

LEMMA 3. For ASySQN-SVRG, let $u \in K(t)$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_u^\ell\|^2 \\ & \leq \frac{16L^2}{\mu} \mathbb{E}(f(w_t^s) - f(w^*)) + 4L^2\gamma^2\sigma_2^2\eta_1 \sum_{v \in \{t, \dots, u\}} \mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_v^{\psi(v)}\|^2 \\ & + \frac{8L^2}{\mu} \mathbb{E}(f(w^s) - f(w^*)) + 2\tau_1 L^2\gamma^2\sigma_2^2 \mathbb{E} \sum_{u' \in D(u)} \|\widehat{v}_{u'}^{\psi(u')}\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Define $v_u^\ell = \nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(w_u^s) - \nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(w^s) + \nabla_\ell f(w^s)$. We have that $\mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_u^\ell\|^2 = \mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_u^\ell - v_u^\ell + v_u^\ell\|^2 \leq 2\mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_u^\ell - v_u^\ell\|^2 + 2\mathbb{E} \|v_u^\ell\|^2$. As for term $\mathbb{E} \|v_u^\ell\|^2$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \|v_u^\ell\|^2 = \mathbb{E} \|\nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(w_u^s) - \nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(w^s) + \nabla_\ell f(w^s)\|^2 \\ & \leq 2\mathbb{E} \|\nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(w^s) - \nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(w^*) - \nabla_\ell f(w^s) + \nabla_\ell f(w^*)\|^2 \\ & + 2\mathbb{E} \|\nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(w_u^s) - \nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(w^*)\|^2 \\ & \stackrel{(i)}{\leq} 2\mathbb{E} \|\nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(w_u^s) - \nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(w^*)\|^2 \\ & + 2\mathbb{E} \|\nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(w^s) - \nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(w^*)\|^2 \\ & \stackrel{(ii)}{\leq} 2L^2\mathbb{E} \|w_u^s - w^*\|^2 + 2L^2\mathbb{E} \|w^s - w^*\|^2 \\ & \leq 4L^2\mathbb{E} \|w_u^s - w_t^s\|^2 + 4L^2\mathbb{E} \|w_t^s - w^*\|^2 + 2L^2\mathbb{E} \|w^s - w^*\|^2 \\ & \stackrel{(iii)}{=} 4L^2\gamma^2\mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{v \in \{t, \dots, u\}} H_{\xi(v)} \widehat{v}_v^{\psi(v)} \right\|^2 \\ & + 4L^2\mathbb{E} \|w_t^s - w^*\|^2 + 2L^2\mathbb{E} \|w^s - w^*\|^2 \\ & \stackrel{(iv)}{\leq} \frac{8L^2}{\mu} \mathbb{E}(f(w_t^s) - f(w^*)) + \frac{4L^2}{\mu} \mathbb{E}(f(w^s) - f(w^*)) \\ & + 4L^2\gamma^2\sigma_2^2\eta_1 \sum_{v \in \{t, \dots, u\}} \mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_v^{\psi(v)}\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

where the (i) uses $\mathbb{E} \|x - \mathbb{E}x\|^2 \leq \mathbb{E} \|x\|^2$, (ii) follows Eq. (22), (iii) uses Definition 2, and (iv) uses Assumption 1. Using $\|\sum_{i=1}^n a_i\|^2 \leq n \sum_{i=1}^n \|a_i\|^2$, Definition 2, Assumption 4, and then we can bound $\mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_u^\ell - v_u^\ell\|^2$ as follows.

$$\mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_u^\ell - v_u^\ell\|^2 \leq \tau_1 L^2 \sigma_2^2 \gamma^2 \mathbb{E} \sum_{u' \in D(u)} \|\widehat{v}_{u'}^{\psi(u')}\|^2, \quad (27)$$

Combining $\mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_u^\ell\|^2 \leq 2\mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_u^\ell - v_u^\ell\|^2 + 2\mathbb{E} \|v_u^\ell\|^2$ with Eqs. (26) to (27), we have the final result as in Eq. 25. Similar to the proof of (20), for $u \in K(t)$ at s -th outer loop, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} f(w_{u+1}^s) \\ & \leq \mathbb{E}(f(w_u^s) + \langle \nabla f(w_u^s), w_{u+1}^s - w_u^s \rangle + \frac{L_\ell}{2} \|w_{u+1}^s - w_u^s\|^2) \\ & \leq \mathbb{E} f(w_u^s) - \gamma \mathbb{E} \langle \nabla f(w_u^s), H^\ell \nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(\widehat{w}_u^s) - H^\ell \nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(w_u^s) \rangle \\ & + H^\ell \nabla_\ell f_{\mathcal{I}_u}(w_u^s) + \frac{L_\ell \gamma^2 \|H^\ell\|^2}{2} \mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_u^\ell\|^2 \\ & \leq \mathbb{E} f(w_u^s) - \frac{\gamma \sigma_1}{2} \mathbb{E} \|\nabla_\ell f(w_u^s)\|^2 + \frac{\tau_1 \sigma_2^3 L^2 \gamma^3}{2} \sum_{u' \in D(u)} \mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_{u'}^{\psi(u')}\|^2 \\ & + \frac{L_\ell \gamma^2 \sigma_2^2}{2} \mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_u^\ell\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

$$\leq \mathbb{E} f(w_u^s) - \frac{\gamma \sigma_1}{2} \mathbb{E} \|\nabla_\ell f(w_u^s)\|^2 + \frac{\tau_1 \sigma_2^3 L^2 \gamma^3}{2} \sum_{u' \in D(u)} \mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_{u'}^{\psi(u')}\|^2 + \frac{L_\ell \gamma^2 \sigma_2^2}{2} \mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_u^\ell\|^2 \quad (29)$$

Summing Eq. (28) over all $u \in K(t)$, and using Lemma 2, Assumption 5, and Lemma 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} f(w_{t+|K(t)|}^s) - \mathbb{E} f(w_t^s) \leq -\frac{\gamma \mu \sigma_1}{2} \mathbb{E}(f(w_t^s) - f(w^*)) \\ & + \frac{\tau_1 \sigma_2^3 L^2 \gamma^3}{2} \sum_{u \in K(t)} \sum_{u' \in D(u)} \mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_{u'}^{\psi(u')}\|^2 + C \\ & \cdot \sum_{u \in K(t)} \left(\frac{16L^2}{\mu} \mathbb{E}(f(w_t^s) - f(w^*)) + \frac{8L^2}{\mu} \mathbb{E}(f(w^s) - f(w^*)) \right. \\ & \left. + 4\alpha \sum_{v \in \{t, \dots, u\}} \mathbb{E} \|\widehat{v}_v^{\psi(v)}\|^2 + 2\tau_1 L^2 \gamma^2 \sigma_2^2 \mathbb{E} \sum_{u' \in D(u)} \|\widehat{v}_{u'}^{\psi(u')}\|^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Let $e_t^s = \mathbb{E}(f(w_t^s) - f(w^*))$ and $e^s = \mathbb{E}(f(w^s) - f(w^*))$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} e_{t+|K(t)|}^s & \leq \left(1 - \frac{\gamma \mu \sigma_1}{2} + \frac{16L^2 \eta_1 C}{\mu} \right) e_t^s + \frac{8L^2 \eta_1 C}{\mu} e^s \\ & + \gamma^3 \left(\left(\frac{\sigma_2}{2} + \frac{2C}{\gamma} \right) \tau_1^2 + 4 \frac{C}{\gamma} \eta_1^2 \right) \eta_1 L^2 \sigma_2^2 \frac{9G}{b} \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

We carefully choose γ such that $1 > \frac{\gamma \mu}{2} - \frac{16L^2 \eta_1 C}{\mu} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \rho > 0$. Assume that $\cup_{\kappa \in P(t)} = \{0, 1, \dots, t\}$, applying (31), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} e_t^s & \leq (1 - \rho)^{v(t)} e^s + \left(\frac{8L^2 \eta_1 C}{\mu} e^s \right) \sum_{i=0}^{v(t)} (1 - \rho)^i \\ & + \gamma^3 \left(\left(\frac{\sigma_2}{2} + \frac{2C}{\gamma} \right) \tau_1^2 + 4 \frac{C}{\gamma} \eta_1^2 \right) \eta_1 q L^2 \sigma_2^2 \frac{9G}{b} \sum_{i=0}^{v(t)} (1 - \rho)^i \\ & \leq (1 - \rho)^{v(t)} e^s + \left(\frac{8L^2 \eta_1 C}{\mu} e^s \right) \frac{1}{\rho} \\ & + \gamma^3 \left(\left(\frac{\sigma_2}{2} + \frac{2C}{\gamma} \right) \tau_1^2 + 4 \frac{C}{\gamma} \eta_1^2 \right) \eta_1 q L^2 \sigma_2^2 \frac{9G}{b} \frac{1}{\rho} \\ & = \left((1 - \rho)^{v(t)} + \frac{8L^2 \eta_1 C}{\rho \mu} \right) e^s \\ & + \gamma^3 \left(\left(\frac{\sigma_2}{2} + \frac{2C}{\gamma} \right) \tau_1^2 + 4 \frac{C}{\gamma} \eta_1^2 \right) \frac{9\eta_1 L^2 \sigma_2^2 G}{b \rho} \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Thus, to achieve $\mathbb{E} f(w_S) - f(w^*) \leq \epsilon$, we can carefully choose γ such that 1) $\gamma^3 \left(\left(\frac{\sigma_2}{2} + \frac{2C}{\gamma} \right) \tau_1^2 + 4 \frac{C}{\gamma} \eta_1^2 \right) \frac{9\eta_1 L^2 \sigma_2^2 G}{b \rho} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{8}$ and 2) $\frac{8L^2 \eta_1 C}{\rho \mu} \leq 0.5$; and let $(1 - \rho)^{v(t)} \leq 0.25$, i.e., $v(t) \geq \frac{\log 0.25}{\log(1-\rho)}$, we have that

$$e^{s+1} \leq 0.75e^s + \frac{\epsilon}{8} \quad (33)$$

Recursively apply (33), we have that

$$e^S \leq (0.75)^S e^0 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Finally, we use that the outer loop number S should satisfy the condition of $S \geq \frac{\log \frac{2\epsilon}{\epsilon}}{\log \frac{4}{3}}$ and can obtain the desired result in Theorem 2. This completes the proof.