] \\ &\leq \frac{L}{nN} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[\|A(S^{(j_i)}) - A(S)\| \right] \\ &\leq L\epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

This proves Part (a).

(b) Let $g(w) = f(w) - F_S(w)$. From Lemma 2 and Assumption 1(a), it is obvious that, for any $w, w' \in \mathcal{W}$, $w \neq w'$,

$$\|\nabla g(w)\| \leq (4\theta)^\theta K,$$

which means

$$|f(w) - F_S(w) - (f(w') - F_{S'}(w'))| \leq (4\theta)^\theta K \|w - w'\|.$$

Taking expectation with respect to (w.r.t.) all randomness, we get that

$$\mathbb{E}[|f(w) - F_S(w) - (f(w') - F_{S'}(w'))|] \leq (4\theta)^\theta K \mathbb{E}[\|w - w'\|]. \quad (3)$$

Then,

$$|\mathbb{E}[F(A(S)) - F_S(A(S))]|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |\mathbb{E}[F_i(A(S)) - F_{S_i}(A(S))]| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{nN} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E} [\left| f_i(A(S^{(j_i)}); z_{ij}) - f_i(A(S); z_{ij}) \right|] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{nN} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\mathbb{E} [\left| f_i(A(S^{(j_i)}); z_{ij}) - F_{S^{(j_i)}}(A(S^{(j_i)})) - f_i(A(S); z_{ij}) + F_S(A(S)) \right|] \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \mathbb{E} [\left\| F_{S^{(j_i)}}(A(S^{(j_i)})) - F_S(A(S)) \right\|] \right) \\
&\leq \frac{(4\theta)^{\theta} K}{nN} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E} [\|A(S^{(j_i)}) - A(S)\|] + 2\mathbb{E}[F_S(A(S))] \\
&\leq (4\theta)^{\theta} K \epsilon + 2\mathbb{E}[F_S(A(S))],
\end{aligned}$$

where the first three inequalities are caused by the triangular inequality and the fourth inequality is due to Equation (3). The stated result in Part (b) is proved. \square

B.3. Proof of Theorem 2

Proof of Theorem 2: Let $S^{(j_i)} = S^{(n_N)} = \{S_i\}_{i=1}^{N-1} \cup S_N^{(n)}$. Define $\alpha_{ij}^t = |\{m : z_{i,m}^t = z_{ij}^t\}|$, $\forall t \in \mathbb{N}, i \in \mathcal{M}_t, j \in [n], m \in [b_1]$. That is α_{ij}^t is the number of samples that are equal to z_{ij} in the t -th global iteration for the i -th edge device. It is obvious that $\mathbb{E}[\alpha_{ij}^t] = b_1/n$, $\mathbb{E}[(\alpha_{ij}^t)^2] = (\mathbb{E}[\alpha_{ij}^t])^2 + \text{Var}(\alpha_{ij}^t) = \frac{b_1}{n}(1 + \frac{b_1-1}{n})$. Then, the update can be reformulated as

$$w^{t+1} = w^t - \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \tilde{\nabla} f_i \left(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t, \left\{ v_{i,l}^t \right\}_{l=1}^{b_2}, \mu \right). \quad (4)$$

For the sake of simplicity, we denote $\tilde{\nabla} f_i \left(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t, \left\{ v_{i,l}^t \right\}_{l=1}^{b_2}, \mu \right)$ as $\tilde{\nabla} f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t)$. According to the new formulation, we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|w^{t+1} - \bar{w}^{t+1}\| \\
&= \left\| w^t - \bar{w}^t - \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \left(\tilde{\nabla} f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \tilde{\nabla} f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; \bar{z}_{ij}^t) \right) \right\| \\
&\leq \left\| w^t - \bar{w}^t - \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \left(\nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; \bar{z}_{ij}^t) \right) \right\| \quad (5)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&+ \left\| \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \left(\tilde{\nabla} f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \tilde{\nabla} f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; \bar{z}_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; \bar{z}_{ij}^t) \right) \right\|. \quad (6)
\end{aligned}$$

Considering the possibility of choosing a client who has a disturbed sample, we carry out the following discussion. When $N \notin \mathcal{M}_t$, we use smoothness, the fact that $w_i^t = w^t$ to get

$$\begin{aligned}
&(5) \\
&\leq \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \|\nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t)\| \\
&\leq \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{\beta \eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \|w_i^t - \bar{w}_i^t\| \\
&= \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{\beta \eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\|
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \left(1 + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\|,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& (6) \\
& \leq \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \left\| \tilde{\nabla} f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \tilde{\nabla} f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \\
& = \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \left(\langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,j}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \left(\frac{\mu}{2} (v_{i,l}^t)^\top \nabla_{w_i}^2 f_i(w_i; z_{ij}^t) \Big|_{w_i=w_i^{t*}} v_{i,l}^t \right) v_{i,l}^t - \left(\frac{\mu}{2} (v_{i,l}^t)^\top \nabla_{w_i}^2 f_i(w_i; z_{ij}^t) \Big|_{w_i=w_i^{t\dagger}} v_{i,l}^t \right) v_{i,l}^t \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \\
& = \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \left(\left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \left(\left(\frac{\mu}{2} (v_{i,l}^t)^\top \nabla_{w_i}^2 f_i(w_i; z_{ij}^t) \Big|_{w_i=w_i^{t*}} v_{i,l}^t \right) v_{i,l}^t \right. \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \left. - \left(\frac{\mu}{2} (v_{i,l}^t)^\top \nabla_{w_i}^2 f_i(w_i; z_{ij}^t) \Big|_{w_i=w_i^{t\dagger}} v_{i,l}^t \right) v_{i,l}^t \right) \right\| \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,j}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \right) \\
& \leq \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \left(\frac{2}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \frac{\mu\beta}{2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \right) \\
& \leq \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \left(\frac{\mu\beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \right).
\end{aligned}$$

When $N \in \mathcal{M}_t$, let $P_t = \{(i, j) | i \in \mathcal{M}_t / \{N\}, j \in [n] \text{ or } i = N, j \in [n-1]\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
& (5) \\
& \leq \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^t \|\nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t)\| \\
& \quad + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \alpha_{Nn}^t \|\nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; z_{Nn}^t)\| \\
& \leq \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^t \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2\eta_t L}{b_1 M} \alpha_{Nn}^t \\
& = \left(1 + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^t \right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2\eta_t L}{b_1 M} \alpha_{Nn}^t,
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$(6)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^t \left\| \tilde{\nabla} f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \tilde{\nabla} f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \alpha_{Nn}^t \left\| \tilde{\nabla} f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \tilde{\nabla} f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t) \right\| \\
&\leq \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \frac{\mu \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^t \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \alpha_{Nn}^t \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t), v_{N,l}^t \rangle v_{N,l}^t - \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t) \right\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, combining the above four inequalities, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|w^{t+1} - \bar{w}^{t+1}\| \\
&\leq \frac{N-M}{N} \left(\left(1 + \frac{\beta \eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \left(\frac{\mu \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \right) \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{M}{N} \left(\left(1 + \frac{\beta \eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^t \right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2 \eta_t L}{b_1 M} \alpha_{Nn}^t + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \frac{\mu \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^t \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \alpha_{Nn}^t \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t), v_{N,l}^t \rangle v_{N,l}^t - \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t) \right\| \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Define $J_i^t = \{z_{i,1}^t, \dots, z_{i,b_1}^t\}$, $t \in \mathbb{N}, i \in [N]$. Taking conditional expectation w.r.t. J_i^t , we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}_{J_i^t} [\|w^{t+1} - \bar{w}^{t+1}\|] \\
&\leq \frac{N-M}{N} \left(\left(1 + \frac{\beta \eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \mathbb{E}_{J_i^t} [\alpha_{ij}^t] \right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \mathbb{E}_{J_i^t} [\alpha_{ij}^t] \left(\frac{\mu \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \right) \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{M}{N} \left(\left(1 + \frac{\beta \eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{P_t} \mathbb{E}_{J_i^t} [\alpha_{ij}^t] \right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{2 \eta_t L}{b_1 M} \mathbb{E}_{J_N^t} [\alpha_{Nn}^t] + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \mathbb{E}_{J_i^t} [\alpha_{ij}^t] \frac{\mu \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{P_t} \mathbb{E}_{J_i^t} [\alpha_{ij}^t] \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \mathbb{E}_{J_N^t} [\alpha_{Nn}^t] \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t), v_{N,l}^t \rangle v_{N,l}^t - \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t) \right\| \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{N-M}{N}(1+\eta_t\beta)\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{M}{N}(1+\eta_t\beta)\|\bar{w}^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2\eta_t L}{nN} + \frac{\mu\eta_t\beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \\
&\quad + \frac{N-M}{N}\eta_t \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \\
&\quad + \frac{M}{N}\eta_t \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t}{nN} \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t), v_{N,l}^t \rangle v_{N,l}^t - \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t) \right\| \\
\leq &(1+\eta_t\beta)\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2\eta_t L}{nN} + \frac{\mu\eta_t\beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \\
&\quad + \eta_t \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t}{nN} \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t), v_{N,l}^t \rangle v_{N,l}^t - \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t) \right\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Further taking expectation w.r.t. all randomness and utilizing Lemmas 4, 5, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}[\|w^{t+1} - \bar{w}^{t+1}\|] \\
\leq &(1+\eta_t\beta)\mathbb{E}[\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\|] + \frac{2\eta_t L}{nN} + \mu\eta_t\beta\mathbb{E}[\|v_{i,l}^t\|^3] \\
&\quad + \eta_t\mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t}{nN}\mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t), v_{N,l}^t \rangle v_{N,l}^t - \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t) \right\| \right] \\
\leq &(1+\eta_t\beta)\mathbb{E}[\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\|] + \frac{2\eta_t L}{nN} + \frac{d\mu\eta_t\beta}{d+3} + \eta_t\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}}\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t)\|] \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t}{nN}\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}}\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; \bar{z}_{Nn}^t)\|] \\
\leq &\left(1 + \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}}\right)\eta_t\beta\right)\mathbb{E}[\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\|] + \left(\frac{2L}{nN} + \mu\beta + \frac{2L}{nN}\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}}\right)\eta_t.
\end{aligned}$$

Let $a_1 = \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}}\right)\beta$ and $a_2 = \frac{2L}{nN} + \mu\beta + \frac{2L}{nN}\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}}$. Taking summation from $t = 1$ to $T-1$, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}[\|w^T - \bar{w}^T\|] \\
&\leq \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \left(\prod_{s=t+1}^{T-1} (1 + a_1\eta_s) \right) a_2\eta_t \\
&\leq \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \exp \left(\sum_{s=t+1}^{T-1} a_1\eta_s \right) a_2\eta_t \\
&\leq \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \exp \left(a_1\eta_1 \sum_{s=1}^{T-1} s^{-1} \right) a_2\eta_t \\
&= \exp \left(a_1\eta_1 \sum_{s=1}^{T-1} s^{-1} \right) a_2\eta_1 \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} t^{-1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq (e(T-1))^{a_1\eta_1} a_2 \eta_1 \log(e(T-1)) \\ &\leq \mathcal{O}\left((nN)^{-1}L + \mu\right) T^{\frac{1}{2}} \log T, \end{aligned}$$

where the second inequality is derived by $1+x \leq e^x$ and the fourth inequality follows by Lemma 3 (a). \square

Proof of Corollary 1: We integrate Theorem 1 (a) and Theorem 2 to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} &|\mathbb{E}[F(w^T) - F_S(w^T)]| \\ &\leq \frac{L}{nN} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|w^T - \bar{w}^T\|] = L\mathbb{E}[\|w^T - \bar{w}^T\|] \\ &\leq \mathcal{O}\left(L((nN)^{-1}L + \mu) T^{\frac{1}{2}} \log T\right). \end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete. \square

B.4. Proofs of Theorem 3 and Thoerem 4

Proof of Theorem 3: Let $S^{(j_i)} = S^{(n_N)} = \{S_i\}_{i=1}^{N-1} \cup S_N^{(n)}$. Similar to the proof of Lemma 1, when $N \notin \mathcal{M}_t$,

$$(5) = \left(1 + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t\right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\|,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (6) \leq &\frac{\eta_t}{b_1M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \left(\frac{\mu\beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \right. \\ &\left. + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \right). \end{aligned}$$

When $N \in \mathcal{M}_t$, let $P_t = \{(i, j) | i \in \mathcal{M}_t \setminus \{N\}, j \in [n] \text{ or } i = N, j \in [n-1]\}$, then

$$(5) = \left(1 + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1M} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^t\right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2\eta_t}{b_1M} \alpha_{Nn}^t \|\nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t)\|,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (6) &\leq \frac{\eta_t}{b_1M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \frac{\mu\beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \\ &+ \frac{\eta_t}{b_1M} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^t \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \\ &+ \frac{\eta_t}{b_1M} \alpha_{Nn}^t \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; z_{Nn}^t), v_{N,l}^t \rangle v_{N,l}^t - \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

Then, combining the above four inequalities, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|w^{t+1} - \bar{w}^{t+1}\| \\ &\leq \frac{N-M}{N} \left(\left(1 + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t\right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \left(\frac{\mu\beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{M}{N} \left(\left(1 + \frac{\beta \eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^t \right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2\eta_t}{b_1 M} \alpha_{Nn}^t \|\nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t)\| + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^t \frac{\mu \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \right. \\
& + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^t \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \\
& \left. + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \alpha_{Nn}^t \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; z_{Nn}^t), v_{N,l}^t \rangle v_{N,l}^t - \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) \right\| \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Taking conditional expectation with respect to (w.r.t.) J_i^t , we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_{J_i^t} [\|w^{t+1} - \bar{w}^{t+1}\|] \\
& \leq \frac{N-M}{N} \left(\left(1 + \frac{\beta \eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \mathbb{E}_{J_i^t} [\alpha_{ij}^t] \right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \mathbb{E}_{J_i^t} [\alpha_{ij}^t] \left(\frac{\mu \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \right) \right) \\
& \quad + \frac{M}{N} \left(\left(1 + \frac{\beta \eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{P_t} \mathbb{E}_{J_i^t} [\alpha_{ij}^t] \right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2\eta_t}{b_1 M} \mathbb{E}_{J_N^t} [\alpha_{Nn}^t] \|\nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t)\| \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{j \in [n]} \mathbb{E}_{J_i^t} [\alpha_{ij}^t] \frac{\mu \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{P_t} \mathbb{E}_{J_i^t} [\alpha_{ij}^t] \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \mathbb{E}_{J_N^t} [\alpha_{Nn}^t] \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; z_{Nn}^t), v_{N,l}^t \rangle v_{N,l}^t - \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) \right\| \right) \\
& \leq (1 + \eta_t \beta) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2\eta_t}{nN} \|\nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t)\| + \frac{\mu \eta_t \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^t\|^3 \\
& \quad + \eta_t \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \\
& \quad + \frac{\eta_t}{nN} \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; z_{Nn}^t), v_{N,l}^t \rangle v_{N,l}^t - \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) \right\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Further taking expectation w.r.t. all randomness and utilizing Lemmas 4, 5, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}[\|w^{t+1} - \bar{w}^{t+1}\|] \\
& \leq (1 + \eta_t \beta) \mathbb{E}[\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\|] + \frac{2\eta_t}{nN} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t)\|] + \mu \eta_t \beta \mathbb{E}[\|v_{i,l}^t\|^3] \\
& \quad + \eta_t \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t), v_{i,l}^t \rangle v_{i,l}^t - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t) \right\| \right] \\
& \quad + \frac{\eta_t}{nN} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; z_{Nn}^t), v_{N,l}^t \rangle v_{N,l}^t - \nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) \right\| \right] \\
& \leq (1 + \eta_t \beta) \mathbb{E}[\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\|] + \frac{2\eta_t}{nN} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t)\|] + \frac{d \mu \eta_t \beta}{d+3} \\
& \quad + \eta_t \sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{ij}^t) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^t; z_{ij}^t)\|] + \frac{\eta_t}{nN} \sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^t; z_{Nn}^t)\|]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \left(1 + \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}}\right) \eta_t \beta\right) \mathbb{E}[\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\|] \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{2}{nN} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nn}^t)\|] + \mu\beta + \frac{2}{nN} \sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nj}^t)\|]\right) \eta_t.
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

To measure the stability, we need to obtain the upper bound of $\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nj}^t)\|]$, $j = 1, \dots, n$. Based on Equation (1), the update of FedZO, triangular inequality, Lemmas 4, 5 and Assumption 3, we provide that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}[F_S(w^{t+1}) - F_S(w^t)] \\
&\leq \mathbb{E}\left[\langle w^{t+1} - w^t, \nabla F_S(w^t) \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\beta\|w^{t+1} - w^t\|^2\right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[\left\langle -\frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{m \in [b_1]} \tilde{\nabla} f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t), \nabla F_S(w^t) \right\rangle + \frac{1}{2}\beta \left\| \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{m \in [b_1]} \tilde{\nabla} f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t) \right\|^2\right] \\
&= -\frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{m \in [b_1]} \mathbb{E}\left[\left\langle \tilde{\nabla} f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t) - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t) + \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t), \nabla F_S(w^t) \right\rangle\right] \\
&\quad + \frac{\beta}{2} \mathbb{E}\left[\left\| \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{m \in [b_1]} (\tilde{\nabla} f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t) - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t) + \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t)) \right\|^2\right] \\
&\leq -\frac{\eta_t}{b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{m \in [b_1]} \mathbb{E}\left[\left\langle \tilde{\nabla} f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t) - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t), \nabla F_S(w^t) \right\rangle\right] - \eta_t \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla F_S(w^t)\|^2] \\
&\quad + \beta \eta_t^2 \mathbb{E}\left[\left\| \tilde{\nabla} f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t) - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t) \right\|^2\right] + \beta \eta_t^2 \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla F_S(w^t)\|^2] \\
&\leq \frac{\eta_t}{2b_1 M} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{m \in [b_1]} \mathbb{E}\left[\left\| \tilde{\nabla} f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t) - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t) \right\|^2\right] + \frac{\eta_t}{2} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla F_S(w^t)\|^2] \\
&\quad - \eta_t \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla F_S(w^t)\|^2] + \beta \eta_t^2 \mathbb{E}\left[\left\| \tilde{\nabla} f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t) - \nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t) \right\|^2\right] + \beta \eta_t^2 \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla F_S(w^t)\|^2] \\
&\leq \left(\beta \eta_t^2 - \frac{\eta_t}{2}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla F_S(w^t)\|^2] + \left(\frac{\eta_t}{2b_1 M} + \frac{\beta \eta_t^2}{b_1 M}\right) \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}_t} \sum_{m \in [b_1]} \left(\frac{\mu^2 \beta^2}{4} \mathbb{E}[\|v_{i,l}^t\|^6]\right. \\
&\quad \left.+ \frac{d}{b_2} \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f_i(w_i^t; z_{i,m}^t)\|^2]\right) \\
&= \left(\left(1 + \frac{d}{b_2}\right) \beta \eta_t^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2}\right) \eta_t\right) \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla F_S(w^t)\|^2] + \frac{d\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4(d+6)} + \frac{d\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8(d+6)} \\
&\leq -\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2}\right) \eta_t \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla F_S(w^t)\|^2] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8} \\
&\leq -\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2}\right) \alpha \eta_t \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^t) - F_S(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8}.
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}[F_S(w^{t+1}) - F_S(w(S))] \\
&\leq \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2}\right) \alpha \eta_t\right) \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^t) - F_S(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8} \\
&\leq \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^t) - F_S(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8} \\
&\leq \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^1) - F_S(w(S))] + \sum_{i=1}^t \left(\frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^1) - F_S(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_1^2}{4} \sum_{i=1}^t i^{-2} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_1}{8} \sum_{i=1}^t i^{-1} \\
&\leq \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^1) - F_S(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_1^2}{2} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_1}{8} \log(et),
\end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality is due to Lemma 3 (a), (b). It follows from Lemma 1 (2) that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}[\|\nabla f_N(w_N^t; z_{Nj}^t)\|^2] \\
&\leq 2\beta \mathbb{E}[F_{S_N}(w_N^t)] = \frac{2\beta}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}[F_{S_i}(w_i^t)] = 2\beta \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^t)] \\
&\leq 2\beta \left(\mathbb{E}[F_S(w^1)] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_1^2}{2} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_1}{8} \log(e(t-1)) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

For convenience, we denote $2\beta \left(\mathbb{E}[F_S(w^1)] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_1^2}{2} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_1}{8} \log(e(t-1)) \right)$ as $\tau(t)$. Then, from Equation (7), we know that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}[\|w^{t+1} - \bar{w}^{t+1}\|] \\
&\leq \left(1 + \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \eta_t \beta \right) \mathbb{E}[\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\|] + \left(\frac{2\sqrt{\tau(t)}}{nN} + \mu\beta + \frac{2\sqrt{\tau(t)}}{nN} \sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \eta_t.
\end{aligned}$$

Let $a_1 = \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \beta$ and $a_4(t) = \frac{2\sqrt{\tau(t)}}{nN} + \mu\beta + \frac{2\sqrt{\tau(t)}}{nN} \sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}}$. Taking summation from $t = 1$ to $T-1$, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}[\|w^T - \bar{w}^T\|] \\
&\leq \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \left(\prod_{s=t+1}^{T-1} (1 + a_1 \eta_s) \right) a_4(t) \eta_t \\
&\leq \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \exp \left(\sum_{s=t+1}^{T-1} a_1 \eta_s \right) a_4(T-1) \eta_t \\
&\leq \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \exp \left(a_1 \eta_1 \sum_{s=1}^{T-1} s^{-1} \right) a_4(T-1) \eta_t \\
&\leq \exp \left(a_1 \eta_1 \sum_{s=1}^{T-1} s^{-1} \right) a_4(T-1) \eta_1 \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} t^{-1} \\
&\leq (e(T-1))^{a_1 \eta_1} a_4(T-1) \eta_1 \log(e(T-1)) \\
&\leq \mathcal{O} \left(((nN)^{-1} \sqrt{\log T} + 1) \mu T^{\frac{1}{4}} \log T \right).
\end{aligned}$$

□

Proof of Corollary 2: We integrate Theorem 1 (b) and Theorem 3 to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
&|\mathbb{E}[F(w^T) - F_S(w^T)]| \\
&\leq \frac{(4\theta)^\theta K}{nN} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\|w^T - \bar{w}^T\|] + 2\mathbb{E}[F_S(w^T)] \\
&= (4\theta)^\theta K \mathbb{E}[\|w^T - \bar{w}^T\|] + 2\mathbb{E}[F_S(w^T)] \\
&\leq \mathcal{O} \left(((nN)^{-1} \sqrt{\log T} + 1) (4\theta)^\theta (nN)^{-1} T^{\frac{1}{4}} \log T \right).
\end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete. □

Proof of Theorem 4: According to Equation (8),

$$\mathbb{E}[F_S(w^{t+1}) - F_S(w^t)]$$

$$\leq - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_t \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^t) - F_S(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8},$$

that is

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^{t+1}) - F_S(w(S))] \\ & \leq \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_t \right) \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^t) - F(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8} \\ & = \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2} \right) \frac{\alpha \eta_1}{t} \right) \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^t) - F(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_1^2}{4} t^{-2} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_1}{8} t^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

We multiply both sides of the above inequality by $t \left(t - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_1 \right)$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} & t \left(t - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_1 \right) \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^{t+1}) - F(w(S))] \\ & \leq \left(t - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_1 \right) \left(t - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_1 \right) \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^t) - F(w(S))] \\ & \quad + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_1^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_1}{8} t \\ & \leq \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_1 \right) \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_1 \right) \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^1) - F(w(S))] \\ & \quad + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_1^2 t}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_1}{8} \sum_{t'=1}^t t' \\ & \leq \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_1 \right) \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_1 \right) \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^1) - F(w(S))] \\ & \quad + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_1^2 t}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_1}{16} t(t+1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^T) - F_S(w(S))] \\ & \leq \frac{\left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_1 \right) \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_1 \right)}{(T-1) \left(T - 1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_1 \right)} \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^1) - F(w(S))] \\ & \quad + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_1^2}{4 \left(T - 1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_1 \right)} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_1 T}{16 \left(T - 1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_1 \right)} \\ & = \mathcal{O}(T^{-2} + \mu^2). \end{aligned}$$

The optimization bound is given. By integrating this optimization upper bound and the generalization upper bound in Corollary 2, we can get the following expected excess risk bound

$$\begin{aligned} & |\mathbb{E} [F(w^T) - F(w^*)]| \\ & \leq |\mathbb{E} [F(w^T) - F_S(w^T)]| + |\mathbb{E} [F_S(w^T) - F_S(w(S))]| \\ & \leq \mathcal{O} \left(T^{-2} + \mu^2 + \left((nN)^{-1} \sqrt{\log T} + 1 \right) (4\theta)^\theta \mu T^{a_1 \eta_1} \log T + \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^T)] \right). \end{aligned}$$

□

B.5. Proofs of Theorem 5 and Theorem 6

Proof of Theorem 5: Let $S^{(j_i)} = S^{(n_N)} = \{S_i\}_{i=1}^{N-1} \cup S_N^{(n)}$. The update for asynchronous case can be reformulated as

$$w^{t+1} = w^t - \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \tilde{\nabla} f_i \left(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}, \left\{ v_{i,l}^{t_i} \right\}_{l=1}^{b_2}, \mu \right). \quad (9)$$

For the sake of simplicity, we denote $\tilde{\nabla} f_i \left(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}, \left\{ v_{i,l}^{t_i} \right\}_{l=1}^{b_2}, \mu \right)$ as $\tilde{\nabla} f_i (w_i^{t_i}, z_{ij}^{t_i})$. According to the new formulation, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|w^{t+1} - \bar{w}^{t+1}\| \\ &= \left\| w^t - \bar{w}^t - \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \left(\tilde{\nabla} f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) - \tilde{\nabla} f_i (\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{ij}^{t_i}) \right) \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| w^t - \bar{w}^t - \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} (\nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i (\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{ij}^{t_i})) \right\| \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$+ \left\| \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \left(\tilde{\nabla} f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) - \tilde{\nabla} f_i (\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{ij}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) + \nabla f_i (\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{ij}^{t_i}) \right) \right\|. \quad (11)$$

In the sequel, we separately give the upper bounds for (9) and (10). Let $P_t = \{(i, j) | i \in [N-1], j \in [n] \text{ or } i = N, j \in [n-1]\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & (10) \\ &\leq \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \alpha_{Nn}^{t_N} \|\nabla f_N (w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N}) - \nabla f_N (\bar{w}_N^{t_N}; \bar{z}_{Nn}^{t_N})\| \\ &\quad + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \|\nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i (\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i})\| \\ &\leq \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2\eta_t}{b_1 N} \alpha_{Nn}^{t_N} \|\nabla f_N (w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N})\| + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \|w_i^{t_i} - \bar{w}_i^{t_i}\| \\ &\leq \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2\eta_t}{b_1 N} \alpha_{Nn}^{t_N} \|\nabla f_N (w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N})\| + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} (\|w_i^{t_i} - w^t - \bar{w}_i^{t_i} + \bar{w}^t\| + \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\|) \\ &\leq \left(1 + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2\eta_t}{b_1 N} \alpha_{Nn}^{t_N} \|\nabla f_N (w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N})\| \\ &\quad + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \left\| \sum_{t'=t_i}^{t-1} \left(\frac{\eta_{t'}}{b_1 N} \sum_{i' \in [N]} \sum_{j' \in [n]} \alpha_{i'j'}^{t'} \left(\tilde{\nabla} f_{i'} (w_{i'}^{t'}; z_{i'j'}^{t'}) - \tilde{\nabla} f_{i'} (\bar{w}_{i'}^{t'}; \bar{z}_{i'j'}^{t'}) \right) \right) \right\| \\ &\leq \left(1 + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2\eta_t}{b_1 N} \alpha_{Nn}^{t_N} \|\nabla f_N (w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N})\| \\ &\quad + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \left(\sum_{t'=t_i}^{t-1} \left(\frac{\eta_{t'}}{b_1 N} \sum_{i' \in [N]} \sum_{j' \in [n]} \alpha_{i'j'}^{t'} \left(\|\nabla f_{i'} (w_{i'}^{t'}; z_{i'j'}^{t'}) - \nabla f_{i'} (\bar{w}_{i'}^{t'}; \bar{z}_{i'j'}^{t'})\| \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left. + \left\| \tilde{\nabla} f_{i'} (w_{i'}^{t'}; z_{i'j'}^{t'}) - \tilde{\nabla} f_{i'} (\bar{w}_{i'}^{t'}; \bar{z}_{i'j'}^{t'}) - \nabla f_{i'} (w_{i'}^{t'}; z_{i'j'}^{t'}) + \nabla f_{i'} (\bar{w}_{i'}^{t'}; \bar{z}_{i'j'}^{t'}) \right\| \right) \right) \right) \\ &\leq \left(1 + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2\eta_t}{b_1 N} \alpha_{Nn}^{t_N} \|\nabla f_N (w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N})\| \\ &\quad + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \left(\sum_{t'=t_i}^{t-1} \left(\frac{\eta_{t'}}{b_1 N} \sum_{i' \in [N]} \sum_{j' \in [n]} \alpha_{i'j'}^{t'} \left(\frac{\mu\beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i',l}^{t'}\|^3 + 2 \|\nabla f_{i'} (w_{i'}^{t'}; z_{i'j'}^{t'})\| \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left. + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_{i'} (w_{i'}^{t'}; z_{i'j'}^{t'}) - \nabla f_{i'} (\bar{w}_{i'}^{t'}; \bar{z}_{i'j'}^{t'}), v_{i',l}^{t'} \rangle v_{i',l}^{t'} - \nabla f_{i'} (w_{i'}^{t'}; z_{i'j'}^{t'}) + \nabla f_{i'} (\bar{w}_{i'}^{t'}; \bar{z}_{i'j'}^{t'}) \right\| \right) \right) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \left\| \tilde{\nabla} f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) - \tilde{\nabla} f_i(\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) \right\| \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \alpha_{Nn}^{t_N} \left\| \tilde{\nabla} f_N(w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N}) - \tilde{\nabla} f_N(\bar{w}_N^{t_N}; \bar{z}_{Nn}^{t_N}) - \nabla f_N(w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N}) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^{t_N}; \bar{z}_{Nn}^{t_N}) \right\| \\
&\leq \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \frac{\mu \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^{t_i}\|^3 + \frac{\eta_{t_i}}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \\
&\quad \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}), v_{i,l}^{t_i} \rangle v_{i,l}^{t_i} - \nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) \right\| + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \alpha_{Nn}^{t_N} \\
&\quad \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N}) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^{t_N}; \bar{z}_{Nn}^{t_N}), v_{N,l}^{t_N} \rangle v_{N,l}^{t_N} - \nabla f_N(w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N}) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^{t_N}; \bar{z}_{Nn}^{t_N}) \right\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, combining the above two inequalities, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|w^{t+1} - \bar{w}^{t+1}\| \\
&\leq \left(1 + \frac{\beta \eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2 \eta_t}{b_1 N} \alpha_{Nn}^{t_N} \|\nabla f_N(w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N})\| \\
&\quad + \frac{\beta \eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \left(\sum_{t'=t_i}^{t-1} \left(\frac{\eta_{t'}}{b_1 N} \sum_{i' \in [N]} \sum_{j' \in [n]} \alpha_{i',j'}^{t'} \left(\frac{\mu \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i',l}^{t'}\|^3 + 2 \|\nabla f_{i'}(w_{i'}^{t'}; z_{i',j'}^{t'})\| \right) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_{i'}(w_{i'}^{t'}; z_{i',j'}^{t'}) - \nabla f_{i'}(\bar{w}_{i'}^{t'}; \bar{z}_{i',j'}^{t'}), v_{i',l}^{t'} \rangle v_{i',l}^{t'} - \nabla f_{i'}(w_{i'}^{t'}; z_{i',j'}^{t'}) + \nabla f_{i'}(\bar{w}_{i'}^{t'}; \bar{z}_{i',j'}^{t'}) \right\| \right) \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{j \in [n]} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \frac{\mu \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^{t_i}\|^3 + \frac{\eta_{t_i}}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \alpha_{ij}^{t_i} \\
&\quad \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}), v_{i,l}^{t_i} \rangle v_{i,l}^{t_i} - \nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) \right\| + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \alpha_{Nn}^{t_N} \\
&\quad \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N}) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^{t_N}; \bar{z}_{Nn}^{t_N}), v_{N,l}^{t_N} \rangle v_{N,l}^{t_N} - \nabla f_N(w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N}) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^{t_N}; \bar{z}_{Nn}^{t_N}) \right\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Define $J_i = \{J_i^1, \dots, J_i^{t_i}\}$, $J_i^{t'} = \{z_{i,1}^{t'}, \dots, z_{i,b_1}^{t'}\}$, $t' \in [t]$, $t \in \mathbb{N}$, $i \in [N]$. Taking conditional expectation w.r.t. J_i , we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}_{J_i} [\|w^{t+1} - \bar{w}^{t+1}\|] \\
&\leq \left(1 + \frac{\beta \eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \mathbb{E}_{J_i} [\alpha_{ij}^{t_i}] \right) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2 \eta_t}{b_1 N} \mathbb{E}_{J_i} [\alpha_{Nn}^{t_N}] \|\nabla f_N(w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N})\| \\
&\quad + \frac{\beta \eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} \mathbb{E}_{J_i} [(\alpha_{ij}^{t_i})^2] \left(\frac{\eta_{t_i}}{b_1 N} \left(\frac{\mu \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i,l}^{t_i}\|^3 + 2 \|\nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i})\| \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{ij}^{t_i}), v_{i,l}^{t_i} \rangle v_{i,l}^{t_i} - \nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{ij}^{t_i}) \right\| \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{\beta \eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{P_t} (\mathbb{E}_{J_i} [\alpha_{ij}^{t_i}])^2 \left(\frac{\eta_{t_i}}{b_1 N} \sum_{\substack{i' \in [N] \\ i' \neq i}} \sum_{\substack{j' \in [n] \\ j' \neq j}} \left(\frac{\mu \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i',l}^{t_i}\|^3 + 2 \|\nabla f_{i'}(w_{i'}^{t_i}; z_{i',j'}^{t_i})\| \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_{i'}(w_{i'}^{t_i}; z_{i',j'}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_{i'}(\bar{w}_{i'}^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{i',j'}^{t_i}), v_{i',l}^{t_i} \rangle v_{i',l}^{t_i} - \nabla f_{i'}(w_{i'}^{t_i}; z_{i',j'}^{t_i}) + \nabla f_{i'}(\bar{w}_{i'}^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{i',j'}^{t_i}) \right\| \right) \\
&\quad + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_{i'}(w_{i'}^{t_i}; z_{i',j'}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_{i'}(\bar{w}_{i'}^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{i',j'}^{t_i}), v_{i',l}^{t_i} \rangle v_{i',l}^{t_i} - \nabla f_{i'}(w_{i'}^{t_i}; z_{i',j'}^{t_i}) + \nabla f_{i'}(\bar{w}_{i'}^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{i',j'}^{t_i}) \right\|
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1N} \sum_{P_t} (\mathbb{E}_{J_i}[\alpha_{ij}^{t_i}])^2 \left(\sum_{t'=t_i+1}^{t-1} \left(\frac{\eta_{t'}}{b_1N} \sum_{i' \in [N]} \sum_{j' \in [n]} \left(\frac{\mu\beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}\|^3 + 2 \|\nabla f_{i'}(w_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; z_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}})\| \right) \right. \right. \\
& + \left. \left. + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_{i'}(w_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; z_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}}) - \nabla f_{i'}(\bar{w}_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; \bar{z}_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}}), v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}} \rangle v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}} - \nabla f_{i'}(w_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; z_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}}) + \nabla f_{i'}(\bar{w}_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; \bar{z}_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}}) \right\| \right) \right) \\
& + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1N} \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{j \in [n]} \mathbb{E}_{J_i}[\alpha_{ij}^{t_i}] \frac{\mu\beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}\|^3 + \frac{\eta_{t_i}}{b_1N} \sum_{P_t} \mathbb{E}_{J_i}[\alpha_{ij}^{t_i}] \\
& \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{ij}^{t_i}), v_{i',l}^{t_i} \rangle v_{i',l}^{t_i} - \nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{ij}^{t_i}) \right\| + \frac{\eta_t}{b_1N} \mathbb{E}_{J_i}[\alpha_{Nn}^{t_N}] \\
& \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N}) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^{t_N}; \bar{z}_{Nn}^{t_N}), v_{N,l}^{t_N} \rangle v_{N,l}^{t_N} - \nabla f_N(w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N}) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^{t_N}; \bar{z}_{Nn}^{t_N}) \right\| \\
& \leq (1 + \beta\eta_t) \|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| + \frac{2\eta_t}{nN} \|\nabla f_N(w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N})\| \\
& + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1nN^2} \left(1 + \frac{b_1-1}{n} \right) \sum_{P_t} \eta_{t_i} \left(\frac{\mu\beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}\|^3 + 2 \|\nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i})\| \right. \\
& + \left. \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{ij}^{t_i}), v_{i',l}^{t_i} \rangle v_{i',l}^{t_i} - \nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{ij}^{t_i}) \right\| \right) \\
& + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{n^2N^2} \sum_{P_t} \eta_{t_i} \left(\sum_{\substack{i' \in [N], j' \in [n], \\ i' \neq i, j' \neq j}} \left(\frac{\mu\beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}\|^3 + 2 \|\nabla f_{i'}(w_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; z_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}})\| \right) \right. \\
& + \left. \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_{i'}(w_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; z_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}}) - \nabla f_{i'}(\bar{w}_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; \bar{z}_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}}), v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}} \rangle v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}} - \nabla f_{i'}(w_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; z_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}}) + \nabla f_{i'}(\bar{w}_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; \bar{z}_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}}) \right\| \right) \\
& + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{n^2N^2} \sum_{P_t} \left(\sum_{t'=t_i+1}^{t-1} \left(\eta_{t'} \sum_{i' \in [N]} \sum_{j' \in [n]} \left(\frac{\mu\beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}\|^3 + 2 \|\nabla f_{i'}(w_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; z_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}})\| \right) \right. \right. \\
& + \left. \left. \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_{i'}(w_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; z_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}}) - \nabla f_{i'}(\bar{w}_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; \bar{z}_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}}), v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}} \rangle v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}} - \nabla f_{i'}(w_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; z_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}}) + \nabla f_{i'}(\bar{w}_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}; \bar{z}_{i',j'}^{t_{i'}}) \right\| \right) \right) \\
& + \frac{\eta_t}{nN} \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{j \in [n]} \frac{\mu\beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \|v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}\|^3 \\
& + \frac{\eta_t}{nN} \sum_{P_t} \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{ij}^{t_i}), v_{i',l}^{t_i} \rangle v_{i',l}^{t_i} - \nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) + \nabla f_i(\bar{w}_i^{t_i}; \bar{z}_{ij}^{t_i}) \right\| \\
& + \frac{\eta_t}{nN} \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \langle \nabla f_N(w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N}) - \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^{t_N}; \bar{z}_{Nn}^{t_N}), v_{N,l}^{t_N} \rangle v_{N,l}^{t_N} - \nabla f_N(w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N}) + \nabla f_N(\bar{w}_N^{t_N}; \bar{z}_{Nn}^{t_N}) \right\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Further taking expectation w.r.t. randomness and utilizing Lemmas 4, 5, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} [\|w^{t+1} - \bar{w}^{t+1}\|] \\
& \leq (1 + \beta\eta_t) \mathbb{E} [\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\|] + \frac{2\eta_t}{nN} \mathbb{E} [\|\nabla f_N(w_N^{t_N}; z_{Nn}^{t_N})\|] \\
& + \frac{\beta\eta_t}{b_1N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1-1}{n} \right) \eta_{t-t_0} \left(\mu\beta \mathbb{E} [\|v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}}\|^3] + \left(2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \mathbb{E} [\|\nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i})\|] \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \beta \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} \left(\mu \beta \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}} \right\|^3 \right] + \left(2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla f_{i'} \left(w_{i'}^{t_{i'}} ; z_{i'j'}^{t_{i'}} \right) \right\| \right] \right) \\
& + \beta \eta_t (t_0 - 1) \eta_{t-t_0} \left(\mu \beta \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| v_{i',l}^{t_{i'}} \right\|^3 \right] + \left(2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla f_{i'} \left(w_{i'}^{t_{i'}} ; z_{i'j'}^{t_{i'}} \right) \right\| \right] \right) + \mu \beta \eta_t \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| v_{i,l}^{t_i} \right\|^3 \right] \\
& + \frac{nN-1}{nN} \eta_t \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla f_i \left(w_i^{t_i} ; z_{ij}^{t_i} \right) - \nabla f_i \left(\bar{w}_i^{t_i} ; z_{ij}^{t_i} \right) \right\| \right] + \frac{2\eta_t}{nN} \sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla f_N \left(\bar{w}_N^{t_N} ; z_{Nn}^{t_N} \right) \right\| \right] \\
& \leq (1 + \beta \eta_t) \mathbb{E} \left[\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| \right] + \left(\mu \beta^2 \left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1 - 1}{n} \right) + t_0 \right) \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} + \mu \beta \eta_t \right) \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| v_{i,l}^{t_i} \right\|^3 \right] \\
& + \left(\beta \left(2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \left(\left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1 - 1}{n} \right) + t_0 \right) \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} + \frac{1}{nN} \eta_t \right) \right) \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla f_i \left(w_i^{t_i} ; z_{ij}^{t_i} \right) \right\| \right] \\
& + \beta \eta_t \mathbb{E} \left[\|w_i^{t_i} - \bar{w}_i^{t_i}\| \right] \\
& \leq (1 + \beta \eta_t) \mathbb{E} \left[\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| \right] + \left(\mu \beta^2 \left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1 - 1}{n} \right) + t_0 \right) \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} + \mu \beta \eta_t \right) \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| v_{i,l}^{t_i} \right\|^3 \right] \\
& + \left(\beta \left(2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \left(\left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1 - 1}{n} \right) + t_0 \right) \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} + \frac{1}{nN} \eta_t \right) \right) \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla f_i \left(w_i^{t_i} ; z_{ij}^{t_i} \right) \right\| \right] \\
& + \beta \eta_t (\mathbb{E} [\|w_i^{t_i} - \bar{w}_i^{t_i} - w^t + \bar{w}^t\|] + \mathbb{E} [\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\|]) \\
& \leq (1 + 2\beta \eta_t) \mathbb{E} \left[\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| \right] + \left(\mu \beta^2 \left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1 - 1}{n} \right) + t_0 \right) \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} + \mu \beta \eta_t \right) \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| v_{i,l}^{t_i} \right\|^3 \right] \\
& + \left(\beta \left(2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \left(\left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1 - 1}{n} \right) + t_0 \right) \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} + \frac{1}{nN} \eta_t \right) \right) \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla f_i \left(w_i^{t_i} ; z_{ij}^{t_i} \right) \right\| \right] \\
& + \beta \eta_t \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{t'=t_i}^{t-1} \left(\frac{\eta_{t'}}{b_1 N} \sum_{i' \in [N]} \sum_{j' \in [n]} \alpha_{i',j'}^{t'} \left(\frac{\mu \beta}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \left\| v_{i',l}^{t'} \right\|^3 + 2 \left\| \nabla f_{i'} \left(w_{i'}^{t'} ; z_{i'j'}^{t'} \right) \right\| \right. \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \left. + \left\| \frac{1}{b_2} \sum_{l=1}^{b_2} \left\langle \nabla f_{i'} \left(w_{i'}^{t'} ; z_{i'j'}^{t'} \right) - \nabla f_{i'} \left(\bar{w}_{i'}^{t'} ; \bar{z}_{i'j'}^{t'} \right), v_{i',l}^{t'} \right\rangle v_{i',l}^{t'} - \nabla f_{i'} \left(w_{i'}^{t'} ; z_{i'j'}^{t'} \right) + \nabla f_{i'} \left(\bar{w}_{i'}^{t'} ; \bar{z}_{i'j'}^{t'} \right) \right\| \right) \right) \right] \\
& \leq (1 + 2\beta \eta_t) \mathbb{E} \left[\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| \right] + \left(\mu \beta^2 \left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1 - 1}{n} \right) + t_0 \right) \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} + \mu \beta \eta_t \right) \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| v_{i,l}^{t_i} \right\|^3 \right] \\
& + \left(\beta \left(2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \left(\left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1 - 1}{n} \right) + t_0 \right) \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} + \frac{1}{nN} \eta_t \right) \right) \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla f_i \left(w_i^{t_i} ; z_{ij}^{t_i} \right) \right\| \right] \\
& + \beta t_0 \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} \left(\mu \beta \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| v_{i',l}^{t'} \right\|^3 \right] + \left(2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla f_{i'} \left(w_{i'}^{t'} ; z_{i'j'}^{t'} \right) \right\| \right] \right) \\
& = (1 + 2\beta \eta_t) \mathbb{E} \left[\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| \right] + \left(\mu \beta^2 \left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1 - 1}{n} \right) + 2t_0 \right) \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} + \mu \beta \eta_t \right) \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| v_{i,l}^{t_i} \right\|^3 \right] \\
& + \left(\beta \left(2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \left(\left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1 - 1}{n} \right) + 2t_0 \right) \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} + \frac{1}{nN} \eta_t \right) \right) \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla f_i \left(w_i^{t_i} ; z_{ij}^{t_i} \right) \right\| \right] \\
& = (1 + 2\beta \eta_t) \mathbb{E} \left[\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| \right] + \left(\mu \beta^2 \left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1 - 1}{n} \right) + 2t_0 \right) \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} + \mu \beta \eta_t \right) \frac{d}{d+3} \\
& + \left(\beta \left(2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \left(\left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1 - 1}{n} \right) + 2t_0 \right) \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} + \frac{1}{nN} \eta_t \right) \right) \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \nabla f_i \left(w_i^{t_i} ; z_{ij}^{t_i} \right) \right\| \right] \\
& \leq (1 + 2\beta \eta_t) \mathbb{E} \left[\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\| \right] + \mu \beta^2 \left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1 - 1}{n} \right) + 2t_0 \right) \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} + \mu \beta \eta_t
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ \left(\beta \left(2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \left(\left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1 - 1}{n} \right) + 2t_0 \right) \eta_t \eta_{t-t_0} + \frac{1}{nN} \eta_t \right) \right) \mathbb{E} [\| \nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) \|]. \quad (12)$$

To measure the stability, we need to obtain the upper bound of $\mathbb{E}[\| \nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i}) \|]$, $i \in [N], j \in [n]$. Based on Equation (1), the update of asynchronous FedZO, triangular inequality, Lemmas 4, 5 and Assumption 3, we provide that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^{t+1}) - F_S(w^t)] \\ & \leq \mathbb{E} \left[\langle w^{t+1} - w^t, \nabla F_S(w^t) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \beta \|w^{t+1} - w^t\|^2 \right] \\ & = \mathbb{E} \left[\left\langle -\frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{m \in [b_1]} \tilde{\nabla} f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}), \nabla F_S(w^t) \right\rangle + \frac{1}{2} \beta \left\| \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{m \in [b_1]} \tilde{\nabla} f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}) \right\|^2 \right] \\ & = -\frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{m \in [b_1]} \mathbb{E} \left[\langle \tilde{\nabla} f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}) + \nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}), \nabla F_S(w^t) \rangle \right] \\ & \quad + \frac{\beta}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{m \in [b_1]} (\tilde{\nabla} f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}) + \nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i})) \right\|^2 \right] \\ & \leq -\frac{\eta_t}{b_1 N} \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{m \in [b_1]} \mathbb{E} \left[\langle \tilde{\nabla} f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}), \nabla F_S(w^t) \rangle \right] - \eta_t \mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}), \nabla F_S(w^t) \rangle] \\ & \quad + \beta \eta_t^2 \mathbb{E} [\| \tilde{\nabla} f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}) \|^2] + \beta \eta_t^2 \mathbb{E} [\| \nabla F_S(w_i^{t_i}) \|^2] \\ & \leq \frac{\eta_t}{2b_1 N} \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{m \in [b_1]} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \tilde{\nabla} f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}) \right\|^2 \right] + \frac{\eta_t}{2} \mathbb{E} [\| \nabla F_S(w^t) \|^2] \\ & \quad - \eta_t \mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}), \nabla F_S(w^t) \rangle] + \beta \eta_t^2 \mathbb{E} [\| \tilde{\nabla} f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}) - \nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}) \|^2] + \beta \eta_t^2 \mathbb{E} [\| \nabla F_S(w_i^{t_i}) \|^2] \\ & \leq \left(\beta \eta_t^2 - \frac{\eta_t}{2} \right) \mathbb{E} [\| \nabla F_S(w_i^{t_i}) \|^2] + \left(\frac{\eta_t}{2b_1 N} + \frac{\beta \eta_t^2}{b_1 N} \right) \sum_{i \in [N]} \sum_{m \in [b_1]} \left(\frac{\mu^2 \beta^2}{4} \mathbb{E} [\| v_{i,l}^{t_i} \|^6] \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{d}{b_2} \mathbb{E} [\| \nabla f_i (w_i^{t_i}; z_{i,m}^{t_i}) \|^2] \right) \\ & = \left(\left(1 + \frac{d}{b_2} \right) \beta \eta_t^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2} \right) \eta_t \right) \mathbb{E} [\| \nabla F_S(w_i^{t_i}) \|^2] + \frac{d \mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4(d+6)} + \frac{d \mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8(d+6)} \\ & \leq -\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2} \right) \eta_t \mathbb{E} [\| \nabla F_S(w_i^{t_i}) \|^2] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8} \\ & = -\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2} \right) \mathbb{E} [\| \nabla F_S(w^t) \|^2] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8} \\ & \leq -\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2} \right) \alpha \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^t) - F_S(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8}. \quad (13) \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^{t+1}) - F_S(w(S))] \\ & \leq \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2} \right) \alpha \right) \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^t) - F_S(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8} \\ & \leq \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^t) - F_S(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8} \\ & \leq \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^1) - F_S(w(S))] + \sum_{i=1}^t \left(\frac{\mu^2 \beta^3}{4} \eta_i^2 + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2}{8} \eta_i \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^1) - F_S(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_1^2}{2} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_1}{8} \log(et),$$

where the last inequality is due to Lemma 3 (a), (b). It follows from Lemma 1 (2) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} [\|\nabla f_i(w_i^{t_i}; z_{ij}^{t_i})\|^2] \\ & \leq 2\beta \mathbb{E}[F_{S_i}(w_i^{t_i})] = \frac{2\beta}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}[F_{S_i}(w_i^{t_i})] = 2\beta \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^t)] \\ & \leq 2\beta \left(\mathbb{E}[F_S(w^1)] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_1^2}{2} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_1}{8} \log(e(t-1)) \right). \end{aligned}$$

For convenience, we denote $2\beta \left(\mathbb{E}[F_S(w^1)] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_1^2}{2} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_1}{8} \log(e(t-1)) \right)$ as $\hat{\tau}(t)$. Then, from Equation (12), we know that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} [\|w^{t+1} - \bar{w}^{t+1}\|] \\ & \leq (1 + 2\beta\eta_t) \mathbb{E} [\|w^t - \bar{w}^t\|] + \left(\mu\beta + \frac{4\sqrt{\hat{\tau}(t)}}{nN} \sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \eta_t + \left(\mu\beta^2 \left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1-1}{n} \right) + 2t_0 \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \beta \left(2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1-1}{n} \right) + 2t_0 \right) \sqrt{\hat{\tau}(t)} \right) \eta_{t-t_0}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Let $a_5(t) = \mu\beta + \frac{4\sqrt{\hat{\tau}(t)}}{nN} \sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}}$ and $a_6(t) = \mu\beta^2 \left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1-1}{n} \right) + 2t_0 \right) + \beta \left(2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{d}{b_2}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{b_1 N} \left(1 + \frac{b_1-1}{n} \right) + 2t_0 \right) \sqrt{\hat{\tau}(t)}$. Taking summation from $t = 1$ to $T-1$, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} [\|w^T - \bar{w}^T\|] \\ & \leq \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} \left(\prod_{s=t+1}^{T-1} (1 + 2\beta\eta_s) \right) (a_5(t)\eta_t + a_6(t)\eta_{t-t_0}^2) \\ & \leq \exp \left(2\beta\eta_1 \sum_{s=1}^{T-1} s^{-1} \right) \left(a_5(T-1)\eta_1 \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} t^{-1} + a_6(T-1)\eta_1^2 \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} (t-t_0)^{-2} \right) \\ & \leq (e(T-1))^{2\beta\eta_1} (a_5(T-1)\eta_1 \log(e(T-1)) + 4a_6(T-1)\eta_1^2) \\ & \leq \mathcal{O} \left(\mu T^{\frac{1}{2}} \left((nN)^{-1} (\log T)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \log T + t_0 \sqrt{\log T} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

□

Proof of Corollary 3: We integrate Theorem 1 (b) and Theorem 5 to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & |\mathbb{E} [F(w^T) - F_S(w^T)]| \\ & \leq \frac{(4\theta)^\theta K}{nN} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E} [\|w^T - \bar{w}^T\|] + 2\mathbb{E} [F_S(w^T)] \\ & = (4\theta)^\theta K \mathbb{E} [\|w^T - \bar{w}^T\|] + 2\mathbb{E} [F_S(w^T)] \\ & \leq \mathcal{O} \left(\left(\left(1 + (nN)^{-1} \sqrt{\log T} \right) \log T + \sqrt{\log T} t_0 \right) (4\theta)^\theta \mu T^{\frac{1}{2}} + \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^T)] \right). \end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete. □

Proof of Theorem 6: According to Equation (13),

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^{t+1}) - F_S(w^t)] \\ & \leq - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2} \right) \alpha \eta_t \mathbb{E} [F_S(w^t) - F_S(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^3 \eta_t^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2 \beta^2 \eta_t}{8}, \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$\mathbb{E}[F_S(w^{t+1}) - F(w(S))]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2}\right)\alpha\eta_t\right) \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^t) - F(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2\beta^3\eta_t^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2\beta^2\eta_t}{8} \\
&= \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2}\right)\frac{\alpha\eta_1}{t}\right) \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^t) - F(w(S))] + \frac{\mu^2\beta^3\eta_1^2}{4}t^{-2} + \frac{\mu^2\beta^2\eta_1}{8}t^{-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

We multiply both sides of the above inequality by $t \left(t - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2}\right)\alpha\eta_1\right)$ to get

$$\begin{aligned}
&t \left(t - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2}\right)\alpha\eta_1\right) \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^{t+1}) - F(w(S))] \\
&\leq \left(t - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2}\right)\alpha\eta_1\right) \left(t - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2}\right)\alpha\eta_1\right) \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^t) - F(w(S))] \\
&\quad + \frac{\mu^2\beta^3\eta_1^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2\beta^2\eta_1}{8}t \\
&\leq \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2}\right)\alpha\eta_1\right) \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2}\right)\alpha\eta_1\right) \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^1) - F(w(S))] \\
&\quad + \frac{\mu^2\beta^3\eta_1^2t}{4} + \frac{\mu^2\beta^2\eta_1}{8} \sum_{t'=1}^t t' \\
&\leq \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2}\right)\alpha\eta_1\right) \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2}\right)\alpha\eta_1\right) \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^1) - F(w(S))] \\
&\quad + \frac{\mu^2\beta^3\eta_1^2t}{4} + \frac{\mu^2\beta^2\eta_1}{16}t(t+1).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}[F_S(w^T) - F_S(w(S))] \\
&\leq \frac{\left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2}\right)\alpha\eta_1\right) \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{d}{2b_2}\right)\alpha\eta_1\right)}{(T-1) \left(T-1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2}\right)\alpha\eta_1\right)} \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^1) - F(w(S))] \\
&\quad + \frac{\mu^2\beta^3\eta_1^2}{4 \left(T-1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2}\right)\alpha\eta_1\right)} + \frac{\mu^2\beta^2\eta_1 T}{16 \left(T-1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{d}{4b_2}\right)\alpha\eta_1\right)} \\
&= \mathcal{O}(T^{-2} + \mu^2).
\end{aligned}$$

The optimization bound is given. By integrating this optimization upper bound and the generalization upper bound in Corollary 3, we can get the following expected excess risk bound

$$\begin{aligned}
&|\mathbb{E}[F(w^T) - F(w^*)]| \\
&\leq |\mathbb{E}[F(w^T) - F_S(w^T)]| + |\mathbb{E}[F_S(w^T) - F_S(w(S))]| \\
&\leq \mathcal{O}\left(T^{-2} + \mu^2 + \left(\left(1 + (nN)^{-1}\sqrt{\log T}\right)\log T + \sqrt{\log T}t_0\right)(4\theta)^\theta\mu T^{\frac{1}{2}} + \mathbb{E}[F_S(w^T)]\right).
\end{aligned}$$

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