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# Uncoupled and Convergent Learning in Monotone Games under Bandit Feedback

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## Abstract

1 We study the problem of no-regret learning algorithms for general monotone  
2 and smooth games and their last-iterate convergence properties. Specifically, we  
3 investigate the problem under bandit feedback and strongly uncoupled dynamics,  
4 which allows modular development of the multi-player system that applies to a  
5 wide range of real applications. We propose a mirror-descent-based algorithm,  
6 which converges in  $O(T^{-1/4})$  and is also no-regret. The result is achieved by a  
7 dedicated use of two regularizations and the analysis of the fixed point thereof.  
8 The convergence rate is further improved to  $O(T^{-1/2})$  in the case of strongly  
9 monotone games. Motivated by practical tasks where the game evolves over time,  
10 the algorithm is extended to time-varying monotone games. We provide the first  
11 non-asymptotic result in converging monotone games and give improved results  
12 for equilibrium tracking games.

## 13 1 Introduction

14 We consider multi-player online learning in games. In this problem, the cost function for each player  
15 is unknown to the player, and they need to learn to play the game through repeated interaction with  
16 other players. We focus on a class of monotone and smooth games, which was first introduced  
17 by Rosen (1965). This encapsulates a wide array of common games, such as two-player zero-sum  
18 games, convex-concave games, and zero-sum polymatrix games (Bregman and Fokin, 1987). Our  
19 goal is to find algorithms that solve the problem under bandit feedback and strongly uncoupled  
20 dynamics. Within this context, each player can only access information regarding the cost function  
21 associated with their chosen actions without prior insight into their counterparts. This allows modular  
22 development of the multi-player system in real applications and leverages existing single-agent  
23 learning algorithms for reuse.

24 Many works have focused on the time-average convergence to Nash equilibrium on learning in  
25 monotone games (Even-Dar et al., 2009; Syrgkanis et al., 2015; Farina et al., 2022). However,  
26 these works only guarantee the convergence of the time average of the joint action profile. Such  
27 convergence properties are less appealing, because while the trajectories of the players converge in  
28 the time-average sense, it may still exhibit cycling (Mertikopoulos et al., 2018). This jeopardizes the  
29 practical use of such algorithms.

30 Popular no-regret algorithms such as mirror descent have demonstrated convergence in the last  
31 iterate within specific scenarios, such as two-player zero-sum games (Cai et al., 2023) and strongly  
32 monotone games (Bravo et al., 2018; Drusvyatskiy et al., 2022; Lin et al., 2021). Yet convergence to  
33 Nash equilibrium in monotone and smooth games is not available unless one assumes exact gradient  
34 feedback and coordination of players (Cai et al., 2022; Cai and Zheng, 2023). It remains open as to  
35 whether a no-regret algorithm can efficiently converge to a Nash equilibrium in monotone games with  
36 bandit feedback and strongly uncoupled dynamics. In this paper, we investigate the pivotal question:

37 *How fast can no-regret algorithms converge (in the last iterate) to a Nash equilibrium in general*  
 38 *monotone and smooth games with bandit feedback and strongly uncoupled dynamics?*

39 In this work, we present a mirror-descent-based algorithm designed to converge to the Nash equilib-  
 40 rium in monotone and smooth games. Our algorithm is uncoupled and convergent and is applicable  
 41 to the general monotone and smooth game setting. Motivated by real applications, where many  
 42 games are also time-varying, we extend our study to encompass time-varying monotone games. This  
 43 justifies that our algorithm could be deployed in both stationary and non-stationary tasks.

44 We achieve state-of-the-art results in both monotone games and time-varying monotone games.

- 45 • In monotone and smooth games:
  - 46 – Under bandit feedback and strongly uncoupled dynamics, we show our algorithm
  - 47 achieves a last-iterate convergence rate of  $O(T^{-1/4})$ .
  - 48 – In cases where the game exhibits strong monotonicity, our result improves to  $O(T^{-1/2})$ ,
  - 49 matching the current best available convergence rates for strongly monotone games
  - 50 (Drusvyatskiy et al., 2022; Lin et al., 2021).
  - 51 – Our algorithm is no regret albeit players may be self-interested. The individual regret
  - 52 is at most  $O(T^{3/4})$  in monotone games and at most  $O(T^{1/2})$  in strongly monotone
  - 53 games.
- 54 • In time-varying monotone and smooth games:
  - 55 – If the game eventually converges to a static state within a time frame of  $O(T^\alpha)$ , our
  - 56 algorithm achieves convergence in  $O(T^{-1/4+\alpha})$ .
  - 57 – If the game does not converge but experiences gradual changes in the Nash
  - 58 equilibrium that evolves in  $O(T^\varphi)$ , our algorithm exhibits convergence rates of
  - 59  $O\left(\max\left\{T^{2\varphi/3-2/3}, T^{(4\varphi+5)^2/72-9/8}\right\}\right)$ . The algorithm outperforms best available
  - 60 results of  $T^{\varphi/5-1/5}$  by Duvocelle et al. (2023) and  $T^{\varphi/3-2/3}$  by Yan et al. (2023).

61 Table 1 and Table 2 summarize our results and the results of previous works.

## 62 2 Related Works

63 **Monotone games** The convergence of monotone games has been studied in a significant line  
 64 of research. For a strongly monotone game under exact gradient feedback, the linear last-iterate  
 65 convergence rate is known (Tseng, 1995; Liang and Stokes, 2019; Zhou et al., 2020). Under noisy  
 66 gradient feedback, Jordan et al. (2023) showed a last-iterate convergence rate of  $O(T^{-1})$ . Under  
 67 bandit feedback, Bervoets et al. (2020) proposed an algorithm that asymptotically converges to the  
 68 equilibrium if it is unique. Bravo et al. (2018) subsequently introduced an algorithm with a last-iterate  
 69 convergence rate of  $O(T^{-1/3})$ , while also ensuring the no-regret property. Later works (Lin et al.,  
 70 2021) further improved the last-iterate convergence rate to  $O(T^{-1/2})$  under bandit feedback using  
 71 the self-concordant barrier function. Jordan et al. (2023) gave a result of the same rate, but with the  
 72 additional assumption that the Jacobian of each player’s gradient is Lipschitz continuous. In the case  
 73 of bandit but noisy feedback (with a zero-mean noise), Lin et al. (2021) showed that the convergence  
 74 rate is still  $O(T^{-1/2})$ .

75 For monotone but not strongly monotone games, Mertikopoulos and Zhou (2019) leveraged the dual  
 76 averaging algorithm to demonstrate an asymptotic convergence rate under noisy gradient feedback.  
 77 With access to the exact gradient information, Cai and Zheng (2023) gave a last-iterate convergence  
 78 rate of  $O(T^{-1})$ . In the context of bandit feedback, Tatarenko and Kamgarpour (2019) proposed an  
 79 algorithm that asymptotically converges to the Nash equilibrium. Table 1 provides a summary of the  
 80 recent results.

81 **Time-varying monotone games** Motivated by real-world applications such as Cournot competition,  
 82 where multiple firms supply goods to the market and pricing is subject to fluctuations due to factors  
 83 like weather, holidays, and politics. Duvocelle et al. (2023) studied the strongly monotone game under  
 84 a time-varying cost function. When the game converges to a static state, they propose an algorithm  
 85 that achieves asymptotic convergence under bandit feedback. Assuming the cost function varies

**Table 1:** Summary of results for monotone games. “E” stands for the result in expectation and “P” stands for the result held in high probability. Strongly monotone games are abbreviated to “StroM”, while monotone games are abbreviated to “M”. We use “linear\*” to denote the two-player zero-sum game, which is a special case of the linear game. We use “(N)” to remark that the results can also be obtained with noisy feedback.

	Class of games	Feedback	Results
Bravo et al. (2018)	StroM	bandit	$O(T^{-1/3})$ (E)
Drusvyatskiy et al. (2022)	StroM	bandit	$O(T^{-1/2})$ (E)
Lin et al. (2021)	StroM	bandit (N)	$O(T^{-1/2})$ (E)
Jordan et al. (2023)	StroM	noisy gradient	$O(T^{-1})$
<b>Ours</b>	StroM	bandit (N)	$O(T^{-1/2})$ (E & P)
Mertikopoulos and Zhou (2019)	M	noisy gradient	asymptotic
Cai and Zheng (2023)	M	exact gradient	$O(T^{-1})$
Tatarenko and Kamgarpour (2019)	M	bandit	asymptotic
<b>Ours</b>	M	bandit (N)	$O(T^{-1/4})$ (E)
Cai et al. (2023)	linear*	bandit	$O(T^{-1/6})$ (E)
<b>Ours</b>	linear	bandit	$O(T^{-1/6})$ (E)

**Table 2:** Summary of last-iterate convergence results for time-varying games. All results here are in expectation results. Strongly monotone games are abbreviated to “StroM”, and monotone games are abbreviated to “M”.

	Class of games	Time-varying property	Feedback	Results
Duvocelle et al. (2023)	StroM	converging in $O(T^\alpha)$	bandit	asymptotic
<b>Ours</b>	M	converging in $O(T^\alpha)$	bandit	$O(T^{-1/4+\alpha})$
Duvocelle et al. (2023)	StroM	$O(T^\varphi)$ variation path	bandit	$O(T^{\varphi/5-1/5})$
Yan et al. (2023)	StroM	$O(T^\varphi)$ variation path	exact gradient	$O(T^{\varphi/3-2/3})$
<b>Ours</b>	M	$O(T^\varphi)$ variation path	bandit	$O(\max\{T^{2\varphi/3-2/3}, T^{(4\varphi+5)^2/72-9/8}\})$

86  $O(T^\phi)$  across a horizon  $T$ , Duvocelle et al. (2023) provided an algorithm that attains a convergence  
87 rate of  $O(T^{\phi/5-1/5})$  under bandit feedback. Subsequent work of Yan et al. (2023) further improved  
88 this rate to  $O(T^{\phi/3-2/3})$  under exact gradient feedback.

### 89 3 Preliminaries

90 We consider a multi-player game with  $n$  players, with the set of players denoted as  $\mathcal{N}$ . Each player  $i$   
91 takes action on a compact and convex set  $\mathcal{X}_i \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  of  $d$  dimensions, and has cost function  $c_i(x_i, x_{-i})$ ,  
92 where  $x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i$  is the action of the  $i$ -th player and  $x_{-i} \in \prod_{j \in [n], j \neq i} \mathcal{X}_j$  is the action of all other  
93 players. We assume the radius of  $\mathcal{X}_i$  is bounded, i.e.,  $\|x - x'\| \leq B, \forall x, x' \in \mathcal{X}_i$ . Without loss of  
94 generality, we further assume  $c_i(x) \in [0, 1]$ .

95 In this work, we study a class of monotone continuous games, where the gradient of the cost functions  
96 is monotone and the cost functions continuous (Assumption 3.1). Games that satisfy this assumption  
97 include convex-concave games, convex potential games, extensive form games, Cournot competition,  
98 and splittable routing games. A discussion of these games is available in Section 3.1. Note that the  
99 class of monotone continuous games is commonly studied in the literature (Lin et al., 2021; Farina  
100 et al., 2022).

101 **Assumption 3.1.** For all player  $i \in \mathcal{N}$ , the cost function  $c_i(x_i, x_{-i})$  is continuous, differentiable,  
102 convex, and  $\ell_i$ -smooth in  $x_i$ . Further,  $c_i$  has bounded gradient  $|\nabla_{x_i} c_i(x)| \leq G$  and the gradient  
103  $F(x) = [\nabla_{x_i} c_i(x)]_{i \in \mathcal{N}}$  is a monotone operator, i.e.,  $(F(x) - F(y))^\top (x - y) \geq 0, \forall x, y$ .

104 For notational convenience, we denote  $L = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i$ .

105 A common solution concept in the game is Nash equilibrium, which is a state of dynamic where no  
 106 player can reduce its cost by unilaterally changing its action. Our aim is to learn a Nash equilibrium  
 107  $x^* \in \prod_i \mathcal{X}_i$  of the game. Formally, the Nash equilibrium is defined as follows.

108 **Definition 3.1** (Nash equilibrium). *An action  $x^* \in \prod_i \mathcal{X}_i$  is a Nash equilibrium if  $c_i(x^*) \leq$   
 109  $c_i(x_i, x_{-i}^*), \forall x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i, x_i \neq x_i^*, i \in \mathcal{N}$ .*

110 When the game satisfies Assumption 3.1, and is with a compact action set, it is known that it must  
 111 admit at least one Nash equilibrium (Debreu, 1952).

### 112 3.1 Examples of Monotone Continuous Games

113 A wide range of monotone games are captured by Assumption 3.1, and we now present a few classic  
 114 examples. We include more examples in the appendix.

115 **Example 3.1** (convex-concave game). *Consider a two-player convex-concave game, where the*  
 116 *objective function is  $c_1(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1, x_2)$ ,  $c_2(x_1, x_2) = -f(x_1, x_2)$ . It is immediate that if  $f$  is*  
 117 *continuous, differentiable, smooth, convex in  $x_1$ , concave in  $x_2$ , then the game satisfies Assumption*  
 118 *3.1. Examples are rock paper scissors and chicken games.*

119 **Example 3.2** (Cournot competition). *In the Cournot oligopoly model, there is a finite set of  $N$*   
 120 *firms, where firm  $i$  supplies the market with a quantity  $x_i \in [0, C_i]$  of some good and  $C_i$  is the*  
 121 *firm's production capacity. The good is priced as a decreasing function  $P(x_{\text{tot}}) = a - bx_{\text{tot}}$ , where*  
 122  *$x_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$  is the total number of goods supplied to the market, and  $a, b > 0$  are positive*  
 123 *constants. The cost of firm  $i$  is then given by  $c_i(x_i, x_{-i}) = d_i x_i - x_i P(x_{\text{tot}})$ , where  $d_i$  is the cost*  
 124 *of producing one unit of good. This is the associated production cost minus the total revenue from*  
 125 *producing  $x_i$  units of goods. It is clear that  $c_i$  is continuous and differentiable, and Bravo et al.*  
 126 *(2018) showed  $c_i$  has positive definite and bounded hessian (is convex and smooth).*

127 **Example 3.3** (Splittable routing game). *In a splittable routing game, each player directs a flow,*  
 128 *denoted as  $f_i$ , from a source to a destination within an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ . Each edge*  
 129  *$e \in E$  is linked to a latency function, represented as  $\ell_e(f)$ , which denotes the latency cost of the*  
 130 *flow passing through the edge. The strategies available to player  $i$  are the various ways of dividing*  
 131 *or "splitting" the flow  $f_i$  into distinct paths connecting the source and the destination. With some*  
 132 *restrictions on the latency function, the game satisfies Assumption 3.1 (Roughgarden and Schoppmann,*  
 133 *2015).*

### 134 3.2 Bandit Feedback and Strongly Uncoupled Dynamic

135 In this work, we focus on learning under bandit feedback and strongly uncoupled dynamics. The  
 136 bandit feedback setting restricts each player to only observe the cost function  $c_i(x_i, x_{-i})$  with respect  
 137 to the action taken  $x_i$ . The strongly uncoupled learning dynamic (Daskalakis et al., 2011) means  
 138 players do not have prior knowledge of cost function or the action space of other players and can  
 139 only keep track of a constant amount of historical information. As the bandit feedback and strongly  
 140 uncoupled dynamic only require each player to access information of its own, this allows for modular  
 141 development of the multi-player system, by reusing existing single-agent learning algorithms.

## 142 4 Algorithm

143 Our algorithm builds upon the renowned mirror-descent algorithm. The efficacy of online mirror-  
 144 descent in solving Nash equilibrium has been demonstrated under full information, and in both  
 145 linear or strongly monotone games, with extensive investigations into its last-iterate convergence  
 146 investigated in Cen et al. (2021); Lin et al. (2021); Cai et al. (2023); Duvocelle et al. (2023).

147 Our algorithm differs from classic online mirror descent approaches by making use of two regularizers:  
 148 A self-concordant barrier regularizer  $h$  to build an efficient Ellipsoidal gradient estimator and contest  
 149 the bandit feedback; and a regularizer  $p$  to accommodate monotone (and not strongly monotone)  
 150 games. Similar use of two regularizers has also been investigated (Lin et al., 2021). However, their  
 151 method used the Euclidean norm regularization, which cannot be extended to our setting.

152 **Regularizers** Let  $h$  be a  $\nu$ -self-concordant barrier function (Definition 4.1),  $p$  be a convex function  
 153 with  $\mu I \preceq \nabla^2 p(x) \preceq \zeta I$ ,  $\zeta > 0, \mu \geq 0$ . Let  $D_p$  denote the Bregman divergence induced by

154  $p$ . We choose  $p$  such that for any  $x_i, x'_i \in \mathcal{X}_i$ ,  $D_p(x_i, x'_i) \leq C_p < \infty$ , and for some  $\kappa > 0$ ,  
 155  $c_i(x_i, x_{-i}) - \kappa p(x_i)$  to be convex. Notice that when  $c_i$  is convex but not linear, we can always find  
 156 such  $p$  when the action set is bounded. Intuitively, this is to interpolate a function  $p$  that possesses  
 157 less curvature than all  $c_i$ . We will discuss the modification to the algorithm needed when  $c_i$  is linear  
 158 in Section 5.3.

159 **Definition 4.1.** A function  $h : \text{int}(\mathcal{X}) \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is a  $\nu$ -self concordant barrier for a closed convex  
 160 set  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $\text{int}(\mathcal{X})$  is an interior of  $\mathcal{X}$ , if 1)  $h$  is three times continuously differentiable;  
 161 2)  $h(x) \rightarrow \infty$  if  $x \rightarrow \partial\mathcal{X}$ , where  $\partial\mathcal{X}$  is a boundary of  $\mathcal{X}$ ; 3) for  $\forall x \in \text{int}(\mathcal{X})$  and  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  
 162 we have  $|\nabla^3 h(x)[\lambda, \lambda, \lambda]| \leq 2(\lambda^\top \nabla^2 h(x) \lambda)^{3/2}$  and  $|\nabla h(x)^\top \lambda| \leq \sqrt{\nu}(\lambda^\top \nabla^2 h(x) \lambda)^{1/2}$  where  
 163  $\nabla^3 h(x)[\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3] = \frac{\partial^3}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2 \partial t_3} h(x + t_1 \lambda_1 + t_2 \lambda_2 + t_3 \lambda_3) \Big|_{t_1=t_2=t_3=0}$ .

164 1.  $h$  is three times continuously differentiable;

165 2.  $h(x) \rightarrow \infty$  if  $x \rightarrow \partial\mathcal{X}$ , where  $\partial\mathcal{X}$  is a boundary of  $\mathcal{X}$ ;

166 3. for  $\forall x \in \text{int}(\mathcal{X})$  and  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have  $|\nabla^3 h(x)[\lambda, \lambda, \lambda]| \leq 2(\lambda^\top \nabla^2 h(x) \lambda)^{3/2}$   
 167 and  $|\nabla h(x)^\top \lambda| \leq \sqrt{\nu}(\lambda^\top \nabla^2 h(x) \lambda)^{1/2}$  where  $\nabla^3 h(x)[\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3] =$   
 168  $\frac{\partial^3}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2 \partial t_3} h(x + t_1 \lambda_1 + t_2 \lambda_2 + t_3 \lambda_3) \Big|_{t_1=t_2=t_3=0}$ .

169 It is shown that any closed convex domain of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  has a self-concordant barrier (Lee and Yue, 2021).

170 **Ellipsoidal gradient estimator** As our algorithm operates under bandit feedback and strongly  
 171 uncoupled dynamics, we would need to design a gradient estimator while only using costs for the  
 172 individual player.

173 Let  $\mathbb{S}^d, \mathbb{B}^d$  be the  $d$ -dimensional unit sphere and the  $d$ -dimensional unit ball, respectively. Our  
 174 algorithm estimates the gradient using the following ellipsoidal estimator:

$$\hat{g}_i^t = \frac{d}{\delta_t} c_i(\hat{x}^t) (A_i^t)^{-1} z_i^t, \quad A_i^t = (\nabla^2 h(x_i^t) + \eta_t(t+1) \nabla^2 p(x_i^t))^{-1/2}, \quad \hat{x}_i^t = x_i^t + \delta_t A_i^t z_i^t,$$

175 where  $z_i^t$  is uniformly independently sampled from  $\mathbb{S}^d$  and  $\delta_t, \eta_t \in [0, 1]$  are tunable parameters.

176 One can show that  $\hat{g}_i^t$  is an unbiased estimate of the gradient of a smoothed cost function  
 177  $\hat{c}_i(x^t) = \mathbb{E}_{w_i^t \sim \mathbb{B}^d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_{-i}^t \sim \prod_{j \neq i} \mathbb{S}^d} [c_i(x_i^t + A_i^t w_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t)]$ . When  $p$  is strongly convex, one can upper  
 178 bound  $\|\nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x) - \nabla_i c_i(x)\|$  by the maximum eigenvalue of  $A_i^t$  and it suffices to take  $\delta_t = 1$ , which  
 179 recovers the results in Lin et al. (2021). However, when  $p$  is convex and not strongly convex, one  
 180 would need to carefully tune  $\delta_t$  to control the bias from estimating the smoothed cost function. This  
 181 ellipsoidal gradient estimator was first introduced by Abernethy et al. (2008) for the case of  $c_i$  being  
 182 linear, and was then extended by Hazan and Levy (2014) to the case of strongly convex costs. In  
 183 learning for games, the ellipsoidal estimator was used in the case of strongly monotone games (Bravo  
 184 et al., 2018; Lin et al., 2021).

185 Based on the ellipsoidal gradient estimator, we present our uncoupled and convergent algorithm for  
 186 monotone games under bandit feedback.

187 **Implementation** Notice that solving Equation (1) is equivalent to solving a convex but potentially  
 188 non-smooth optimization problem. Certain sets  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ , including the cases when  $\mathcal{X}$  is the strategy  
 189 space of a normal-form game or an extensive-form game, can be solved by proximal Newton algorithm  
 190 provably in  $O(\log^2(1/\epsilon))$  iterations (Farina et al., 2022). When such guarantees are not required,  
 191 one could accommodate other optimization methods in solving (1). Our experiment section provides  
 192 more details.

193 The choice of  $p$  and  $h$  is game-dependent. For example, when  $c_i(x) = x^2$  and the action set is on the  
 194 positive half line, we can use the negative log function as our self-concordant barrier function  $h$  and  
 195 take  $p = x$ .

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**Algorithm 1:** Algorithm

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**Input:** Learning rate  $\eta_t$ , parameter  $\delta_t$ , regularizer  $h(\cdot), p(\cdot)$ , constant  $\kappa$

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1  $x_i^1 = \operatorname{argmin}_{x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i} h(x_i)$ 
2 for  $t = 1, \dots, T$  do
3   Set  $A_i^t = (\nabla^2 h(x_i^t) + \eta_t(t+1)\nabla^2 p(x_i^t))^{-1/2}$ 
4   Play  $\hat{x}_i^t = x_i^t + \delta_t A_i^t z_i^t$ , receive bandit feedback  $c_i(\hat{x}_i, \hat{x}_{-i})$ , sample  $z_i^t \sim \mathbb{S}^d$ 
5   Update gradient estimator  $\hat{g}_i^t = \frac{d}{\delta_t} c_i(\hat{x}_i^t)(A_i^t)^{-1} z_i^t$ 
6   Update the strategy
      
$$x_i^{t+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i} \{ \eta_t \langle x_i, \hat{g}_i^t \rangle + \eta_t \kappa(t+1) D_p(x_i, x_i^t) + D_h(x_i, x_i^t) \} \quad (1)$$

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## 5 No-regret Convergence to Nash Equilibrium

In this section, we present our main results on the last-iterate convergence to the Nash equilibrium. We show that Algorithm 1 converges to the Nash equilibrium in monotone, strongly monotone, and linear games. Such convergence is no-regret, meaning that the individual regret of each player is sublinear.

For notational simplicity, we present the results in a perfect bandit feedback model, where player  $i$  observes exactly  $c_i(x^t)$ . The discussion of noisy bandit feedback, where player  $i$  observes  $c_i(x^t) + \epsilon_i^t$ , with  $\epsilon_i^t$  be a zero-mean noise, is deferred to the appendix (Theorem D.1).

### 5.1 Perfect Bandit Feedback

The following theorem describes the last-iterate convergence rate (in expectation) for convex and strongly convex loss under perfect bandit feedback.

**Theorem 5.1.** Take  $\eta_t = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2dt^{3/4}} & \mu = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2dt^{1/2}} & \mu > 0 \end{cases}$ ,  $\delta_t = \begin{cases} t^{1/4} & \mu = 0 \\ 1 & \mu > 0 \end{cases}$ . With Algorithm 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \right] \\ & \leq \begin{cases} O \left( \frac{nd\nu \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{n\zeta dB}{T^{3/4}} + \frac{nBL}{\kappa\sqrt{T}} + \frac{ndC_p}{T^{1/4}} + \frac{nd \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{\sqrt{n}B^2 L \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} \right) & \mu = 0 \\ O \left( \frac{nd\nu \log(T)}{\kappa\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nd\zeta B}{T} + \frac{nBL}{\kappa\sqrt{T}} + \frac{ndC_p}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nd \log(T)}{\kappa\sqrt{T}} + \frac{BL \log(T)}{\mu\kappa\sqrt{T}} \right) & \mu > 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

In the case of the monotone games, Bravo et al. (2018) showed an asymptotic convergence to Nash equilibrium. To the best of our knowledge, Theorem 5.1 is the first result on the last-iterate convergence rate for monotone games. For strongly monotone games, Bravo et al. (2018) first gave a  $O(T^{-1/3})$  last-iterate convergence rate, which was later improved to  $O(T^{-1/2})$  by Lin et al. (2021).

While we defer the proof to the appendix, we discuss the main ideas for deriving the results. By the update rule, we can obtain the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & D_h(\omega_i, x_i^{t+1}) + \eta_t \kappa(t+1) D_p(\omega_i, x_i^{t+1}) \\ & \leq D_h(\omega_i, x_i^t) + \eta_t \kappa(t+1) D_p(\omega_i, x_i^t) + \eta_t \langle \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle + \eta_t \cdot \text{residual terms}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $\omega_i$  is a fixed point given.

When the game is strongly monotone, we can directly use strongly monotonicity and take  $p$  to be the Euclidean norm to obtain a recursive relation similar to  $\|\omega_i - x_i^{t+1}\|_2^2 \leq (1 - \eta_t^2) \|\omega_i - x_i^t\|_2^2 + \text{residual terms}$ . This amounts to applying this recursion and upper-binding the residual terms individually to obtain a last-iterate convergence. However, when the game is monotone but not strongly monotone, we will need a different approach. Notice that  $G = \nabla c_i - \nabla p$  is a monotone operator. Using the property of Bregman divergence, we have  $\langle G(x) - G(x'), x' - x \rangle \leq -\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} (D_p(x_i, x'_i) + D_p(x'_i, x_i))$ .

We then sum the recursive inequality and leverage the combination of two regularizations, which obtains  $\eta_T \kappa(T+1) \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(\omega_i, x_i^{T+1}) \leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_h(\omega_i, x_i^1) + \kappa \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(\omega_i, x_i^1) + \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \eta_t \langle \nabla_i c_i(\omega), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle + \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle + \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle$ . Now it suffices to properly choose a fixed point  $\omega_i$  such that both the first term  $\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_h(\omega_i, x_i^1)$  and the third term  $\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \eta_t \langle \nabla_i c_i(\omega), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle$  are bounded. When  $\omega_i$  is the Nash equilibrium  $x_i^*$ , the third term can be upper bounded trivially using the monotonicity of  $c_i$ , while it does not imply a bounded first term. Therefore, we set  $\omega_i = x_i^*$  when the first term can be bounded. Otherwise, we set it to a close enough point to  $x_i^*$ , such that the first term can be bounded and the third term is bounded through a more careful calculation.

**High probability result** In the case of a strongly monotone game, our results show that the  $O(T^{-1/4})$  last-iterate convergence rate holds a high probability. This is the first high-probability result for last-iterate convergence in strongly monotone games.

**Theorem 5.2.** *With a probability of at least  $1 - \log(T)\delta$ ,  $\delta \leq e^{-1}$ , and with Algorithm 1, we have  $\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \leq O\left(\frac{nd\nu \log(T)}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nd\zeta B}{T} + \frac{nBL}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{ndC_p}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nd \log(T)}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{dBL \log(T)}{\mu\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nBd^2 \log^2(1/\delta) \log(T)}{\min\{\sqrt{\mu}, \mu\}\sqrt{T}}\right)$ .*

## 5.2 Individual Low Regret

Beyond the fast convergence to Nash equilibrium, our algorithm also ensures each player with a sublinear regret when playing against other players. The sublinear regret convergence is a desirable property as the players could be self-interested in general, and want to ensure their return even when other players are not adhering to the protocol. The low regret property remains true for players that are potentially adversarial, despite the convergence to Nash equilibrium no longer holds in that case.

For player  $i$ , and a sequence of actions  $\{\hat{x}_i^t\}_{t=1}^T$ , define the individual regret as the cumulative expected difference between the costs received and the cost of playing the hindsight optimal action. That is,  $\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E}[c_i(\hat{x}_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - c_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)]$ , where  $\{x_{-i}^t\}_{t=1}^T$  is a fixed sequence of actions of other players. The following theorem shows a guarantee of the individual regret of each player.

**Theorem 5.3.** *Take  $\eta_t = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2dt^{3/4}} & \mu = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2dt^{1/2}} & \mu > 0 \end{cases}$ ,  $\delta_t = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{t^{1/4}} & \mu = 0 \\ 1 & \mu > 0 \end{cases}$ . For a fixed  $\omega_i \in \mathcal{X}_i$ , a fixed sequence of  $\{x_{-i}^t\}_{t=1}^T$ , and with Algorithm 1, we have*

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E}[c_i(\hat{x}_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - c_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)] = \begin{cases} O\left(\nu d T^{3/4} \log(T) + G\sqrt{T} + \ell_i \sqrt{n} B T^{3/4}\right) & \mu = 0 \\ O\left(\nu d \sqrt{T} \log(T) + G\sqrt{T} + \frac{n B \ell_i \sqrt{T}}{\mu}\right) & \mu > 0 \end{cases}.$$

Our result matches the  $\sqrt{T}$  regret bound for strongly monotone games (Lin et al., 2021), but applies to monotone games as well.

**Implication on social welfare** By designing the algorithm to be no-regret, we can also show that the social welfare attained by the algorithm also converges to the optimal value.

The social welfare for a joint action  $x$  is defined as  $\text{SW}(x) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} c_i(x)$ . We let  $\text{OPT} = \min_x \text{SW}(x)$  to denote the optimal social welfare.

**Definition 5.1** (Roughgarden 2015; Syrgkanis et al. 2015). *A game is  $(C_1, C_2)$ -smooth,  $C_1 > 0$ ,  $C_2 < 1$ , if there exists a strategy  $x'$ , such that for any  $x \in \mathcal{N}$ ,  $\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} c_i(x'_i, x_{-i}) \leq C_1 \text{OPT} + C_2 \text{SW}(x)$ .*

We have the following proposition which shows that the social welfare converges to optimal welfare on average.

**Proposition 5.1.** *With  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2dt^{3/4}}$ ,  $\delta_t = \frac{1}{t^{1/4}}$ , and suppose every player employ Algorithm 1, we have  $\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E}[\text{SW}(\hat{x})] = O\left(\frac{C_1 \text{OPT}}{(1-C_2)} + \frac{nd \log(T)}{(1-C_2)T^{1/4}} + \frac{\sqrt{n} B \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{(1-C_2)T^{1/4}}\right)$ .*

### 5.3 Special Case: Linear Cost Function

When  $c_i$  is linear, there does not exist a  $p$  that is convex while making  $c_i - \kappa p$  convex. Algorithm 1 therefore does not apply to the linear case. This coincides with our intuition that the landscape  $c_i$  does not provide enough curvature information for the algorithm to utilize.

To extend the algorithm to the linear case, we modify line 6 of Algorithm 1 as  $x_i^{t+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i} \{\eta_t \langle x_i, \hat{g}_i^t \rangle + \eta_t \tau(t+1) D_p(x_i, x_i^t) + D_h(x_i, x_i^t)\}$ . The idea is to first show the convergence of  $x^T$  to a game with the cost  $c_i(x) + \tau p(x)$ . With this regularized game, we choose  $p$  to be a strongly convex function and measure the convergence in terms of the gap function  $\langle c_i(x), x_i - x^* \rangle$ . By carefully controlling  $\tau$ , we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 5.4.** *With  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2d\sqrt{t}}$ ,  $\tau = \frac{1}{T^{1/6}}$ ,  $G_p = \sup_x \|\nabla p(x)\|$  and Algorithm 1, we have  $\mathbb{E} [\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \nabla_i c_i(x^T), x_i^T - x_i^* \rangle] \leq \tilde{O} \left( \frac{BG_p + \sqrt{d(BL+G)(n\nu+nBL+nd^2)}}{T^{1/6}} + \frac{\sqrt{dBL(BL+G)}}{\sqrt{\mu}T^{1/6}} + \frac{\sqrt{dnC_p(BL+G)}}{\sqrt{\mu}T^{1/4}} \right)$ .*

Similar regularization techniques have been used in the analysis of the zero-sum game (Cen et al., 2021; Cai et al., 2023). Our result matches the last-iterate convergence for zero-sum matrix game (Cai et al., 2023), which is a class of games with linear cost functions. However, our result is more general as it applies to multi-player linear games with convex and compact action sets (while previous works only apply to a simplex action set). It remains open to how games with linear cost functions could be effectively learned and whether the convergence rate could be improved.

## 6 Application to Time-varying Game

In this section, we further apply Algorithm 1 to games that evolve over time. A time-varying game  $\mathcal{G}_t$  is a game where the cost function  $c_i^t(\cdot)$ ,  $i \in \mathcal{N}$  depends on  $t$ . The game  $\mathcal{G}_t$  is not revealed to the players before choosing their actions  $x_t$ . We assume that  $\mathcal{G}_t$  satisfies Assumption 3.1 for every  $t$ .

Such evolving games have applications in Kelly's auction and power control, where the cost function may change as time-dependent values change, such as channel gains. While the changes of  $\mathcal{G}_t$  can be random, we discuss two cases here, 1) when  $\mathcal{G}_t$  converges to a static game  $\mathcal{G}$  in  $o(T)$  time, and 2) when the variation path of the Nash equilibrium,  $\sum_{t=1}^T \|x_i^{t+1,*} - x_i^{t,*}\|$  is bounded in  $o(T)$ .

**Converging monotone game** Let  $\mathcal{G}_t$  denote the game formed by the costs  $\{c_i^t(\cdot)\}_{i \in \mathcal{N}}$ , and  $\mathcal{G}$  be the game formed by the costs  $\{c_i(\cdot)\}_{i \in \mathcal{N}}$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{G}_t$  converges to  $\mathcal{G}$ , and let  $x^*$  be the set of Nash equilibrium of the game  $\mathcal{G}$ . The cost function  $c_i^t$  converges to some cost function  $c_i$  in  $o(T)$  time. The following theorem shows the last iterate convergence to  $x^*$ .

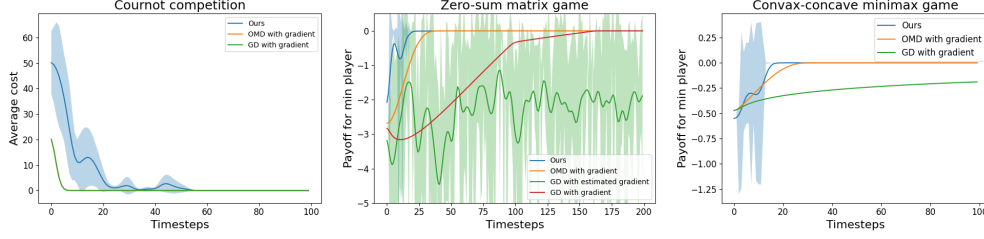
**Theorem 6.1.** *With  $\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \max_x \|\nabla_i c_i(x) - \nabla_i c_i^t(x)\|_2 = T^\alpha$ , take  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2dt^{3/4}}$ ,  $\delta_t = \frac{1}{t^{1/4}}$ , and under Algorithm 1, we have  $\mathbb{E} [\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1})] \leq O \left( \frac{nd\nu \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{n\zeta dB}{T^{3/4}} + \frac{nBL}{\kappa\sqrt{T}} + \frac{ndC_p}{T^{1/4}} + \frac{nd \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{\sqrt{dB^2 L \log(T)}}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{B}{T^{1/4-\alpha}} \right)$ .*

For monotone games, Duvocelle et al. (2023) showed an asymptotic last-iterate convergence rate. To the best of our knowledge, Theorem 6.1 is the first last-iterate convergence rate for the class of converging monotone game.

**Evolving game and equilibrium tracking** We now discuss the case where  $\mathcal{G}_t$  does not necessarily converge to a game  $\mathcal{G}$ , but the cumulative changes of the equilibrium are bounded. We use the variation path  $V_i(T) = \sum_{t \in [T]} \|x_i^{t+1,*} - x_i^{t,*}\|$  to track the cumulative changes of equilibrium. In this setting, the last-iterate convergence is not applicable, and the convergence is measured in terms of the average gap. Because of this, the algorithm is slightly modified and updates with  $x_i^{t+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i} \{\eta_t \langle x_i, \hat{g}_i^t \rangle + D_h(x_i, x_i^t)\}$ .

**Theorem 6.2.** *Assume  $V_i(T) \leq T^\varphi$ ,  $\varphi \in [0, 1]$ . Take  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2dt \frac{(1-\varphi)}{3}}$ ,  $\delta_t = \frac{1}{t^{1/2}}$ , and under Algorithm 1, we have  $\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - x_i^{t,*} \rangle = \tilde{O} \left( \frac{n\nu d + Ln^{3/2} B^2 + nG}{T^{\frac{2(1-\varphi)}{3}}} + \frac{n}{T^{\frac{9}{8} - \frac{(4\varphi+5)^2}{72}}} \right)$ .*





**Figure 1:** Experiment on Cournot competition, zero-sum two-player minimax game, and convex-concave game. In Cournot competition, the curves of OMD and GD overlap with each other.

306 In the case of a strongly monotone game, Duvocelle et al. (2023) gave a result of  $T^{\varphi/5-1/5}$  and Yan  
 307 et al. (2023) gave a result of  $T^{\varphi/3-2/3}$ . In comparison, Theorem 6.2 extends the study to monotone  
 308 games, and improves the result to  $O\left(\max\left\{T^{2\varphi/3-2/3}, T^{(4\varphi+5)^2/72-9/8}\right\}\right)$ .

## 309 7 Experiment

310 In this section, we provide a numerical evaluation of our proposed algorithm in three static games.  
 311 We repeat each experiment with 5 different random seeds. We ran all experiments with a 10-core  
 312 CPU, with 32 GB memory. We set  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t+1}}$ , and  $\delta_t = 0.001$ .

313 We present the results of the following example games described below. More results with other  
 314 parameters can be found in the Appendix K.

315 **Cournot competition** In this Cournot duopoly model,  $n$  players compete with constant marginal  
 316 costs, each having individual constant price intercepts and slopes. We model the game with 5  
 317 players, where the margin cost is 40, price intercept is  $[30, 50, 30, 50, 30]$ , and the price slope is  
 318  $[50, 30, 50, 30, 50]$ .

319 **Zero-sum matrix game** In this zero-sum matrix game, the two players aim to solve the bilinear  
 320 problem  $\min_x \max_y x^\top A y$ . We set this matrix  $A$  to be  $\begin{bmatrix} 1, 2 \\ 3, 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

321 **monotone zero-sum matrix game** In this monotone version of the zero-sum matrix game, we  
 322 regularize the game by the regularizer  $x^2 + y^2$ .

323 Algorithm 1 is evaluated against two baseline methods: online mirror descent and gradient descent,  
 324 with exact gradient, or estimated gradient (bandit feedback). We set the learning rate  $\eta$  to be 0.01 in  
 325 both zero-sum matrix games and monotone zero-sum matrix games and 0.09 in Cournot competition.

326 Figure 1 summarizes our experimental findings, where our algorithm attains comparable performance  
 327 to online mirror descent and gradient descent with full information. This demonstrates the efficacy  
 328 of our algorithm. We also compare our algorithm to gradient descent with an estimated gradient,  
 329 using the same ellipsoidal gradient estimator, for a more fair comparison. However, apart from the  
 330 zero-sum matrix game, we find the baseline algorithm performs too poorly to be compared.

## 331 8 Conclusion

332 In this work, we present a mirror-descent-based algorithm that converges in  $O(T^{-1/4})$  in general  
 333 monotone and smooth games under bandit feedback and strongly uncoupled dynamics. Our algo-  
 334 rithm is no-regret, and the result can be improved to  $O(T^{-1/2})$  in the case of strongly-monotone  
 335 games. To our best knowledge, this is the first uncoupled and convergent algorithm in general  
 336 monotone games under bandit feedback. We then extend our results to time-varying monotone  
 337 games and present the first result of  $O(T^{-1/4})$  for converging games and the improved result of  
 338  $O\left(\max\{T^{2\varphi/3-2/3}, T^{(4\varphi+5)^2/72-9/8}\}\right)$  for equilibrium tracking. We further verify the effective-  
 339 ness of our algorithm with empirical evaluations.

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## 411 A More Example Games

412 **Example A.1** (Extensive form game (EFG)). *EFGs are games on a directed tree. At terminal nodes*  
 413 *denoted as  $z \in \mathcal{Z}$ , each player  $i \in \mathcal{N}$  incurs a cost  $c_i(z)$  based on a function  $c_i : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The*  
 414 *action set of each player,  $\mathcal{X}_i$ , is represented through a sequence-form polytope known as  $\mathcal{X}_i$  Koller*  
 415 *et al. (1996). Considering the probability  $p(z)$  of reaching a terminal node  $z \in \mathcal{Z}$ , the cost for player*  
 416  *$i$  is expressed as  $c_i(x) := \sum_{z \in \mathcal{Z}} p(z) c_i(z) \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}} x_j [\sigma_{j,z}]$ . Here,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \mathcal{X}_j$*   
 417 *signifies the joint strategy profile, and  $x_j [\sigma_{j,z}]$  denotes the probability mass assigned to the last*  
 418 *sequence  $\sigma_{j,z}$  encountered by player  $j$  before reaching  $z$ . The smoothness and concavity of utilities*  
 419 *directly arise from multilinearity.*

420 **Example A.2** (monotone potential game). *A game is called a potential game if there exists a potential*  
 421 *function  $\Phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that,  $c_i(x_i, x_{-i}) - c_i(x'_i, x_{-i}) = \Phi(x_i, x_{-i}) - \Phi(x'_i, x_{-i})$ , for all  $i \in \mathcal{N}$ .*  
 422 *If  $\Phi$  is continuous, differentiable, smooth, and monotone in  $x_i$ , then the game satisfies Assumption*  
 423 *3.1. For example, a non-atomic congestion game satisfies Assumption 3.1, as shown in Proposition 1*  
 424 *and 2 of Chen and Lu (2016).*

## 425 B Proof of Theorem 5.1

426 **Theorem 5.1.** Take  $\eta_t = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2dt^{3/4}} & \mu = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2dt^{1/2}} & \mu > 0 \end{cases}$ ,  $\delta_t = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{t^{1/4}} & \mu = 0 \\ 1 & \mu > 0 \end{cases}$ . With Algorithm 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \right] \\ & \leq \begin{cases} O \left( \frac{nd\nu \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{n\zeta dB}{T^{3/4}} + \frac{nBL}{\kappa\sqrt{T}} + \frac{ndC_p}{T^{1/4}} + \frac{nd \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{\sqrt{n}B^2 L \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} \right) & \mu = 0 \\ O \left( \frac{nd\nu \log(T)}{\kappa\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nd\zeta B}{T} + \frac{nBL}{\kappa\sqrt{T}} + \frac{ndC_p}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nd \log(T)}{\kappa\sqrt{T}} + \frac{BL \log(T)}{\mu\kappa\sqrt{T}} \right) & \mu > 0 \end{cases}. \end{aligned}$$

427 *Proof.* We now upper bound the terms in Lemma J.1.

428 When  $\mu = 0$ , taking expectation conditioned on  $x^t$ , we have  $\mathbb{E}[\|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2 | x^t] =$   
 429  $\frac{d^2}{\delta_t^2} \mathbb{E}[c_i(\hat{x}^t)^2 \|z_i^t\|^2 | x^t] \leq \frac{d^2}{\delta_t^2}$ . By Lemma J.2, and the choice  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2d\sqrt{t}}$ , we have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E}[\langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle] \leq \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^2 \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E}[\|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2] \leq nd^2 \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\eta_t^2}{\delta_t^2}.$$

430 By the definition of  $\hat{c}_i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E}[\langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle | x^t] \\ & = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle | x^t] \\ & = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_{-i} \sim \Pi_{j \neq i} \mathbb{S}^d} \langle \nabla_i c_i(x_i^t + \delta_t A_i^t w_i, \hat{x}_{-i}^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle | x^t] \\ & \leq B \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_{-i} \sim \Pi_{j \neq i} \mathbb{S}^d} \|\nabla_i c_i(x_i^t + \delta_t A_i^t w_i, \hat{x}_{-i}^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t)\| | x^t] \end{aligned}$$

431 By the smoothness of  $c_i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_{-i} \sim \Pi_{j \neq i} \mathbb{S}^d} [\|\nabla_i c_i(x_i^t + \delta_t A_i^t w_i, \hat{x}_{-i}^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t)\|] \\ & \leq \ell_i \mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_{-i} \sim \Pi_{j \neq i} \mathbb{S}^d} \left[ \sqrt{\delta_t^2 \|A_i w_i\|^2 + \delta_t^2 \sum_{j \neq i} \|A_j z_j\|^2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

432 Since  $p$  is monotone,  $\nabla^2 p(x)$  is positive semi-definite, and  $A_i^t \preceq (\nabla^2 h(x_i))^{-1/2}$ . For  $\bar{x}_i^t = x_i^t +$   
 433  $A_i^t w_i^t$ . Define  $\|v\|_x = \sqrt{v^\top \nabla^2 h(x) v}$ , we have  $\|\bar{x}_i^t - x_i^t\|_{x_i} \leq \|w_i^t\| \leq 1$ , and  $\bar{x}_i^t \in W(x_i^t)$ , where  
 434  $W(x_i) = \{x'_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, \|x'_i - x_i\|_{x_i} \leq 1\}$  is the Dikin ellipsoid. Since  $W(x_i) \subseteq \mathcal{X}_i, \forall x_i \in \text{int}(\mathcal{X}_i)$ ,  
 435 we can upper bound  $\|A_i w_i\|^2$  by  $B^2$ , the diameter of the set  $\mathcal{X}_i$ . Hence  $\|\nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t)\| \leq$   
 436  $\ell_i \delta_t \sqrt{n}B$ . By Lemma J.5

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E}[\langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle | x^t] & = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle | x^t] \\ & \leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E}[\|\nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t)\| \|\omega_i - x_i^t\| | x^t] \\ & \leq \sqrt{n}B^2 \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \delta_t. \end{aligned}$$

437 When  $\mu > 0$ , we set  $\delta = 1$ . Then, taking expectation conditioned on  $x^t$ , we have  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2 \mid x^t \right] =$   
 438  $d^2 \mathbb{E} \left[ c_i(\hat{x}^t)^2 \|z_i^t\|^2 \mid x^t \right] \leq d^2$ . By Lemma J.2, and the choice  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2d\sqrt{t}}$ , we have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle \right] \leq \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^2 \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2 \right] \leq nd^2 \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^2.$$

439 By Lemma J.5, for any  $\omega_i \in \mathcal{X}_i$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E} \left[ \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \mid x^t \right] &= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E} \left[ \langle \nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \mid x^t \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} B \ell_i \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \left( \sigma_{\max}(A_j^t)^2 \right) \mid x^t \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} B \ell_i \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{\mu(t+1)} \\ &\leq \frac{B \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{\mu} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{(t+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

440 where the third inequality is by  $\nabla^2 h(x)$  being positive definite, and  $\nabla^2 p(x) \geq \mu I$ .

441 Let  $L = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i$ . When  $\mu = 0$ , combining and rearranging the terms, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \right] \\ &\leq O \left( \frac{n\nu \log(T)}{\kappa \eta_T T} + \frac{n\zeta B}{\eta_T T^{3/2}} + \frac{nBL}{\kappa \sqrt{T}} + \frac{n}{\kappa \sqrt{T}} + \frac{nC_p}{\eta_T T} + \frac{nd^2}{\kappa \eta_T T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\eta_t^2}{\delta_t^2} + \frac{\sqrt{n} B^2 L \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \delta_t}{\kappa \eta_T T} \right). \end{aligned}$$

442 Take  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2dt^{3/4}}$ ,  $\delta_t = \frac{1}{t^{1/4}}$ , then  $\sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\eta_t^2}{\delta_t^2} = O \left( \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{t} \right) = O(\log(T))$ , and  $\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \delta_t =$

443  $O \left( \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{t} \right) = O(\log(T))$ . Hence, we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \right] \leq O \left( \frac{nd\nu \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{n\zeta dB}{T^{3/4}} + \frac{nBL}{\kappa \sqrt{T}} + \frac{ndC_p}{T^{1/4}} + \frac{nd \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{\sqrt{n} B^2 L \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} \right).$$

444 When  $\mu > 0$ , combining and rearranging the terms, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \right] \\ &\leq O \left( \frac{n\nu \log(T)}{\kappa \eta_T T} + \frac{n\zeta B}{\eta_T T^{3/2}} + \frac{nBL}{\kappa \sqrt{T}} + \frac{n}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nC_p}{\eta_T T} + \frac{nd^2}{\kappa \eta_T T} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^2 + \frac{BL \log(T)}{\mu \kappa \eta_T T} \right). \end{aligned}$$

445 Take  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2dt^{1/2}}$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \right] \leq O \left( \frac{nd\nu \log(T)}{\kappa \sqrt{T}} + \frac{nd\zeta B}{T} + \frac{nBL}{\kappa \sqrt{T}} + \frac{ndC_p}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nd \log(T)}{\kappa \sqrt{T}} + \frac{BL \log(T)}{\mu \kappa \sqrt{T}} \right).$$

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## 447 C Proof of Theorem 5.3

448 **Theorem 5.3.** Take  $\eta_t = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2dt^{3/4}} & \mu = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2dt^{1/2}} & \mu > 0 \end{cases}$ ,  $\delta_t = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{t^{1/4}} & \mu = 0 \\ 1 & \mu > 0 \end{cases}$ . For a fixed  $\omega_i \in \mathcal{X}_i$ , a fixed  
449 sequence of  $\{x_{-i}^t\}_{t=1}^T$ , and with Algorithm 1, we have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [c_i(\hat{x}_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - c_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)] = \begin{cases} O\left(\nu d T^{3/4} \log(T) + G\sqrt{T} + \ell_i \sqrt{n} B T^{3/4}\right) & \mu = 0 \\ O\left(\nu d \sqrt{T} \log(T) + G\sqrt{T} + \frac{n B \ell_i \sqrt{T}}{\mu}\right) & \mu > 0 \end{cases}.$$

450 *Proof.* Define the smoothed version of  $c_i$  as  $\hat{c}_i(x) = \mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} [c_i(x_i + \delta A_i w_i, x_{-i})]$ . Then, we  
451 decompose as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=1}^T c_i(\hat{x}_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - c_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t) &= \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{c}_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - \hat{c}_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)) + \sum_{t=1}^T (c_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - \hat{c}_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{c}_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t) - c_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)) + \sum_{t=1}^T (c_i(\hat{x}_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - c_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t)). \end{aligned}$$

452 For the first term, recall that by the update rule, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} &D_h(\omega_i, x_i^{t+1}) + \eta_t \kappa(t+1) D_p(\omega_i, x_i^{t+1}) \\ &= D_h(\omega_i, x_i^t) + \eta_t \kappa(t+1) D_p(\omega_i, x_i^t) + \eta_t \langle \nabla \hat{c}_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle + \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla \hat{c}_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \\ &\quad + \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle \\ &= D_h(\omega_i, x_i^t) + \eta_t \kappa(t+1) D_p(\omega_i, x_i^t) + \eta_t \langle \nabla \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \kappa \nabla p(x_i^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle + \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla \hat{c}_i(x^t) + \kappa \nabla p(x_i^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \\ &\quad + \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

453 By Lemma J.5, for any  $\omega_i \in \mathcal{X}_i$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [\langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla \hat{c}_i(x^t) + \kappa \nabla p(x_i^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \mid x^t] &= \mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) + \kappa \nabla p(x_i^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \mid x^t] \\ &= \mathbb{E} [\kappa \langle \nabla p(x_i^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \mid x^t] \\ &= \mathbb{E} [\kappa p(\omega_i) - \kappa p(x_i^t) - \kappa D_p(\omega_i, x_i^t) \mid x^t], \end{aligned}$$

454 where the last equality follows from the definition of Bregman divergence.

455 Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E} [D_h(\omega_i, x_i^{t+1}) + \eta_t \kappa(t+1) D_p(\omega_i, x_i^{t+1})] \\ &= \mathbb{E} [D_h(\omega_i, x_i^t) + \eta_t \kappa t D_p(\omega_i, x_i^t) + \eta_t \langle \nabla \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \kappa \nabla p(x_i^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle] + \eta_t \mathbb{E} [\kappa p(\omega_i) - \kappa p(x_i^t)] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E} [\eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle]. \end{aligned}$$

456 By the monotonicity of  $\hat{c}_i(x^t) - \kappa p(x_i^t)$ , we have

$$\langle \nabla \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \kappa \nabla p(x_i^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \leq (\hat{c}_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t) - \kappa p(\omega_i)) - (\hat{c}_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - \kappa p(x_i^t)).$$

457 Hence

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E} [\hat{c}_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - \hat{c}_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{(D_h(\omega_i, x_i^t) - D_h(\omega_i, x_i^{t+1}))}{\eta_t} + \kappa (t D_p(\omega_i, x_i^t) - (t+1) D_p(\omega_i, x_i^{t+1})) + \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle \right]. \end{aligned}$$

458 When  $\mu = 0$ , by Lemma J.2, we have  $\mathbb{E} [\langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle] \leq \eta_t \mathbb{E} [\|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2]$ . Taking expectation

459 conditioned on  $x^t$ , we have  $\mathbb{E} [\|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2 \mid x^t] = \frac{d^2}{\delta_i^2} \mathbb{E} [\tilde{c}_i(x^t)^2 \|z_i^t\|^2 \mid x^t] \leq \frac{d^2}{\delta_i^2}$ , and therefore

460  $\mathbb{E} [\langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle] \leq \frac{\eta_t d^2}{\delta_i^2}.$

461 Taking summation over  $T$ , and take  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2dt^{3/4}}$ ,  $\delta_t = \frac{1}{t^{1/4}}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [\hat{c}_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - \hat{c}_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)] &\leq dT^{3/4} \mathbb{E} [D_h(\omega_i, x_i^1)] + \kappa \mathbb{E} [D_p(\omega_i, x_i^1)] + \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\eta_t d^2}{\delta^2} \\ &\leq O\left(dT^{3/4} \mathbb{E} [D_h(\omega_i, x_i^1)] + \kappa C_p + T^{3/4}\right), \end{aligned}$$

462 as we assumed  $D_p(x_i, x'_i)$  is bounded for any  $x_i, x'_i$ .

463 When  $\mu > 0$ , taking expectation conditioned on  $x^t$ , we have  $\mathbb{E} [\|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2 | x^t] =$   
 464  $d^2 \mathbb{E} [c_i(\hat{x}^t)^2 \|z_i^t\|^2 | x^t] \leq d^2$ . By Lemma J.2, and the choice  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2d\sqrt{t}}$ , we have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E} [\langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle] \leq \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E} [\|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2] \leq nd^2 \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t = nd^2 \sqrt{T}.$$

465 Taking summation over  $T$ , and take  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2dt^{1/2}}$ , we have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [\hat{c}_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - \hat{c}_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)] \leq dT^{1/2} \mathbb{E} [D_h(\omega_i, x_i^1)] + \kappa \mathbb{E} [D_p(\omega_i, x_i^1)] + nd^2 \sqrt{T},$$

466 as we assumed  $D_p(x_i, x'_i)$  is bounded for any  $x_i, x'_i$ .

467 Define  $\pi_x(y) = \inf \{t \geq 0 : x + \frac{1}{t}(y - x) \in \mathcal{X}_i\}$ . Notice that  $x_i^1(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_{x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i} h(x_i)$ , so  
 468  $D_h(\omega_i, x_i^1) = h(\omega_i) - h(x_i^1)$ .

- 469 • If  $\pi_{x_i^1}(\omega_i) \leq 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}$ , then by Lemma J.6,  $D_h(\omega_i, x_i^1) = \nu \log(T)$ , and  
 470  $\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [\hat{c}_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - \hat{c}_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)] = O(\nu dT^{3/4} \log(T))$ .
- 471 • Otherwise, we find a point  $\omega'_i$  such that  $\|\omega'_i - \omega_i\| = O(1/\sqrt{T})$  and  $\pi_{x_i^1}(\omega'_i) \leq 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}$ .  
 472 Then  $D_h(\omega'_i, x_i^1) = \nu \log(T)$ ,

$$\hat{c}_i(\omega'_i, x_{-i}^t) - \hat{c}_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t) \leq \langle \nabla_i \hat{c}_i(\omega'_i, x_{-i}^t), \omega'_i - \omega_i \rangle \leq \|\nabla_i \hat{c}_i(\omega'_i, x_{-i}^t)\| \|\omega'_i - \omega_i\| \leq \frac{\max_x \|\nabla_i c_i(x)\|}{\sqrt{T}}.$$

473 Therefore,  $\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [\hat{c}_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - \hat{c}_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)] = O(\nu dT^{3/4} \log(T) + \max_x \|\nabla_i c_i(x)\| \sqrt{T})$ .

474 For the second term, by Jensen's inequality, we have

$$\hat{c}_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t) \mathbb{E}_{w_i^t \sim \mathbb{B}^d} [c_i(x_i^t + \delta_t A_i^t w_i^t, x_{-i}^t)] \geq c_i(\mathbb{E}_{w_i^t \sim \mathbb{B}^d} x_i^t + \delta_t A_i^t w_i^t, x_{-i}^t) = c_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t).$$

475 Therefore, we have  $\sum_{t=1}^T (c_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - \hat{c}_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t)) = 0$ .

476 When  $\mu = 0$ , by the definition of  $\hat{c}_i$  and the smoothness of  $c_i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t)\| &= \|\mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_{-i} \sim \Pi_{j \neq i} \mathbb{S}^d} [\nabla_i c_i(x_i^t + \delta_t A_i^t w_i, \hat{x}_{-i}^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t)]\| \\ &\leq \ell_i \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_{-i} \sim \Pi_{j \neq i} \mathbb{S}^d} \left[ \delta_t^2 \|\delta_t A_i^t w_i\|^2 + \delta_t^2 \sum_{j \neq i} \|A_j z_j\|^2 \right]}. \end{aligned}$$

477 Since  $p$  is monotone,  $\nabla^2 p(x)$  is positive semi-definite, and  $A_i^t \preceq (\nabla^2 h(x_i))^{-1/2}$ . For  $\bar{x}_i^t = x_i^t +$   
 478  $A_i^t w_i^t$ . Define  $\|v\|_x = \sqrt{v^\top \nabla^2 h(x) v}$ , we have  $\|\bar{x}_i^t - x_i^t\|_{x_i} \leq \|\omega_i^t\| \leq 1$ , and  $\bar{x}_i^t \in W(x_i^t)$ , where  
 479  $W(x) = \{x'_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, \|x'_i - x_i\|_{x_i} \leq 1\}$  is the Dikin ellipsoid. Since  $W(x_i) \subseteq \mathcal{X}_i, \forall x_i \in \operatorname{int}(\mathcal{X}_i)$ ,  
 480 we can upper bound  $\|A_i w_i\|^2$  by  $B^2$ , the diameter of the set  $\mathcal{X}_i$ . Hence  $\|\nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t)\| \leq$   
 481  $\ell_i \delta_t \sqrt{n} B$ .



482 Therefore, for the third term, we have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [\hat{c}_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t) - c_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)] \leq O\left(\sum_{t=1}^T \ell_i \delta_t \sqrt{nB}\right).$$

483 Similarly, for the fourth term, we have  $\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [c_i(\hat{x}_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - c_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t)] \leq$   
 484  $O\left(\sum_{t=1}^T \ell_i \delta_t \sqrt{nB}\right).$

485 When  $\mu > 0$ , by Lemma J.5, for any  $\omega_i \in \mathcal{X}_i$ , we have

$$\|\nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t)\| \leq \ell_i \sqrt{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} (\sigma_{\max}(A_j^t)^2)} \leq \frac{n\ell_i}{\sqrt{\mu(t+1)}}.$$

486 where the second inequality is by  $\nabla^2 h(x)$  being positive definite, and  $\nabla^2 p(x) \geq \mu I$ .

487 Therefore, for the third term, we have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [\hat{c}_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t) - c_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)] \leq O\left(\frac{nB\ell_i\sqrt{T}}{\mu}\right).$$

488 Similarly, for the fourth term, we have  $\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [c_i(\hat{x}_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - c_i(x_i^t, x_{-i}^t)] \leq O\left(\frac{nB\ell_i\sqrt{T}}{\mu}\right).$

489 When  $\mu = 0$ , with  $\delta_t = \frac{1}{t^{1/4}}$ , we have the regret as

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [c_i(\hat{x}_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - c_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)] = O\left(\nu d T^{3/4} \log(T) + \max_x \|\nabla_i c_i(x)\| \sqrt{T} + \ell_i \sqrt{nB} T^{3/4}\right).$$

490 When  $\mu > 0$ , we have the regret as

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [c_i(\hat{x}_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - c_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)] = O\left(\nu d T^{1/2} \log(T) + \max_x \|\nabla_i c_i(x)\| \sqrt{T} + \frac{nB\ell_i\sqrt{T}}{\mu}\right).$$

491 Combining the terms yields the final result.  $\square$

## D Proof of Theorem D.1

We now consider the case where every player receive  $\tilde{c}_i(x^t) = c_i(x^t) + \epsilon_i^t$ , where  $\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_i^t | \hat{x}^t] = 0$ , and  $\|\epsilon_i^t\|^2 \leq \sigma$ . The following theorem describes the last-iterate convergence rate (in expectation) for monotone and strongly monotone loss under noisy bandit feedback.

**Theorem D.1.** With  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{4d^2(1+\sigma)t^{3/4}}$ ,  $\delta_t = \frac{1}{t^{1/4}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) &\leq O\left(\frac{n\nu d^2(1+\sigma)\log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{n\zeta d^2(1+\sigma)B}{T^{3/4}} + \frac{nd^2(1+\sigma)C_p}{T^{1/4}}\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ \frac{\sqrt{n}B^2L\log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{nd\log(T)}{\kappa(1+\sigma)^2T^{1/4}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Similar to Theorem 5.1, with Lemma J.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) &\leq O\left(\frac{n\nu\log(T)}{\kappa\eta_T T} + \frac{n\zeta B}{\eta_T T^{3/2}}\right) + O\left(\frac{nB\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{\kappa T^{3/2}} + \frac{n}{\kappa T^{3/2}}\right) \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t}{\eta_T} + O\left(\frac{nC_p}{\eta_T T}\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{\sqrt{n}B^2L\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \delta_t}{\eta_T \kappa(T+1)} + \frac{1}{\eta_T \kappa(T+1)} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Taking expectation conditioned on  $x^t$ , we have  $\mathbb{E}\left[\|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2 | x^t\right] = \frac{d^2}{\delta_t^2} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{c}_i(\hat{x}^t)^2 \|z_i^t\|^2 | x^t] \leq$

$\frac{d^2}{\delta_t^2} (2 + 2\sigma)$ . By Lemma J.2, and the choice  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{4d^2(1+\sigma)t^{3/4}}$ , we have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E}[\langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle] \leq \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^2 \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E}[\|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2] \leq nd^2 \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\eta_t^2}{\delta_t^2} = \frac{n\log(T)}{16(1+\sigma)^2}.$$

Combining everything, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \\ &\leq O\left(\frac{n\nu d^2(1+\sigma)\log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{n\zeta d^2(1+\sigma)B}{T^{3/4}} + \frac{nd^2(1+\sigma)C_p}{T^{1/4}} + \frac{\sqrt{n}B^2L\log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{nd\log(T)}{\kappa(1+\sigma)^2T^{1/4}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

□

## E Proof of Theorem 5.2

**Theorem 5.2.** With a probability of at least  $1 - \log(T)\delta$ ,  $\delta \leq e^{-1}$ , and with Algorithm 1, we have  $\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \leq O\left(\frac{n\nu \log(T)}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{n\zeta B}{T} + \frac{nBL}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{ndC_p}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nd \log(T)}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{dBL \log(T)}{\mu \sqrt{T}} + \frac{nBd^2 \log^2(1/\delta) \log(T)}{\min\{\sqrt{\mu}, \mu\} \sqrt{T}}\right)$ .

*Proof.* Lemma J.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \\ & \leq O\left(\frac{n\nu \log(T)}{\kappa \eta_T T} + \frac{n\zeta B}{\eta_T T^{3/2}}\right) + O\left(\frac{nB \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{\kappa T^{3/2}} + \frac{n}{\kappa T^{3/2}}\right) \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t}{\eta_T} + O\left(\frac{nC_p}{\eta_T T}\right) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\kappa \eta_T (T+1)} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle + \frac{1}{\kappa \eta_T (T+1)} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma J.2, we have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle \leq \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^2 \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2 \leq nd^2 \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^2.$$

We then decompose the last term as

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle = \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle g_i^t - \hat{c}_i^t(x_i^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \langle \nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle.$$

By Lemma E.1, we have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \langle g_i^t - \hat{c}_i^t(x_i^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \leq O\left(\frac{Bd \log^2(1/\delta) \log(T)}{\min\{\sqrt{\mu}, \mu\}}\right),$$

with a probability of at least  $1 - \log(T)\delta$ ,  $\delta \leq e^{-1}$ .

By Lemma J.5, for any  $\omega_i \in \mathcal{X}_i$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \langle \nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle & \leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} B \ell_i \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \left( \sigma_{\max}(A_j^t)^2 \right) |x^t| \\ & \leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} B \ell_i \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{\mu(t+1)} \\ & \leq \frac{B \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{\mu} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{(t+1)} \\ & \leq \frac{BL \log(T)}{\mu} \end{aligned}$$

where the third inequality is by  $\nabla^2 h(x)$  being positive definite, and  $\nabla^2 p(x) \geq \mu I$ .

Therefore,

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \leq O\left(\frac{BL \log(T)}{\mu} + \frac{nBd \log^2(1/\delta) \log(T)}{\min\{\sqrt{\mu}, \mu\}}\right).$$

Combining the terms, and with  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2d\sqrt{t}}$ , we have

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1})$$

$$\leq O \left( \frac{nd\nu \log(T)}{\kappa\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nd\zeta B}{T} + \frac{nBL}{\kappa\sqrt{T}} + \frac{ndC_p}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nd \log(T)}{\kappa\sqrt{T}} + \frac{dBL \log(T)}{\kappa\mu\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nBd^2 \log^2(1/\delta) \log(T)}{\kappa \min\{\sqrt{\mu}, \mu\}\sqrt{T}} \right).$$

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□

516 **Lemma E.1.** *With a probability of at least  $1 - \log(T)\delta$ ,  $\delta \leq e^{-1}$ , we have*

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \langle g_i^t - \hat{c}_i^t(x_i^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \leq O \left( \frac{Bd \log^2(1/\delta) \log(T)}{\min\{\sqrt{\mu}, \mu\}} \right).$$

517 *Proof.* Define  $Z_t = \eta_t \langle g_i^t - \hat{c}_i^t(x_i^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle$ .  $\text{Var}[Z_t] \leq \eta_t^2 (\omega_i - x_i^t)^\top \mathbb{E}[g_i^t (g_i^t)^\top] (\omega_i - x_i^t)$ . Then,

518 with  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2d\sqrt{t}}$ ,

$$\max_t |Z_t| \leq \max_t \left\| \eta_t (g_i^t - \hat{c}_i^t(x_i^t)) \right\| \left\| \omega_i - x_i^t \right\| \leq O \left( Bd \max_t \left\| \eta_t (A_i^t)^{-1} z_i^t \right\| \right) \leq O \left( \max_t \frac{Bd}{\mu(t+1)} \right) \leq O \left( \frac{Bd}{\mu} \right),$$

519 where the third inequality is by the definition of  $A_i^t$ .

520 By the definition of gradient estimator, we have

$$(g_i^t)^\top g_i^t \leq d^2 ((A_i^t)^{-1} z_i^t)^\top ((A_i^t)^{-1} z_i^t) \leq \frac{d^2}{\mu \eta_t (t+1)}.$$

521 Therefore, with  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2d\sqrt{t}}$

$$(\omega_i - x_i^t)^\top \mathbb{E}[g_i^t (g_i^t)^\top] (\omega_i - x_i^t) \leq \frac{d^2 \|\omega_i - x_i^t\|^2}{\mu \eta_t (t+1)} \leq \frac{d^2 B^2}{\mu \eta_t (t+1)} \leq \frac{dB^2}{\mu \sqrt{t}}.$$

522 We have

$$\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^2 (\omega_i - x_i^t)^\top \mathbb{E}[g_i^t (g_i^t)^\top] (\omega_i - x_i^t)} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T \frac{B^2}{d\mu t^{3/2}}} \leq O \left( \frac{B\sqrt{\log(T)}}{\sqrt{d\mu}} \right).$$

523 Then, by Lemma 2 of Bartlett et al. (2008), with a probability of at least  $1 - \log(T)\delta$ ,  $\delta \leq e^{-1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \langle g_i^t - \hat{c}_i^t(x_i^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle &\leq 2 \max \left\{ 2 \sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T \text{Var}[Z_t]}, \max_t |Z_t| \log(1/\delta) \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ O \left( \frac{B\sqrt{\log(T)}}{\sqrt{d\mu}} \right), O \left( \frac{Bd \log(1/\delta)}{\mu} \right) \right\} \cdot \log(1/\delta) \\ &\leq O \left( \frac{Bd \log^2(1/\delta) \log(T)}{\min\{\sqrt{\mu}, \mu\}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

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□

## 525 F Proof of Theorem 5.4

526 **Theorem 5.4.** With  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2d\sqrt{t}}$ ,  $\tau = \frac{1}{T^{1/6}}$ ,  $G_p = \sup_x \|\nabla p(x)\|$   
 527 and Algorithm 1, we have  $\mathbb{E} [\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \nabla_i c_i(x^T), x_i^T - x_i^* \rangle] \leq$   
 528  $\tilde{O} \left( \frac{BG_p + \sqrt{d(BL+G)(n\nu+nBL+nd^2)}}{T^{1/6}} + \frac{\sqrt{dBL(BL+G)}}{\sqrt{\mu}T^{1/6}} + \frac{\sqrt{dnC_p(BL+G)}}{\sqrt{\mu}T^{1/4}} \right).$

529 *Proof.* We consider a regularized game with operator  $\tilde{F}(x) = [\tilde{F}_i(x)]_{i \in \mathcal{N}}$ , where  $\tilde{F}_i(x) = \nabla c_i(x) +$   
 530  $\tau \nabla p(x_i)$ ,  $\nabla p(x) = [\nabla_i p(x_i)]_{i \in \mathcal{N}}$ .

531 Similar to Lemma J.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^\tau, x_i^{T+1}) \\ & \leq O \left( \frac{n\nu \log(T)}{\eta_T \tau T} + \frac{n\mu B}{\eta_T \tau T^{3/2}} \right) + O \left( \frac{nB \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{\tau T^{3/2}} + \frac{n}{\tau T^{3/2}} \right) \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t}{\eta_T} + O \left( \frac{nC_p}{\eta_T T} \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\eta_T \tau (T+1)} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle + \frac{1}{\eta_T \tau (T+1)} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \tilde{F}_i(x^t), x_i^\tau - x_i^t \rangle \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\eta_T \tau (T+1)} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \tilde{F}_i(x^t), \bar{x}_i - x_i^t \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

532 Taking expectation conditioned on  $x^t$ , we have  $\mathbb{E} [\|\hat{g}_i^t\|^2 \mid x^t] = d^2 \mathbb{E} [c_i(\hat{x}^t) \|z_i^t\|^2 \mid x^t] \leq d^2$ .

533 By Lemma J.2, and the choice  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2d\sqrt{t}}$ , we have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E} [\langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle] \leq \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^2 \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E} [\|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2] \leq nd^2 \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^2.$$

534 By Lemma J.5, for any  $\omega_i \in \mathcal{X}_i$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E} [\langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \mid x^t] &= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \mid x^t] \\ &\leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E} [\|\nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t)\| \|\omega_i - x_i^t\| \mid x^t] \\ &\leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} B \ell_i \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \left( \sigma_{\max}(A_j^t) \right)^2 \mid x^t \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} B \ell_i \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{\mu(t+1)} \\ &\leq \frac{B \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{\mu} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{(t+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

535 where the third inequality is by  $\nabla^2 h(x)$  being positive definite, and  $\nabla^2 p(x) \geq \mu I$ .

536 Combing and rearranging the terms, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^\tau, x_i^{T+1}) \right] \\ & \leq O \left( \frac{n\nu \log(T)}{\eta_T \tau T} + \frac{n\zeta B}{\eta_T \tau T^{3/2}} \right) + O \left( \frac{nB \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{\tau \sqrt{T}} + \frac{n}{\tau \sqrt{T}} \right) + O \left( \frac{nC_p}{\eta_T T} \right) + O \left( \frac{nd^2}{\tau \eta_T T} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^2 + \frac{B \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{\tau \mu \eta_T T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{t} \right). \end{aligned}$$

537 Take  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2d\sqrt{t}}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^\tau, x_i^{T+1}) \right] \\ & \leq O \left( \frac{nd\nu \log(T)}{\tau\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nd\zeta B}{\tau T} + \frac{nB \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{\tau\sqrt{T}} + \frac{n}{\tau\sqrt{T}} + \frac{ndC_p}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{nd \log(T)}{\tau\sqrt{T}} + \frac{dB \log(T) \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{\tau\mu\sqrt{T}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

538 We can decompose as

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle F(x^T), x^T - x^* \rangle \\ & = \langle F(x^T), x^T - x^\tau \rangle + \langle F(x^T), x^\tau - x^* \rangle \\ & \leq G \|x^T - x^\tau\| + \langle F(x^\tau) + \tau \nabla p(x^\tau), x^\tau - x^* \rangle + \langle F(x^T) - F(x^\tau), x^\tau - x^* \rangle + \tau B \|\nabla p(x^\tau)\| \\ & \leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} (B\ell_i + G) \|x_i^T - x_i^\tau\| + \tau B \|\nabla p(x^\tau)\|. \end{aligned}$$

539 Since  $\nabla^2 p(x) \succeq \mu I$ , we have  $\|x_i^\tau - x_i^T\| \leq \sqrt{D_p(x_i^\tau, x_i^T)}$ . Let  $G_p = \sup_x \|\nabla p(x)\|$ ,  $L = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i$ ,  
540 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \nabla_i c_i(x^T), x_i^T - x_i^* \rangle \right] \\ & \leq O(\tau B G_p) + \tilde{O} \left( \frac{\sqrt{d(BL + G)(n\nu + nBL + nd^2)}}{\sqrt{\tau} T^{1/4}} \right) + \tilde{O} \left( \frac{\sqrt{dBL(BL + G)}}{\sqrt{\tau\mu} T^{1/4}} \right) + O \left( \frac{\sqrt{dnC_p(BL + G)}}{\sqrt{\mu} T^{1/4}} \right) \\ & \leq \tilde{O} \left( \frac{BG_p + \sqrt{d(BL + G)(n\nu + nBL + nd^2)}}{T^{1/6}} \right) + \tilde{O} \left( \frac{\sqrt{dBL(BL + G)}}{\sqrt{\mu} T^{1/6}} \right) + O \left( \frac{\sqrt{dnC_p(BL + G)}}{\sqrt{\mu} T^{1/4}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

541 where the last inequality is by taking  $\tau = \frac{1}{T^{1/6}}$ . □

542 **G Proof of Proposition 5.1**

543 **Proposition 5.1.** *With  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2dt^{3/4}}$ ,  $\delta_t = \frac{1}{t^{1/4}}$ , and suppose every player employ Algorithm 1, we*  
 544 *have  $\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [\text{SW}(\hat{x})] = O\left(\frac{C_1 \text{OPT}}{(1-C_2)} + \frac{n\nu d \log(T)}{(1-C_2)T^{1/4}} + \frac{\sqrt{n}B \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{(1-C_2)T^{1/4}}\right)$ .*

545 *Proof.* By Theorem 5.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E} [c_i(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t)] &\leq \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E} [c_i(\omega_i, \hat{x}_{-i}^t)] + O\left(n\nu d T^{3/4} \log(T) + \sqrt{n} B T^{3/4} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i\right) \\ &\leq C_1 \text{OPT} \cdot T + C_2 \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [\text{SW}(\hat{x})] + O\left(n\nu d T^{3/4} \log(T) + \sqrt{n} B T^{3/4} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i\right). \end{aligned}$$

546 As  $\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E} [c_i(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t)] = \mathbb{E} [\text{SW}(\hat{x})]$ , we solve for  $\mathbb{E} [\text{SW}(\hat{x})]$  and obtain

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [\text{SW}(\hat{x})] = O\left(\frac{C_1 \text{OPT}}{(1-C_2)} + \frac{n\nu d \log(T)}{(1-C_2)T^{1/4}} + \frac{\sqrt{n}B \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{(1-C_2)T^{1/4}}\right).$$

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□

## 548 H Proof of Theorem 6.1

549 **Theorem 6.1.** With  $\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \max_x \|\nabla_i c_i(x) - \nabla_i c_i^t(x)\|_2 = T^\alpha$ , take  $\eta_t =$   
550  $\frac{1}{2dt^{3/4}}$ ,  $\delta_t = \frac{1}{t^{1/4}}$ , and under Algorithm 1, we have  $\mathbb{E}[\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1})] \leq$   
551  $O\left(\frac{n\nu \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{n\zeta dB}{T^{3/4}} + \frac{nBL}{\kappa\sqrt{T}} + \frac{ndC_p}{T^{1/4}} + \frac{nd \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{\sqrt{n}B^2 L \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{B}{T^{1/4-\alpha}}\right).$

552 *Proof.* Similar to Theorem 5.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \\ & \leq O\left(\frac{n\nu \log(T)}{\eta_T \kappa T} + \frac{n\zeta B}{\eta_T T^{3/2}}\right) + O\left(\frac{nB \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{\kappa T^{3/2}} + \frac{n}{\kappa T^{3/2}}\right) \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t}{\eta_T} + O\left(\frac{nC_p}{\eta_T T}\right) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\kappa \eta_T (T+1)} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle + \frac{1}{\kappa \eta_T (T+1)} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i^t(x^t), x_i^* - x_i^t \rangle \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\kappa \eta_T (T+1)} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i^t(x^t), \bar{x}_i - x_i^t \rangle + B \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta^t, \end{aligned}$$

553 where  $\Delta^t = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \max_x \|\nabla_i c_i(x) - \nabla_i c_i^t(x)\|_2$ .

554 We now upper bound the remaining terms by discussing them by cases.

555 When  $\mu = 0$ , taking expectation conditioned on  $x^t$ , we have  $\mathbb{E}[\|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2 | x^t] =$   
556  $\frac{d^2}{\delta_t^2} \mathbb{E}[c_i^t(\hat{x}^t)^2 \|z_i^t\|^2 | x^t] \leq \frac{d^2}{\delta_t^2}$ . By Lemma J.2, and the choice  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2d\sqrt{t}}$ , we have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E}[\langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle] \leq \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^2 \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \mathbb{E}[\|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2] \leq nd^2 \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\eta_t^2}{\delta_t^2}.$$

557 By the definition of  $\hat{c}_i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E}[\langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i^t(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle | x^t] \\ & = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E}[\langle \nabla_i \hat{c}_i^t(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i^t(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle | x^t] \\ & = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_{-i} \sim \Pi_{j \neq i} \mathbb{S}^d} \langle \nabla_i c_i^t(x_i^t + \delta_t A_i^t w_i, \hat{x}_{-i}^t) - \nabla_i c_i^t(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle | x^t] \\ & \leq B \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_{-i} \sim \Pi_{j \neq i} \mathbb{S}^d} \|\nabla_i c_i^t(x_i^t + \delta_t A_i^t w_i, \hat{x}_{-i}^t) - \nabla_i c_i^t(x^t)\| | x^t] \end{aligned}$$

558 By the smoothness of  $c_i^t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_{-i} \sim \Pi_{j \neq i} \mathbb{S}^d} [\|\nabla_i c_i^t(x_i^t + \delta_t A_i^t w_i, \hat{x}_{-i}^t) - \nabla_i c_i^t(x^t)\|] \\ & \leq \ell_i \mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_{-i} \sim \Pi_{j \neq i} \mathbb{S}^d} \left[ \sqrt{\delta_t^2 \|A_i w_i\|^2 + \delta_t^2 \sum_{j \neq i} \|A_j z_j\|^2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

559 Since  $p$  is monotone,  $\nabla^2 p(x)$  is positive semi-definite, and  $A_i^t \preceq (\nabla^2 h(x_i))^{-1/2}$ . For  $\bar{x}_i^t = x_i^t +$   
560  $A_i^t w_i^t$ . Define  $\|v\|_x = \sqrt{v^\top \nabla^2 h(x) v}$ , we have  $\|\bar{x}_i^t - x_i^t\|_{x_i} \leq \|\omega_i^t\| \leq 1$ , and  $\bar{x}_i^t \in W(x_i^t)$ , where  
561  $W(x_i) = \{x'_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, \|x'_i - x_i\|_{x_i} \leq 1\}$  is the Dikin ellipsoid. Since  $W(x_i) \subseteq \mathcal{X}_i, \forall x_i \in \text{int}(\mathcal{X}_i)$ ,  
562 we can upper bound  $\|A_i w_i\|^2$  by  $B^2$ , the diameter of the set  $\mathcal{X}_i$ . Hence  $\|\nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i(x^t)\| \leq$



563  $\ell_i \delta_t \sqrt{n} B$ . By Lemma J.5

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E} [\langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i^t(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \mid x^t] &= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla_i \hat{c}_i^t(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i^t(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \mid x^t] \\
&\leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \mathbb{E} [\| \nabla_i \hat{c}_i^t(x^t) - \nabla_i c_i^t(x^t) \| \| \omega_i - x_i^t \| \mid x^t] \\
&\leq \sqrt{n} B^2 \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \delta_t.
\end{aligned}$$

564 Let  $L = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i$ . When  $\mu = 0$ , combining and rearranging the terms, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \right] \\
&\leq O \left( \frac{n\nu \log(T)}{\kappa \eta_T T} + \frac{n\zeta B}{\eta_T T^{3/2}} + \frac{nBL}{\kappa \sqrt{T}} + \frac{n}{\kappa \sqrt{T}} + \frac{nC_p}{\eta_T T} + \frac{nd^2}{\kappa \eta_T T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\eta_t^2}{\delta_t^2} + \frac{\sqrt{n} B^2 L \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \delta_t}{\kappa \eta_T T} + \frac{B \sum_{t=1}^T \Delta^t}{\eta_T T} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

565 Take  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2dt^{3/4}}$ ,  $\delta_t = \frac{1}{t^{1/4}}$ , then  $\sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\eta_t^2}{\delta_t^2} = O\left(\sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{t}\right) = O(\log(T))$ , and  $\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \delta_t =$

566  $O\left(\sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{t}\right) = O(\log(T))$ . Hence, we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \right] \leq O \left( \frac{nd\nu \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{n\zeta dB}{T^{3/4}} + \frac{nBL}{\kappa \sqrt{T}} + \frac{ndC_p}{T^{1/4}} + \frac{nd \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{\sqrt{n} B^2 L \log(T)}{\kappa T^{1/4}} + \frac{B\Delta}{T^{1/4}} \right),$$

567 where  $\Delta = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \max_x \|\nabla_i c_i(x) - \nabla_i c_i^t(x)\|_2$ . □

## 568 I Proof of Theorem 6.2

569 **Theorem 6.2.** Assume  $V_i(T) \leq T^\varphi$ ,  $\varphi \in [0, 1]$ . Take  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2dt \frac{1}{1-\varphi}}$ ,  $\delta_t = \frac{1}{t^{1/2}}$ , and under Algorithm  
570 1, we have  $\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - x_i^{t,*} \rangle = \tilde{O}\left(\frac{n\nu d + Ln^{3/2}B^2 + nG}{T^{\frac{2(1-\varphi)}{3}}} + \frac{n}{T^{\frac{9}{8} - \frac{(4\varphi+5)^2}{72}}}\right)$ .

571 *Proof.* We first fix a player  $i$  decomposes

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \langle \nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - x_i^{t,*} \rangle = \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - \omega_i \rangle + \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \omega_i - x_i^{t,*} \rangle.$$

572 For the second term, we partition the horizon of play  $T$  into  $m$  batches  $T_k$ ,  $k \in [m]$ , each of length  
573  $|T_k| = T^q$ ,  $q \in [0, 1]$ . We will determine  $q$  later. Note that the number of batches is thus  $m = T^{1-q}$ .

574 For the batch  $T_k$ , we pick  $\omega_i$  to be the Nash equilibrium of the first game. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t \in [T_k]} \langle \nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \omega_i - x_i^{t,*} \rangle &\leq \sum_{t \in [T_k]} \|\nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t)\| \|\omega_i - x_i^{t,*}\| \\ &\leq GT^q \max_{t \in [T_k]} \|\omega_i - x_i^{t,*}\| \\ &\leq GT^q \sum_{t \in [T_k]} \|x_i^{t+1,*} - x_i^{t,*}\| \\ &\leq GT^q V_i(T_k), \end{aligned}$$

575 where the third inequality is by the definition of  $\omega_i$ .

576 Therefore, we have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \langle \nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - x_i^{t,*} \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{t \in [T_k]} \langle \nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - \omega_i \rangle + GT^q V_i(T).$$

577 Define the smoothed version of  $c_i$  as  $\hat{c}_i^t(x) = \mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} [c_i^t(x_i + \delta A_i w_i, x_{-i})]$ . Then, for batch  $T_k$ ,  
578 we decompose  $\sum_{t=1}^T \langle \nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - \omega_i \rangle$  as

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{t \in [T_k]} \langle \nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - \omega_i \rangle \\ &= \sum_{t \in [T_k]} \langle \nabla_i \hat{c}_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - \omega_i \rangle + \sum_{t \in [T_k]} \langle \nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t) - \nabla_i \hat{c}_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - \omega_i \rangle \\ &\leq \sum_{t \in [T_k]} \langle \nabla_i \hat{c}_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - \omega_i \rangle + B \sum_{t \in [T_k]} \|\nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t) - \nabla_i \hat{c}_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t)\|_2. \end{aligned}$$

579 For the first term, recall that by the update rule, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} D_h(\omega_i, \hat{x}_i^{t+1}) &= D_h(\omega_i, \hat{x}_i^t) + \eta_t \langle \nabla \hat{c}_i^t(\hat{x}^t), \omega_i - \hat{x}_i^t \rangle + \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla \hat{c}_i^t(\hat{x}^t), \omega_i - \hat{x}_i^t \rangle \\ &\quad + \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, \hat{x}_i^t - \hat{x}_i^{t+1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

580 By Lemma J.5, for any  $\omega_i \in \mathcal{X}_i$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E} [\langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla \hat{c}_i^t(\hat{x}^t), \omega_i - \hat{x}_i^t \rangle \mid \hat{x}^t] = \mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla_i \hat{c}_i^t(\hat{x}^t) - \nabla_i \hat{c}_i^t(\hat{x}^t), \omega_i - \hat{x}_i^t \rangle \mid \hat{x}^t] = 0.$$

581 Therefore,

$$\mathbb{E} [D_h(\omega_i, \hat{x}_i^{t+1})] = \mathbb{E} [D_h(\omega_i, \hat{x}_i^t) + \eta_t \langle \nabla \hat{c}_i^t(\hat{x}^t), \omega_i - \hat{x}_i^t \rangle] + \eta_t \mathbb{E} [\langle \hat{g}_i^t, \hat{x}_i^t - \hat{x}_i^{t+1} \rangle].$$

582 Rearranging the terms yields

$$\mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla \hat{c}_i^t(\hat{x}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - \omega_i \rangle] \leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{(D_h(\omega_i, \hat{x}_i^t) - D_h(\omega_i, \hat{x}_i^{t+1}))}{\eta_t} + \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, \hat{x}_i^t - \hat{x}_i^{t+1} \rangle \right].$$

By Lemma J.2, we have  $\mathbb{E} [\langle \hat{g}_i^t, \hat{x}_i^t - \hat{x}_i^{t+1} \rangle] \leq \eta_t \mathbb{E} [\|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2]$ . Taking expectation conditioned on  $\hat{x}^t$ , we have  $\mathbb{E} [\|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2 | \hat{x}^t] = \frac{d^2}{\delta_t^2} \mathbb{E} [\tilde{c}_i^t(\hat{x}^t)^2 \|z_i^t\|^2 | \hat{x}^t] \leq \frac{d^2}{\delta_t^2}$ , and therefore  $\mathbb{E} [\langle \hat{g}_i^t, \hat{x}_i^t - \hat{x}_i^{t+1} \rangle] \leq \frac{\eta_t d^2}{\delta_t^2}$ .

Taking summation over  $T$ , and take  $\eta_t = \frac{1}{2dt^p}$ ,  $\delta_t = \frac{1}{t^r}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t \in [T_k]} \mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla \hat{c}_i^t(\hat{x}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - \omega_i \rangle] &\leq dT^p \mathbb{E} [D_h(\omega_i, x_i^1)] + \sum_{t \in [T_k]} \frac{\eta_t d^2}{\delta_t^2} \\ &\leq O\left(dT^p \mathbb{E} [D_h(\omega_i, x_i^1)] + T^{q(p-2r)}\right), \end{aligned}$$

as we assumed  $D_p(x_i, x_i')$  is bounded for any  $x_i, x_i'$ .

Define  $\pi_x(y) = \inf \{t \geq 0 : x + \frac{1}{t}(y - x) \in \mathcal{X}_i\}$ . Notice that  $x_i^1(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_{x_i \in \mathcal{X}_i} h(x_i)$ , so  $D_h(\omega_i, x_i^1) = h(\omega_i) - h(x_i^1)$ .

- If  $\pi_{x_i^1}(\omega_i) \leq 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{T^q}}$ , then by Lemma J.6,  $D_h(\omega_i, x_i^1) = \nu \log(T^q)$ , and  $\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [\hat{c}_i(\hat{x}_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - \hat{c}_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)] = O(\nu d T^{1-p} \log(T^q))$ .
- Otherwise, we find a point  $\omega'_i$  such that  $\|\omega'_i - \omega_i\| = O(1/\sqrt{T^q})$  and  $\pi_{x_i^1}(\omega'_i) \leq 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{T^q}}$ . Then  $D_h(\omega'_i, x_i^1) = \nu \log(T^q)$ ,

$$\langle \nabla_i \hat{c}_i(\omega'_i, x_{-i}^t), \omega'_i - \omega_i \rangle \leq \|\nabla_i \hat{c}_i(\omega'_i, x_{-i}^t)\| \|\omega'_i - \omega_i\| \leq \frac{G}{\sqrt{T^q}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore,} \quad \sum_{t \in [T_k]} \mathbb{E} [\hat{c}_i(\hat{x}_i^t, x_{-i}^t) - \hat{c}_i(\omega_i, x_{-i}^t)] &= \\ O(\nu d T^p \log(T^q) + G T^{q/2} + T^{q(p-2r)}). \end{aligned}$$

By the definition of  $\hat{c}_i$  and the smoothness of  $c_i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla_i \hat{c}_i(\hat{x}^t) - \nabla_i c_i(\hat{x}^t)\| &= \|\mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_{-i} \sim \Pi_{j \neq i} \mathbb{S}^d} [\nabla_i c_i(\hat{x}_i^t + \delta_t A_i^t w_i, \hat{x}_{-i}^t) - \nabla_i c_i(\hat{x}^t)]\| \\ &\leq \ell_i \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_{-i} \sim \Pi_{j \neq i} \mathbb{S}^d} \left[ \delta_t^2 \|\delta_t A_i w_i\|^2 + \delta_t^2 \sum_{j \neq i} \|A_j z_j\|^2 \right]}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $p$  is monotone,  $\nabla^2 p(x)$  is positive semi-definite, and  $A_i^t \preceq (\nabla^2 h(x_i))^{-1/2}$ . For  $\bar{x}_i^t = \hat{x}_i^t + A_i^t w_i^t$ . Define  $\|v\|_x = \sqrt{v^\top \nabla^2 h(x) v}$ , we have  $\|\bar{x}_i^t - \hat{x}_i^t\|_{x_i} \leq \|\omega_i^t\| \leq 1$ , and  $\bar{x}_i^t \in W(\hat{x}_i^t)$ , where  $W(x) = \{x'_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, \|x'_i - x_i\|_{x_i} \leq 1\}$  is the Dikin ellipsoid. Since  $W(x_i) \subseteq \mathcal{X}_i, \forall x_i \in \operatorname{int}(\mathcal{X}_i)$ , we can upper bound  $\|A_i w_i\|^2$  by  $B^2$ , the diameter of the set  $\mathcal{X}_i$ . Hence  $\|\nabla_i \hat{c}_i(\hat{x}^t) - \nabla_i c_i(\hat{x}^t)\| \leq \ell_i \delta_t \sqrt{n} B$ .

With  $\delta_t = \frac{1}{t^r}$ , we have

$$\sum_{t \in [T_k]} \mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla_i c_i(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - \omega_i \rangle] = O\left(\nu d T^p \log(T^q) + G T^{q/2} + T^{q(p-2r)} + \ell_i \sqrt{n} B^2 T^{q(1-r)}\right).$$

Combining, as  $m = T^{1-q}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - x_i^{t,*} \rangle] \\ &= O(G T^q V_i(T)) + \sum_{j \in [m]} \tilde{O}\left(\nu d T^{1-p} + G T^{q/2} + T^{q(p-2r)} + \ell_i \sqrt{n} B^2 T^{q(1-r)}\right) \\ &= \tilde{O}\left(\nu d T^{(1-q)+p} + G T^{(1-q)+q/2} + T^{(1-q)+q(p-2r)} + \ell_i \sqrt{n} B^2 T^{(1-q)+q(1-r)} + G T^q V_i(T)\right). \end{aligned}$$

604 When  $V_i(T) = T^\varphi$ ,  $\varphi \in [0, 1]$ , we set  $q = \frac{2(1-\varphi)}{3}$ ,  $p = \frac{(1-\varphi)}{3}$ ,  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ , we have

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - x_i^{t,*} \rangle] = \tilde{O} \left( (\nu d + G + \ell_i \sqrt{n} B^2) T^{\frac{1+2\varphi}{3}} + T^{\frac{(2\varphi+1)(\varphi+2)}{9}} \right).$$

605 Divided by  $T$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E} [\langle \nabla_i c_i^t(\hat{x}_i^t, \hat{x}_{-i}^t), \hat{x}_i^t - x_i^{t,*} \rangle] = \tilde{O} \left( \frac{\nu d + G + \ell_i \sqrt{n} B^2}{T^{\frac{2(1-\varphi)}{3}}} + \frac{1}{T^{\frac{9}{8} - \frac{(4\varphi+5)^2}{72}}} \right).$$

606 Sum over  $i \in \mathcal{N}$  and we have the claimed result. □

## 607 J Auxiliary Lemmas

608 **Lemma J.1.** *With the update rule equation 1,*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \\
& \leq O\left(\frac{n\nu \log(T)}{\eta_T \kappa T} + \frac{n\zeta B}{\eta_T T^{3/2}}\right) + O\left(\frac{nB \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{\kappa T^{3/2}} + \frac{n}{\kappa T^{3/2}}\right) \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t}{\eta_T} + O\left(\frac{nC_p}{\eta_T T}\right) \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\kappa \eta_T (T+1)} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle + \frac{1}{\kappa \eta_T (T+1)} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), x_i^* - x_i^t \rangle \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\kappa \eta_T (T+1)} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \bar{x}_i - x_i^t \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

609 where  $\bar{x}_i$  is a point such that  $\|\bar{x}_i - x_i^*\| = O(1/\sqrt{T})$  and  $\inf \{t \geq 0 : x_i^1 + \frac{1}{t}(\bar{x}_i - x_i^1) \in \mathcal{X}_i\} \leq$   
610  $1 - 1/\sqrt{T}$ .

611 *Proof.* By the update rule equation 1, we have

$$\eta_t \hat{g}_i^t + \eta_t \kappa(t+1) (\nabla p(x_i^{t+1}) - \nabla p(x_i^t)) + (\nabla h(x_i^{t+1}) - \nabla h(x_i^t)) = 0.$$

612 For a fixed point  $\omega_i$ , by the three-point equality of Bregman divergence, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& D_h(\omega_i, x_i^{t+1}) \\
& = D_h(\omega_i, x_i^t) - D_h(x_i^{t+1}, x_i^t) + \langle \nabla h(x_i^t) - \nabla h(x_i^{t+1}), \omega_i - x_i^{t+1} \rangle \\
& = D_h(\omega_i, x_i^t) - D_h(x_i^{t+1}, x_i^t) + \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, \omega_i - x_i^{t+1} \rangle + \eta_t \kappa(t+1) \langle \nabla p(x_i^{t+1}) - \nabla p(x_i^t), \omega_i - x_i^{t+1} \rangle \\
& = D_h(\omega_i, x_i^t) - D_h(x_i^{t+1}, x_i^t) + \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, \omega_i - x_i^{t+1} \rangle + \eta_t \kappa(t+1) (D_p(\omega_i, x_i^t) - D_p(\omega_i, x_i^{t+1}) - D_p(x_i^{t+1}, x_i^t)).
\end{aligned}$$

613 Rearranging and by the non-negativity of Bregman divergence, we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
& D_h(\omega_i, x_i^{t+1}) + \eta_t \kappa(t+1) D_p(\omega_i, x_i^{t+1}) \\
& \leq D_h(\omega_i, x_i^t) + \eta_t \kappa(t+1) D_p(\omega_i, x_i^t) + \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle + \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle \\
& = D_h(\omega_i, x_i^t) + \eta_t \kappa(t+1) D_p(\omega_i, x_i^t) + \eta_t \langle \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle + \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle + \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

614 By Lemma J.3 and the assumption that  $c_i(x) - \kappa p(x_i)$  is monotone, we have

$$\eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \leq -\eta_t \kappa \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} (D_p(x_i^t, \omega_i) + D_p(\omega_i, x_i^t)) + \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \nabla_i c_i(\omega), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle.$$

615 Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_h(\omega_i, x_i^{t+1}) + \eta_t \kappa(t+1) \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(\omega_i, x_i^{t+1}) \\
& \leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_h(\omega_i, x_i^t) + \eta_t \kappa t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(\omega_i, x_i^t) + \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \nabla_i c_i(\omega), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle + \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle \\
& \quad + \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

616 Summing over  $T$ , by the non-negativity of Bregman divergence, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \eta_T \kappa(T+1) \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(\omega_i, x_i^{T+1}) \\
& \leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_h(\omega_i, x_i^1) + \kappa \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(\omega_i, x_i^1) + \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \eta_t \langle \nabla_i c_i(\omega), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle + \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \omega_i - x_i^t \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle.$$

617 Define  $\pi_x(y) = \inf \{t \geq 0 : x + \frac{1}{t}(y - x) \in \mathcal{X}_i\}$ , let us consider  $x_i^*$ , the equilibrium of the game.

618 • If  $\pi_{x_i^1}(x_i^*) \leq 1 - 1/\sqrt{T}$ , we set  $\omega_i = x_i^*$ . Let this set of player be  $\mathcal{M}$

619 • Otherwise, we find  $\bar{x}_i \in \mathcal{X}_i$  such that  $\|\bar{x}_i - x_i^*\| = O(1/\sqrt{T})$  and  $\pi_{x_i^1}(\bar{x}_i) \leq 1 - 1/\sqrt{T}$ .  
620 We set  $\omega_i = \bar{x}_i$ .

621 By Lemma J.6, and initializing  $x_i^1$  to minimize  $h$ , thus  $D_h(\omega_i, x_i^1) = h(\omega_i) - h(x_i^1) \leq \nu \log(T)$ .

622 Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \eta_T \kappa(T+1) \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} D_p(\bar{x}_i, x_i^{T+1}) \right) \\ & \leq n\nu \log(T) + \kappa \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^1) + \kappa \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} D_p(\bar{x}_i, x_i^1) + \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} \langle \nabla_i c_i(x_{\mathcal{M}}^*, \bar{x}_{\mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}}), x_i^* - x_i^t \rangle \\ & \quad + \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \langle \nabla_i c_i(x_{\mathcal{M}}^*, \bar{x}_{\mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}}), \bar{x}_i - x_i^t \rangle + \eta_t \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), x_i^* - x_i^t \rangle \\ & \quad + \eta_t \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \bar{x}_i - x_i^t \rangle + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

623 By the three-point inequality and the non-negativity of Bregman divergence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} D_p(\bar{x}_i, x_i^{T+1}) &= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} D_p(\bar{x}_i, x_i^*) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \langle \bar{x}_i - x_i^*, \nabla p(x_i^{T+1}) - \nabla p(\bar{x}_i) \rangle \\ &\geq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \langle \bar{x}_i - x_i^*, \nabla p(x_i^{T+1}) - \nabla p(\bar{x}_i) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

624 By Cauchy-Schwarz and the smoothness of  $p$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \langle \bar{x}_i - x_i^*, \nabla p(x_i^{T+1}) - \nabla p(\bar{x}_i) \rangle &\leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \|\bar{x}_i - x_i^*\| \|\nabla p(x_i^{T+1}) - \nabla p(\bar{x}_i)\| \\ &\leq \zeta \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \|\bar{x}_i - x_i^*\| \|x_i^{T+1} - \bar{x}_i\| \\ &\leq O\left(\frac{n\zeta B}{\sqrt{T}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

625 As  $x_i^*$  is a Nash equilibrium, we have  $\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \nabla_i c_i(x^*), x_i^* - x_i^t \rangle = 0$ , therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} \langle \nabla_i c_i(x_{\mathcal{M}}^*, \bar{x}_{\mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}}), x_i^* - x_i^t \rangle + \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \langle \nabla_i c_i(x_{\mathcal{M}}^*, \bar{x}_{\mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}}), \bar{x}_i - x_i^t \rangle \\ &= \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \nabla_i c_i(x^*), x_i^* - x_i^t \rangle + \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \langle \nabla_i c_i(x_{\mathcal{M}}^*, \bar{x}_{\mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}}) - \nabla_i c_i(x^*), x_i^* - x_i^t \rangle \\ & \quad + \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \langle \nabla_i c_i(x_{\mathcal{M}}^*, \bar{x}_{\mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}}), \bar{x}_i - x_i^* \rangle \\ &\leq \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i \|x_i^* - x_i^t\| \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \|x_i^* - \bar{x}_i\| \right) + \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \|\nabla_i c_i(x_{\mathcal{M}}^*, \bar{x}_{\mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}})\| \|\bar{x}_i - x_i^*\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq O\left(\frac{\eta_t n B \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{\sqrt{T}} + \frac{\eta_t n}{\sqrt{T}}\right).$$

626 Hence, as  $D_p(x_i, x'_i) \leq C_p, \forall x_i, x'_i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} D_p(x_i^*, x_i^{T+1}) \\ & \leq O\left(\frac{n\nu \log(T)}{\eta_T \kappa T} + \frac{n\zeta B}{\eta_T T^{3/2}}\right) + O\left(\frac{nB \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \ell_i}{\kappa T^{3/2}} + \frac{n}{\kappa T^{3/2}}\right) \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t}{\eta_T} + O\left(\frac{nC_p}{\eta_T T}\right) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\kappa \eta_T (T+1)} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle + \frac{1}{\kappa \eta_T (T+1)} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), x_i^* - x_i^t \rangle \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\kappa \eta_T (T+1)} \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{M}} \langle \hat{g}_i^t - \nabla_i c_i(x^t), \bar{x}_i - x_i^t \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

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628 **Lemma J.2.** Take  $\eta_t \leq \frac{1}{2d}$ , we have

$$\langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle = \eta_t \|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2.$$

629 *Proof.* Define

$$f(x_i) = \eta_t \langle x_i, \hat{g}_i^t \rangle + \eta_t(t+1)D_p(x_i, x_i^t) + D_h(x_i, x_i^t).$$

630 As adding the linear term  $\langle x_i, \hat{g}_i^t \rangle$  does not affect the self-concordant barrier property, and  $p$  is strongly  
631 monotone,  $f(x)$  is a self-concordant barrier.

632 Define the local norm  $\|h\|_x := \sqrt{h^\top \nabla^2 f(x) h}$ , by Holder's inequality, we have

$$\langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle = \|\hat{g}_i^t\|_{x_i^t, *} \|x_i^t - x_i^{t+1}\|_{x_i^t}.$$

633 Notice that

$$\nabla f(x_i^t) = \eta_t \hat{g}_i^t, \nabla^2 f(x_i^t) = \eta_t(t+1)\nabla^2 p(x_i^t) + \nabla^2 h(x_i^t).$$

634 Therefore, by our assumption that  $c_i(x) \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| (\nabla^2 f(x_i^t))^{-1} \nabla f(x_i^t) \right\|_{x_i^t} &= \eta_t \|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\| \\ &\leq \eta_t d |c_i(\hat{x}^t)| \leq \eta_t d. \end{aligned}$$

635 By Lemma J.4, take  $\eta_t \leq \frac{1}{2d}$ , we have

$$\|x_i^t - x_i^{t+1}\|_{x_i^t} = \left\| x_i^t - \arg \min_x f(x_i^t) \right\|_{x_i^t} \leq 2 \left\| (\nabla^2 f(x_i^t))^{-1} \nabla f(x_i^t) \right\|_{x_i^t} \leq \eta_t \|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|.$$

636 Therefore, we have

$$\langle \hat{g}_i^t, x_i^t - x_i^{t+1} \rangle = \eta_t \|A_i^t \hat{g}_i^t\|^2.$$

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638 **Lemma J.3.** [Proposition 1 Bauschke et al. (2017)] For an operator  $G$  that  $G - \nabla p(x)$  is monotone,

$$\langle G(x) - G(x'), x' - x \rangle \leq - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} (D_p(x_i, x'_i) + D_p(x'_i, x_i)).$$

639 *Proof.* By the monotonicity of  $G - \nabla p(x)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle G(x) - G(x'), x' - x \rangle &\leq \langle \nabla p(x) - \nabla p(x'), x' - x \rangle \\ &\leq - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} (D_p(x_i, x'_i) + D_p(x'_i, x_i)), \end{aligned}$$

640 where the second inequality is due to the definition of Bregman divergence.  $\square$

641 **Lemma J.4** (Lemma 3 Lin et al. (2021)). *For any self-concordant function  $g$  and let  $\lambda(x, g) \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,*  
642  $\lambda(x, g) := \|\nabla g(x)\|_{x, \star} = \left\| (\nabla^2 g(x))^{-1} \nabla g(x) \right\|_x$ , *we have  $\|x - \arg \min_{x' \in \mathcal{X}} g(x')\|_x \leq 2\lambda(x, g)$ ,*  
643 *where  $\|\cdot\|_x$  is the local norm given by  $\|h\|_x := \sqrt{h^\top \nabla^2 g(x) h}$ .*

644 **Lemma J.5** (Lemma 7 of Lin et al. (2021)). *Suppose that  $c_i$  is a monotone function and  $A_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$*   
645 *is an invertible matrix for each  $i \in \mathcal{N}$ , we define the smoothed version of  $c_i$  with respect to  $A_i$  by*  
646  $\hat{c}_i(x) = \mathbb{E}_{w_i \sim \mathbb{B}^d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}_{-i} \sim \Pi_{j \neq i} \mathbb{S}^d} [c_i(x_i + A_i w_i, \hat{x}_{-i})]$  *where  $\mathbb{S}^d$  is a  $d$ -dimensional unit sphere,  $\mathbb{B}^d$  is a*  
647  *$d$ -dimensional unit ball and  $\hat{x}_i = x_i + A_i z_i$  for all  $i \in \mathcal{N}$ . Then, the following statements hold true:*

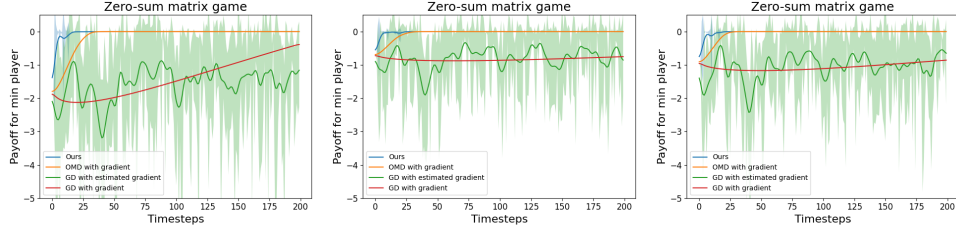
- 648 •  $\nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x) = \mathbb{E} \left[ d \cdot c_i(\hat{x}_i, \hat{x}_{-i}) (A_i)^{-1} z_i \mid x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N \right]$ .
- 649 • *If  $\nabla c_i$  is  $\ell_i$ -Lipschitz continuous and we let  $\sigma_{\max}(A)$  be the largest eigenvalue of  $A$ , we*  
650 *have  $\|\nabla_i \hat{c}_i(x) - \nabla_i c_i(x)\| \leq \ell_i \sqrt{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} (\sigma_{\max}(A_j))^2}$ .*

651 **Lemma J.6** (Lemma 2 Lin et al. (2021)). *Suppose that  $\mathcal{X}$  is a closed, monotone and compact set,*  
652  *$R$  is a  $\nu$ -self-concordant barrier function for  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\bar{x} = \arg \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} R(x)$  is a center. Then, we*  
653 *have  $R(x) - R(\bar{x}) \leq \nu \log \left( \frac{1}{1 - \pi_{\bar{x}}(x)} \right)$ . For any  $\epsilon \in (0, 1]$  and  $x \in \mathcal{X}_\epsilon$ , we have  $\pi_{\bar{x}}(x) \leq \frac{1}{1 + \epsilon}$  and*  
654  $R(x) - R(\bar{x}) \leq \nu \log \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right)$ .

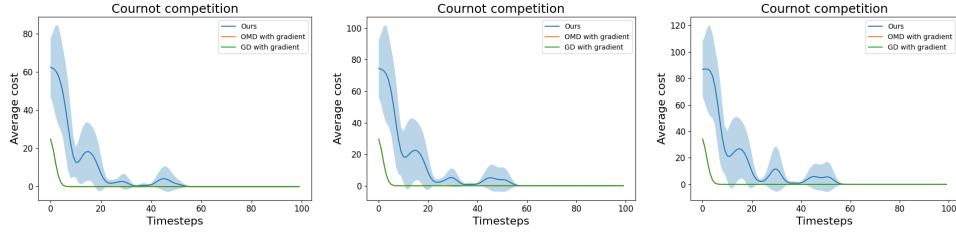


## 655 K More Experimental Results

656 In Figure 2 and 3 we supplement more experiment results for zero-sum matrix games and Cournot  
 657 competition. Note that in Figure 3, the curve of OMD with gradient coincides exactly with the curve  
 658 GD with gradient. We found similar observations that our algorithm attains comparable performance  
 659 to OMD and GD with full information gradient.



**Figure 2:** More examples on the zero-sum matrix game, with  $A$  being  $[2, 1]$ ,  $[1, 3]$ ,  $[3, 0]$ ,  $[0, 1]$ , and  $[1, 2]$ ,  $[2, 0]$ .



**Figure 3:** More examples on the Cournot competition, with the marginal cost being 50, 60, 70.

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