

In the following appendices, we provide detailed proofs of theorems stated in the main paper. In Section A we first prove a basic inequality which is useful throughout the rest of the convergence analysis. Section B contains general analysis of the batch primal-dual algorithm that are common for proving both Theorem 1 and Theorem 3. Sections C, D, E and F give proofs for Theorem 1, Theorem 3, Theorem 2 and Theorem 4, respectively.

A. A basic lemma

Lemma 2. *Let h be a strictly convex function and \mathcal{D}_h be its Bregman divergence. Suppose ψ is ν -strongly convex with respect to \mathcal{D}_h and $1/\delta$ -smooth (with respect to the Euclidean norm), and*

$$\hat{y} = \arg \min_{y \in C} \{\psi(y) + \eta \mathcal{D}_h(y, \bar{y})\},$$

where C is a compact convex set that lies within the relative interior of the domains of h and ψ (i.e., both h and ψ are differentiable over C). Then for any $y \in C$ and $\rho \in [0, 1]$, we have

$$\psi(y) + \eta \mathcal{D}_h(y, \bar{y}) \geq \psi(\hat{y}) + \eta \mathcal{D}_h(\hat{y}, \bar{y}) + (\eta + (1 - \rho)\nu) \mathcal{D}_h(y, \hat{y}) + \frac{\rho\delta}{2} \|\nabla\psi(y) - \nabla\psi(\hat{y})\|^2.$$

Proof. The minimizer \hat{y} satisfies the following first-order optimality condition:

$$\langle \nabla\psi(\hat{y}) + \eta \nabla\mathcal{D}_h(\hat{y}, \bar{y}), y - \hat{y} \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C.$$

Here $\nabla\mathcal{D}$ denotes partial gradient of the Bregman divergence with respect to its first argument, i.e., $\nabla\mathcal{D}(\hat{y}, \bar{y}) = \nabla h(\hat{y}) - \nabla h(\bar{y})$. So the above optimality condition is the same as

$$\langle \nabla\psi(\hat{y}) + \eta(\nabla h(\hat{y}) - \nabla h(\bar{y})), y - \hat{y} \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in C. \quad (17)$$

Since ψ is ν -strongly convex with respect to \mathcal{D}_h and $1/\delta$ -smooth, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(y) &\geq \psi(\hat{y}) + \langle \nabla\psi(\hat{y}), y - \hat{y} \rangle + \nu \mathcal{D}_h(y, \hat{y}), \\ \psi(y) &\geq \psi(\hat{y}) + \langle \nabla\psi(\hat{y}), y - \hat{y} \rangle + \frac{\delta}{2} \|\nabla\psi(y) - \nabla\psi(\hat{y})\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

For the second inequality, see, e.g., Theorem 2.1.5 in Nesterov (2004). Multiplying the two inequalities above by $(1 - \rho)$ and ρ respectively and adding them together, we have

$$\psi(y) \geq \psi(\hat{y}) + \langle \nabla\psi(\hat{y}), y - \hat{y} \rangle + (1 - \rho)\nu \mathcal{D}_h(y, \hat{y}) + \frac{\rho\delta}{2} \|\nabla\psi(y) - \nabla\psi(\hat{y})\|^2.$$

The Bregman divergence \mathcal{D}_h satisfies the following equality:

$$\mathcal{D}_h(y, \bar{y}) = \mathcal{D}_h(y, \hat{y}) + \mathcal{D}_h(\hat{y}, \bar{y}) + \langle \nabla h(\hat{y}) - \nabla h(\bar{y}), y - \hat{y} \rangle.$$

We multiply this equality by η and add it to the last inequality to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(y) + \eta \mathcal{D}_h(y, \bar{y}) &\geq \psi(\hat{y}) + \eta \mathcal{D}_h(y, \hat{y}) + (\eta + (1 - \rho)\nu) \mathcal{D}_h(\hat{y}, \bar{y}) + \frac{\rho\delta}{2} \|\nabla\psi(y) - \nabla\psi(\hat{y})\|^2 \\ &\quad + \langle \nabla\psi(\hat{y}) + \eta(\nabla h(\hat{y}) - \nabla h(\bar{y})), y - \hat{y} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Using the optimality condition in (17), the last term of inner product is nonnegative and thus can be dropped, which gives the desired inequality. \square

B. Common Analysis of Batch Primal-Dual Algorithms

We consider the general primal-dual update rule as:

Iteration: $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = \text{PD}_{\tau, \sigma}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left\{ g(x) + \tilde{y}^T A x + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x - \bar{x}\|^2 \right\}, \quad (18)$$

$$\hat{y} = \arg \min_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ f^*(y) - y^T A \tilde{x} + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(y, \bar{y}) \right\}. \quad (19)$$

Each iteration of Algorithm 1 is equivalent to the following specification of $\text{PD}_{\tau, \sigma}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x} &= x^{(t+1)}, & \bar{x} &= x^{(t)}, & \tilde{x} &= x^{(t)} + \theta(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}), \\ \hat{y} &= y^{(t+1)}, & \bar{y} &= y^{(t)}, & \tilde{y} &= y^{(t+1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Besides Assumption 2, we also assume that f^* is ν -strongly convex with respect to a kernel function h , i.e.,

$$f^*(y') - f^*(y) - \langle \nabla f^*(y), y' - y \rangle \geq \nu \mathcal{D}_h(y', y),$$

where \mathcal{D}_h is the Bregman divergence defined as

$$\mathcal{D}_h(y', y) = h(y') - h(y) - \langle \nabla h(y), y' - y \rangle.$$

We assume that h is γ' -strongly convex and $1/\delta'$ -smooth. Depending on the kernel function h , this assumption on f^* may impose additional restrictions on f . In this paper, we are mostly interested in two special cases: $h(y) = (1/2)\|y\|^2$ and $h(y) = f^*(y)$ (for the latter we always have $\nu = 1$). From now on, we will omit the subscript h and use \mathcal{D} denote the Bregman divergence.

Under the above assumptions, any solution (x^*, y^*) to the saddle-point problem (6) satisfies the optimality condition:

$$-A^T y^* \in \partial g(x^*), \quad (21)$$

$$Ax^* = \nabla f^*(y^*). \quad (22)$$

The optimality conditions for the updates described in equations (18) and (19) are

$$-A^T \tilde{y} + \frac{1}{\tau}(\bar{x} - \hat{x}) \in \partial g(\hat{x}), \quad (23)$$

$$A \tilde{x} - \frac{1}{\sigma}(\nabla h(\hat{y}) - \nabla h(\bar{y})) = \nabla f^*(\hat{y}). \quad (24)$$

Applying Lemma 2 to the dual minimization step in (19) with $\psi(y) = f^*(y) - y^T A \tilde{x}$, $\eta = 1/\sigma$, $y = y^*$ and $\rho = 1/2$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(y^*) - y^{*T} A \tilde{x} + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(y^*, \bar{y}) &\geq f^*(\hat{y}) - \hat{y}^T A \tilde{x} + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(\hat{y}, \bar{y}) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{\nu}{2} \right) \mathcal{D}(y^*, \hat{y}) + \frac{\delta}{4} \|\nabla f^*(y^*) - \nabla f^*(\hat{y})\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Similarly, for the primal minimization step in (18), we have (setting $\rho = 0$)

$$g(x^*) + \tilde{y}^T A x^* + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^* - \bar{x}\|^2 \geq g(\hat{x}) + \tilde{y}^T A \hat{x} + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|\hat{x} - \bar{x}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^* - \hat{x}\|^2. \quad (26)$$

Combining the two inequalities above with the definition $\mathcal{L}(x, y) = g(x) + y^T A x - f^*(y)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\hat{x}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, \hat{y}) &= g(\hat{x}) + y^{*T} A \hat{x} - f^*(y^*) - g(x^*) - \hat{y}^T A x^* + f^*(\hat{y}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^* - \bar{x}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(y^*, \bar{y}) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^* - \hat{x}\|^2 - \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{\nu}{2} \right) \mathcal{D}(y^*, \hat{y}) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\tau} \|\hat{x} - \bar{x}\|^2 - \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(\hat{y}, \bar{y}) - \frac{\delta}{4} \|\nabla f^*(y^*) - \nabla f^*(\hat{y})\|^2 \\ &\quad + y^{*T} A \hat{x} - \hat{y}^T A x^* + \tilde{y}^T A x^* - \tilde{y}^T A \hat{x} - y^{*T} A \tilde{x} + \hat{y}^T A \tilde{x}. \end{aligned}$$

We can simplify the inner product terms as

$$y^{\star T} A \hat{x} - \hat{y}^T A x^{\star} + \tilde{y}^T A x^{\star} - \tilde{y}^T A \hat{x} - y^{\star T} A \tilde{x} + \hat{y}^T A \tilde{x} = (\hat{y} - \tilde{y})^T A (\hat{x} - x^{\star}) - (\hat{y} - y^{\star})^T A (\hat{x} - \tilde{x}).$$

Rearranging terms on the two sides of the inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{\star} - \bar{x}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(y^{\star}, \bar{y}) &\geq \mathcal{L}(\hat{x}, y^{\star}) - \mathcal{L}(x^{\star}, \hat{y}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^{\star} - \hat{x}\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{\nu}{2} \right) \mathcal{D}(y^{\star}, \hat{y}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|\hat{x} - \bar{x}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(\hat{y}, \bar{y}) + \frac{\delta}{4} \|\nabla f^*(y^{\star}) - \nabla f^*(\hat{y})\|^2 \\ &\quad + (\hat{y} - y^{\star})^T A (\hat{x} - \tilde{x}) - (\hat{y} - \tilde{y})^T A (\hat{x} - x^{\star}). \end{aligned}$$

Applying the substitutions in (20) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{\star} - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(y^{\star}, y^{(t)}) &\geq \mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^{\star}) - \mathcal{L}(x^{\star}, y^{(t+1)}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^{\star} - x^{(t+1)}\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{\nu}{2} \right) \mathcal{D}(y^{\star}, y^{(t+1)}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(y^{(t+1)}, y^{(t)}) + \frac{\delta}{4} \|\nabla f^*(y^{\star}) - \nabla f^*(y^{(t+1)})\|^2 \\ &\quad + (y^{(t+1)} - y^{\star})^T A (x^{(t+1)} - (x^{(t)} + \theta(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}))). \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

We can rearrange the inner product term in (27) as

$$\begin{aligned} &(y^{(t+1)} - y^{\star})^T A (x^{(t+1)} - (x^{(t)} + \theta(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}))) \\ &= (y^{(t+1)} - y^{\star})^T A (x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}) - \theta(y^{(t)} - y^{\star})^T A (x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) - \theta(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A (x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}). \end{aligned}$$

Using the optimality conditions in (22) and (24), we can also bound $\|\nabla f^*(y^{\star}) - \nabla f^*(y^{(t+1)})\|^2$:

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\nabla f^*(y^{\star}) - \nabla f^*(y^{(t+1)})\|^2 \\ &= \left\| Ax^{\star} - A(x^{(t)} + \theta(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})) + \frac{1}{\sigma} (\nabla h(y^{(t+1)}) - \nabla h(y^{(t)})) \right\|^2 \\ &\geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) \|A(x^{\star} - x^{(t)})\|^2 - (\alpha - 1) \left\| \theta A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) - \frac{1}{\sigma} (\nabla h(y^{(t+1)}) - \nabla h(y^{(t)})) \right\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha > 1$. With the definition $\mu = \sqrt{\lambda_{\min}(A^T A)}$, we also have $\|A(x^{\star} - x^{(t)})\|^2 \geq \mu^2 \|x^{\star} - x^{(t)}\|^2$. Combining them with the inequality (27) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{\star} - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(y^{\star}, y^{(t)}) + \theta(y^{(t)} - y^{\star})^T A (x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) \\ &\geq \mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^{\star}) - \mathcal{L}(x^{\star}, y^{(t+1)}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^{\star} - x^{(t+1)}\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{\nu}{2} \right) \mathcal{D}(y^{\star}, y^{(t+1)}) + (y^{(t+1)} - y^{\star})^T A (x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(y^{(t+1)}, y^{(t)}) - \theta(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A (x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) \\ &\quad + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) \frac{\delta \mu^2}{4} \|x^{\star} - x^{(t)}\|^2 - (\alpha - 1) \frac{\delta}{4} \left\| \theta A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) - \frac{1}{\sigma} (\nabla h(y^{(t+1)}) - \nabla h(y^{(t)})) \right\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

C. Proof of Theorem 1

Let the kernel function be $h(y) = (1/2)\|y\|^2$. In this case, we have $\mathcal{D}(y', y) = (1/2)\|y' - y\|^2$ and $\nabla h(y) = y$. Moreover, $\gamma' = \delta' = 1$ and $\nu = \gamma$. Therefore, the inequality (28) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) \frac{\delta\mu^2}{2} \right) \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma} \|y^* - y^{(t)}\|^2 + \theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) \\ & \geq \underline{\mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)})} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^* - x^{(t+1)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \|y^* - y^{(t+1)}\|^2 + (y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma} \|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2 - \theta(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) \\ & \quad - (\alpha - 1) \frac{\delta}{4} \left\| \theta A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) - \frac{1}{\sigma} (y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}) \right\|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Next we derive another form of the underlined items above:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\sigma} \|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2 - \theta(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) \\ &= \frac{\sigma}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2 - \frac{\theta}{\sigma} (y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) \right) \\ &= \frac{\sigma}{2} \left(\left\| \theta A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) - \frac{1}{\sigma} (y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}) \right\|^2 - \theta^2 \|A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})\|^2 \right) \\ &\geq \frac{\sigma}{2} \left\| \theta A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) - \frac{1}{\sigma} (y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}) \right\|^2 - \frac{\sigma\theta^2 L^2}{2} \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

where in the last inequality we used $\|A\| \leq L$ and hence $\|A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})\|^2 \leq L^2 \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2$. Combining with inequality (29), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) \frac{\delta\mu^2}{2} \right) \|x^{(t)} - x^*\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma} \|y^{(t)} - y^*\|^2 + \theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) + \frac{\sigma\theta^2 L^2}{2} \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2 \\ & \geq \underline{\mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)})} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^{(t+1)} - x^*\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \|y^{(t+1)} - y^*\|^2 + (y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2 \\ & \quad + \left(\frac{\sigma}{2} - (\alpha - 1) \frac{\delta}{4} \right) \left\| \theta A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) - \frac{1}{\sigma} (y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}) \right\|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

We can remove the last term in the above inequality as long as its coefficient is nonnegative, i.e.,

$$\frac{\sigma}{2} - (\alpha - 1) \frac{\delta}{4} \geq 0.$$

In order to maximize $1 - 1/\alpha$, we take the equality and solve for the largest value of α allowed, which results in

$$\alpha = 1 + \frac{2\sigma}{\delta}, \quad 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{2\sigma}{2\sigma + \delta}.$$

Applying these values in (30) gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\sigma\delta\mu^2}{2\sigma + \delta} \right) \|x^{(t)} - x^*\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma} \|y^{(t)} - y^*\|^2 + \theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) + \frac{\sigma\theta^2 L^2}{2} \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2 \\ & \geq \underline{\mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)})} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^{(t+1)} - x^*\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \|y^{(t+1)} - y^*\|^2 + (y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

We use $\Delta^{(t+1)}$ to denote the last row in (31). Equivalently, we define

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta^{(t)} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \|y^* - y^{(t)}\|^2 + (y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{\gamma}{4} \|y^* - y^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)} \\ y^* - y^{(t)} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau} I & -A^T \\ -A & \frac{1}{\sigma} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)} \\ y^* - y^{(t)} \end{bmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

The quadratic form in the last term is nonnegative if the matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau} I & -A^T \\ -A & \frac{1}{\sigma} \end{bmatrix}$$

is positive semidefinite, for which a sufficient condition is $\tau\sigma \leq 1/L^2$. Under this condition,

$$\Delta^{(t)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{\gamma}{4} \|y^* - y^{(t)}\|^2 \geq 0. \quad (32)$$

If we can choose τ and σ so that

$$\frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\sigma\delta\mu^2}{2\sigma + \delta} \leq \theta \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right), \quad \frac{1}{\sigma} \leq \theta \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \right), \quad \frac{\sigma\theta^2 L^2}{2} \leq \theta \frac{1}{2\tau}, \quad (33)$$

then, according to (31), we have

$$\Delta^{(t+1)} + \mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)}) \leq \theta \Delta^{(t)}.$$

Because $\Delta^{(t)} \geq 0$ and $\mathcal{L}(x^{(t)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t)}) \geq 0$ for any $t \geq 0$, we have

$$\Delta^{(t+1)} \leq \theta \Delta^{(t)},$$

which implies

$$\Delta^{(t)} \leq \theta^t \Delta^{(0)}$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}(x^{(t)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t)}) \leq \theta^t \Delta^{(0)}.$$

Let θ_x and θ_y be two contraction factors determined by the first two inequalities in (33), i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_x &= \left(\frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\sigma\delta\mu^2}{2\sigma + \delta} \right) / \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) = \left(1 - \frac{\tau\sigma\delta\mu^2}{2\sigma + \delta} \right) \frac{1}{1 + \tau\lambda}, \\ \theta_y &= \frac{1}{\sigma} / \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{1 + \sigma\gamma/2}.\end{aligned}$$

Then we can let $\theta = \max\{\theta_x, \theta_y\}$. We note that any $\theta < 1$ would satisfy the last condition in (33) provided that

$$\tau\sigma = \frac{1}{L^2},$$

which also makes the matrix M positive semidefinite and thus ensures the inequality (32).

Among all possible pairs τ, σ that satisfy $\tau\sigma = 1/L^2$, we choose

$$\tau = \frac{1}{L} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{\lambda + \delta\mu^2}}, \quad \sigma = \frac{1}{L} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda + \delta\mu^2}{\gamma}}, \quad (34)$$

which give the desired results of Theorem 1.

D. Proof of Theorem 3

If we choose $h = f^*$, then

- h is γ -strongly convex and $1/\delta$ -smooth, i.e., $\gamma' = \gamma$ and $\delta' = \delta$;
- f^* is 1-strongly convex with respect to h , i.e., $\nu = 1$.

For convenience, we repeat inequality (28) here:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(y^*, y^{(t)}) + \theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) \\ \geq & \mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)}) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^* - x^{(t+1)}\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{\nu}{2} \right) \mathcal{D}(y^*, y^{(t+1)}) + (y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}) \\ & + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(y^{(t+1)}, y^{(t)}) - \theta(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) \\ & + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) \frac{\delta\mu^2}{4} \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2 - (\alpha - 1) \frac{\delta}{4} \left\| \theta A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) - \frac{1}{\sigma} (\nabla h(y^{(t+1)}) - \nabla h(y^{(t)})) \right\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

We first bound the Bregman divergence $\mathcal{D}(y^{(t+1)}, y^{(t)})$ using the assumption that the kernel h is γ -strongly convex and $1/\delta$ -smooth. Using similar arguments as in the proof of Lemma 2, we have for any $\rho \in [0, 1]$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(y^{(t+1)}, y^{(t)}) &= h(y^{(t+1)}) - h(y^{(t)}) - \langle \nabla h(y^{(t)}), y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)} \rangle \\ &\geq (1 - \rho) \frac{\gamma}{2} \|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2 + \rho \frac{\delta}{2} \|\nabla h(y^{(t+1)}) - \nabla h(y^{(t)})\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

For any $\beta > 0$, we can lower bound the inner product term

$$-\theta(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) \geq -\frac{\beta}{2} \|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2 - \frac{\theta^2 L^2}{2\beta} \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2.$$

In addition, we have

$$\left\| \theta A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) - \frac{1}{\sigma} (\nabla h(y^{(t+1)}) - \nabla h(y^{(t)})) \right\|^2 \leq 2\theta^2 L^2 \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2 + \frac{2}{\sigma^2} \|\nabla h(y^{(t+1)}) - \nabla h(y^{(t)})\|^2.$$

Combining these bounds with (35) and (36) with $\rho = 1/2$, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) \frac{\delta\mu^2}{2} \right) \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(y^*, y^{(t)}) + \theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) \\ & + \left(\frac{\theta^2 L^2}{2\beta} + (\alpha - 1) \frac{\delta\theta^2 L^2}{2} \right) \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2 \\ \geq & \mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)}) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^* - x^{(t+1)}\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \mathcal{D}(y^*, y^{(t+1)}) + (y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}) \\ & + \left(\frac{\gamma}{4\sigma} - \frac{\beta}{2} \right) \|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2 + \left(\frac{\delta}{4\sigma} - \frac{(\alpha - 1)\delta}{2\sigma^2} \right) \|\nabla h(y^{(t+1)}) - \nabla h(y^{(t)})\|^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

We choose α and β in (37) to zero out the coefficients of $\|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2$ and $\|\nabla h(y^{(t+1)}) - \nabla h(y^{(t)})\|^2$:

$$\alpha = 1 + \frac{\sigma}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{\gamma}{2\sigma}.$$

Then the inequality (37) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\sigma \delta \mu^2}{4 + 2\sigma} \right) \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(y^*, y^{(t)}) + \theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) \\
 & + \left(\frac{\sigma \theta^2 L^2}{\gamma} + \frac{\delta \sigma \theta^2 L^2}{4} \right) \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2 \\
 \geq & \quad \mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)}) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^* - x^{(t+1)}\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \mathcal{D}(y^*, y^{(t+1)}) + (y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

The coefficient of $\|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2$ can be bounded as

$$\frac{\sigma \theta^2 L^2}{\gamma} + \frac{\delta \sigma \theta^2 L^2}{4} = \left(\frac{1}{\gamma} + \frac{\delta}{4} \right) \sigma \theta^2 L^2 = \frac{4 + \gamma \delta}{4\gamma} \sigma \theta^2 L^2 < \frac{2\sigma \theta^2 L^2}{\gamma},$$

where in the inequality we used $\gamma \delta \leq 1$. Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\sigma \delta \mu^2}{4 + 2\sigma} \right) \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathcal{D}(y^*, y^{(t)}) + \theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) + \frac{2\sigma \theta^2 L^2}{\gamma} \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2 \\
 \geq & \quad \mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)}) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^* - x^{(t+1)}\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \mathcal{D}(y^*, y^{(t+1)}) + (y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

We use $\Delta^{(t+1)}$ to denote the last row of the above inequality. Equivalently, we define

$$\Delta^{(t)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \mathcal{D}(y^*, y^{(t)}) + (y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2.$$

Since h is γ -strongly convex, we have $\mathcal{D}(y^*, y^{(t)}) \geq \frac{\gamma}{2} \|y^* - y^{(t)}\|^2$, and thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta^{(t)} & \geq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}(y^*, y^{(t)}) + \frac{\gamma}{2\sigma} \|y^{(t)} - y^*\|^2 + (y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2 \\
 & = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}(y^*, y^{(t)}) + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)} \\ y^* - y^{(t)} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau} I & -A^T \\ -A & \frac{\gamma}{\sigma} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)} \\ y^* - y^{(t)} \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The quadratic form in the last term is nonnegative if $\tau \sigma \leq \gamma / L^2$. Under this condition,

$$\Delta^{(t)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right) \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}(y^*, y^{(t)}) \geq 0. \tag{38}$$

If we can to choose τ and σ so that

$$\frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\sigma \delta \mu^2}{4 + 2\sigma} \leq \theta \left(\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda \right), \quad \frac{1}{\sigma} \leq \theta \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right), \quad \frac{2\sigma \theta^2 L^2}{\gamma} \leq \theta \frac{1}{2\tau}, \tag{39}$$

then we have

$$\Delta^{(t+1)} + \mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)}) \leq \theta \Delta^{(t)}.$$

Because $\Delta^{(t)} \geq 0$ and $\mathcal{L}(x^{(t)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t)}) \geq 0$ for any $t \geq 0$, we have

$$\Delta^{(t+1)} \leq \theta \Delta^{(t)},$$

which implies

$$\Delta^{(t)} \leq \theta^t \Delta^{(0)}$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}(x^{(t)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t)}) \leq \theta^t \Delta^{(0)}.$$

To satisfy the last condition in (39) and also ensure the inequality (38), it suffices to have

$$\tau\sigma \leq \frac{\gamma}{4L^2}.$$

We choose

$$\tau = \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{\lambda + \delta\mu^2}}, \quad \sigma = \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{\gamma(\lambda + \delta\mu^2)}.$$

With the above choice and assuming $\gamma(\lambda + \delta\mu^2) \ll L^2$, we have

$$\theta_y = \frac{\frac{1}{\sigma}}{\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{1 + \sigma/2} = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{\gamma(\lambda + \delta\mu^2)/(4L)}} \approx 1 - \frac{\sqrt{\gamma(\lambda + \delta\mu^2)}}{4L}.$$

For the contraction factor over the primal variables, we have

$$\theta_x = \frac{\frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\sigma\delta\mu^2}{4+2\sigma}}{\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda} = \frac{1 - \frac{\tau\sigma\delta\mu^2}{4+2\sigma}}{1 + \tau\lambda} = \frac{1 - \frac{\gamma\delta\mu^2}{4(4+2\sigma)L^2}}{1 + \tau\lambda} \approx 1 - \frac{\gamma\delta\mu^2}{16L^2} - \frac{\lambda}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{\lambda + \delta\mu^2}}.$$

This finishes the proof of Theorem 3.

E. Proof of Theorem 2

We consider the SPDC algorithm in the Euclidean case with $h(x) = (1/2)\|x\|^2$. The corresponding batch case analysis is given in Section C. For each $i = 1, \dots, n$, let \tilde{y}_i be

$$\tilde{y}_i = \arg \min_y \left\{ \phi_i^*(y) + \frac{(y - y_i^{(t)})^2}{2\sigma} - y \langle a_i, \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle \right\}.$$

Based on the first-order optimality condition, we have

$$\langle a_i, \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle - \frac{(\tilde{y}_i - y_i^{(t)})}{\sigma} \in \phi_i^{*\prime}(\tilde{y}_i).$$

Also, since y_i^* minimizes $\phi_i^*(y) - y \langle a_i, x^* \rangle$, we have

$$\langle a_i, x^* \rangle \in \phi_i^{*\prime}(y_i^*).$$

By Lemma 2 with $\rho = 1/2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} -y_i^* \langle a_i, \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle + \phi_i^*(y_i^*) + \frac{(y_i^{(t)} - y_i^*)^2}{2\sigma} &\geq \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \frac{(\tilde{y}_i - y_i^*)^2}{2} + \phi_i^*(\tilde{y}_i) - \tilde{y}_i \langle a_i, \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{(\tilde{y}_i - y_i^{(t)})^2}{2\sigma} + \frac{\delta}{4} (\phi_i^{*\prime}(\tilde{y}_i) - \phi_i^{*\prime}(y_i^*))^2, \end{aligned}$$

and re-arranging terms, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(y_i^{(t)} - y_i^*)^2}{2\sigma} &\geq \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \frac{(\tilde{y}_i - y_i^*)^2}{2} + \frac{(\tilde{y}_i - y_i^{(t)})^2}{2\sigma} - (\tilde{y}_i - y_i^*) \langle a_i, \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle + (\phi_i^*(\tilde{y}_i) - \phi_i^*(y_i^*)) \\ &\quad + \frac{\delta}{4} (\phi_i^{*\prime}(\tilde{y}_i) - \phi_i^{*\prime}(y_i^*))^2. \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[y_i^{(t+1)}] &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot \tilde{y}_i + \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot y_i^{(t)}, \\ \mathbb{E}[(y_i^{(t+1)} - y_i^*)^2] &= \frac{(\tilde{y}_i - y_i^*)^2}{n} + \frac{(n-1)(y_i^{(t)} - y_i^*)^2}{n}, \\ \mathbb{E}[(y_i^{(t+1)} - y_i^{(t)})^2] &= \frac{(\tilde{y}_i - y_i^{(t)})^2}{n}, \\ \mathbb{E}[\phi_i^*(y_i^{(t+1)})] &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot \phi_i^*(\tilde{y}_i) + \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \phi_i^*(y_i^{(t)}).\end{aligned}$$

Plug the above relations into (40) and divide both sides by n , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{1}{2\sigma} + \frac{(n-1)\gamma}{4n}\right)(y_i^{(t)} - y_i^*)^2 &\geq \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma} + \frac{\gamma}{4}\right)\mathbb{E}[(y_i^{(t+1)} - y_i^*)^2] + \frac{1}{2\sigma}\mathbb{E}[(y_i^{(t+1)} - y_i^{(t)})^2] \\ &\quad - \left(\mathbb{E}[(y_i^{(t+1)} - y_i^{(t)})] + \frac{1}{n}(y_i^{(t)} - y_i^*)\right)\langle a_i, \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}[\phi_i^*(y_i^{(t+1)})] - \phi_i^*(y_i^{(t)}) + \frac{1}{n}(\phi_i^*(y_i^{(t)}) - \phi_i^*(y_i^*)) \\ &\quad + \frac{\delta}{4n} \left(\langle a_i, \tilde{x}^{(t)} - x^* \rangle - \frac{(\tilde{y}_i - y_i^{(t)})}{\sigma}\right)^2,\end{aligned}$$

and summing over $i = 1, \dots, n$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{1}{2\sigma} + \frac{(n-1)\gamma}{4n}\right)\|y^{(t)} - y^*\|^2 &\geq \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma} + \frac{\gamma}{4}\right)\mathbb{E}[\|y^{(t+1)} - y^*\|^2] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[\|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2]}{2\sigma} \\ &\quad + \phi_k^*(y_k^{(t+1)}) - \phi_k^*(y_k^{(t)}) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\phi_i^*(y_i^{(t)}) - \phi_i^*(y_i^*)) \\ &\quad - \left\langle n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}) + (u^{(t)} - u^*), \tilde{x}^{(t)} \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{\delta}{4n} \left\| A(x^* - \tilde{x}^{(t)}) + \frac{(\tilde{y} - y^{(t)})}{\sigma} \right\|^2,\end{aligned}$$

where

$$u^{(t)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^{(t)} a_i, \quad u^{(t+1)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^{(t+1)} a_i, \quad \text{and} \quad u^* = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^* a_i.$$

On the other hand, since $x^{(t+1)}$ minimizes the $\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda$ -strongly convex objective

$$g(x) + \left\langle u^{(t)} + n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}), x \right\rangle + \frac{\|x - x^{(t)}\|^2}{2\tau},$$

we can apply Lemma 2 with $\rho = 0$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}g(x^*) + \left\langle u^{(t)} + n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}), x^* \right\rangle + \frac{\|x^{(t)} - x^*\|^2}{2\tau} \\ \geq g(x^{(t+1)}) + \left\langle u^{(t)} + n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}), x^{(t+1)} \right\rangle + \frac{\|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2}{2\tau} + \left(\frac{1}{2\tau} + \frac{\lambda}{2}\right)\|x^{(t+1)} - x^*\|^2,\end{aligned}$$

and re-arranging terms we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\|x^{(t)} - x^*\|^2}{2\tau} &\geq \left(\frac{1}{2\tau} + \frac{\lambda}{2}\right)\mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^*\|^2] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2]}{2\tau} + \mathbb{E}[g(x^{(t+1)}) - g(x^*)] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}[\langle u^{(t)} + n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}), x^{(t+1)} - x^* \rangle].\end{aligned}$$

Also notice that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) + n(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)})) - (n-1)(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t)})) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\phi_i^*(y_i^{(t)}) - \phi_i^*(y^*)) + (\phi_k^*(y_k^{(t+1)}) - \phi_k^*(y_k^{(t)})) + g(x^{(t+1)}) - g(x^*) \\ &\quad + \langle u^*, x^{(t+1)} \rangle - \langle u^{(t)}, x^* \rangle + n\langle u^{(t)} - u^{(t+1)}, x^* \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Combining everything together, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\|x^{(t)} - x^*\|^2}{2\tau} + \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma} + \frac{(n-1)\gamma}{4n} \right) \|y^{(t)} - y^*\|^2 + (n-1)(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t)})) \\ & \geq \left(\frac{1}{2\tau} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \right) \mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^*\|^2] + \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma} + \frac{\gamma}{4} \right) \mathbb{E}[\|y^{(t+1)} - y^*\|^2] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2]}{2\tau} + \frac{\mathbb{E}[\|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2]}{2\sigma} \\ & \quad + \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) + n(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)}))] \\ & \quad + \mathbb{E}[\langle u^{(t)} - u^* + n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}), x^{(t+1)} - \bar{x}^{(t)} \rangle] + \frac{\delta}{4n} \left\| A(x^* - \tilde{x}^{(t)}) + \frac{(\tilde{y} - y^{(t)})}{\sigma} \right\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next we notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta}{4n} \left\| A(x^* - \tilde{x}^{(t)}) + \frac{n(\mathbb{E}[y^{(t+1)}] - y^{(t)})}{\sigma} \right\|^2 &= \frac{\delta}{4n} \left\| A(x^* - x^{(t)}) - \theta A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) + \frac{(\tilde{y} - y^{(t)})}{\sigma} \right\|^2 \\ &\geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) \frac{\delta}{4n} \left\| A(x^* - x^{(t)}) \right\|^2 \\ &\quad - (\alpha - 1) \frac{\delta}{4n} \left\| \theta A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) + \frac{(\tilde{y} - y^{(t)})}{\sigma} \right\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

for some $\alpha > 1$ and

$$\left\| A(x^* - x^{(t)}) \right\|^2 \geq \mu^2 \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \theta A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) + \frac{(\tilde{y} - y^{(t)})}{\sigma} \right\|^2 &\geq -2\theta^2 \|A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})\|^2 - \frac{2}{\sigma^2} \|\tilde{y} - y^{(t)}\|^2 \\ &\geq -2\theta^2 L^2 \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2 - \frac{2n}{\sigma^2} \mathbb{E}[\|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2]. \end{aligned}$$

We follow the same reasoning as in the standard SPDC analysis,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u^{(t)} - u^* + n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}), x^{(t+1)} - \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle &= \frac{(y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)})}{n} - \frac{\theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})}{n} \\ &\quad + \frac{(n-1)}{n} (y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}) - \theta(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}), \end{aligned}$$

and using Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})| &\leq \frac{\|(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A\|^2}{1/(2\tau)} + \frac{\|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2}{8\tau} \\ &\leq \frac{\|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2}{1/(2\tau R^2)}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)})| &\leq \frac{\|(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A\|^2}{1/(2\tau)} + \frac{\|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2}{8\tau} \\ &\leq \frac{\|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2}{1/(2\tau R^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u^{(t)} - u^* + n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}), x^{(t+1)} - \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle &\geq \frac{(y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)})}{n} - \frac{\theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})}{n} \\ &- \frac{\|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2}{1/(4\tau R^2)} - \frac{\|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2}{8\tau} - \frac{\theta\|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2}{8\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

Putting everything together, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\frac{1}{2\tau} - \frac{(1-1/\alpha)\delta\mu^2}{4n}\right)\|x^{(t)} - x^*\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma} + \frac{(n-1)\gamma}{4n}\right)\|y^{(t)} - y^*\|^2 + \theta(\mathcal{L}(x^{(t)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*)) \\ &+ (n-1)(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t)})) + \theta\left(\frac{1}{8\tau} + \frac{(\alpha-1)\theta\delta L^2}{2n}\right)\|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2 + \frac{\theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})}{n} \\ &\geq \left(\frac{1}{2\tau} + \frac{\lambda}{2}\right)\mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^*\|^2] + \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma} + \frac{\gamma}{4}\right)\mathbb{E}[\|y^{(t+1)} - y^*\|^2] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[(y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)})]}{n} \\ &+ \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) + n(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)}))] \\ &+ \left(\frac{1}{2\tau} - \frac{1}{8\tau}\right)\mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2] \\ &+ \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma} - 4R^2\tau - \frac{(\alpha-1)\delta}{2\sigma^2}\right)\mathbb{E}[\|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2]. \end{aligned}$$

If we choose the parameters as

$$\alpha = \frac{\sigma}{4\delta} + 1, \quad \sigma\tau = \frac{1}{16R^2},$$

then we know

$$\frac{1}{2\sigma} - 4R^2\tau - \frac{(\alpha-1)\delta}{2\sigma^2} = \frac{1}{2\sigma} - \frac{1}{4\sigma} - \frac{1}{8\sigma} > 0,$$

and

$$\frac{(\alpha-1)\theta\delta L^2}{2n} \leq \frac{\sigma L^2}{8n^2} \leq \frac{\sigma R^2}{8} \leq \frac{1}{256\tau},$$

thus

$$\frac{1}{8\tau} + \frac{(\alpha-1)\theta\delta L^2}{2n} \leq \frac{3}{8\tau}.$$

In addition, we have

$$1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma + 4\delta}.$$

Finally we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\frac{1}{2\tau} - \frac{\sigma\delta\mu^2}{4n(\sigma + 4\delta)}\right)\|x^{(t)} - x^*\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma} + \frac{(n-1)\gamma}{4n}\right)\|y^{(t)} - y^*\|^2 + \theta(\mathcal{L}(x^{(t)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*)) \\ &+ (n-1)(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t)})) + \theta \cdot \frac{3}{8\tau}\|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2 + \frac{\theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})}{n} \\ &\geq \left(\frac{1}{2\tau} + \frac{\lambda}{2}\right)\mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^*\|^2] + \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma} + \frac{\gamma}{4}\right)\mathbb{E}[\|y^{(t+1)} - y^*\|^2] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[(y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)})]}{n} \\ &+ \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) + n(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)}))] + \frac{3}{8\tau}\mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Now we can define θ_x and θ_y as the ratios between the coefficients in the x -distance and y -distance terms, and let $\theta = \max\{\theta_x, \theta_y\}$ as before. Choosing the step-size parameters as

$$\tau = \frac{1}{4R}\sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{n\lambda + \delta\mu^2}}, \quad \sigma = \frac{1}{4R}\sqrt{\frac{n\lambda + \delta\mu^2}{\gamma}}$$

gives the desired result.

F. Proof of Theorem 4

In this setting, for i -th coordinate of the dual variables y we choose $h = \phi_i^*$, let

$$\mathcal{D}_i(y_i, y'_i) = \phi_i^*(y_i) - \phi_i^*(y'_i) + \langle (\phi_i^*)'(y'_i), y_i - y'_i \rangle,$$

and define

$$\mathcal{D}(y, y') = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{D}_i(y_i, y'_i).$$

For $i = 1, \dots, n$, let \tilde{y}_i be

$$\tilde{y}_i = \arg \min_y \left\{ \phi_i^*(y) + \frac{\mathcal{D}_i(y, y_i^{(t)})}{\sigma} - y \langle a_i, \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle \right\}.$$

Based on the first-order optimality condition, we have

$$\langle a_i, \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle - \frac{(\phi_i^*)'(\tilde{y}_i) - (\phi_i^*)'(y_i^{(t)})}{\sigma} \in (\phi_i^*)'(\tilde{y}_i).$$

Also since y_i^* minimizes $\phi_i^*(y) - y \langle a_i, x^* \rangle$, we have

$$\langle a_i, x^* \rangle \in (\phi_i^*)'(y_i^*).$$

Using Lemma 2 with $\rho = 1/2$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} -y_i^* \langle a_i, \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle + \phi_i^*(y_i^*) + \frac{\mathcal{D}_i(y_i^*, y_i^{(t)})}{\sigma} &\geq \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \mathcal{D}_i(y_i^*, \tilde{y}_i) + \phi_i^*(\tilde{y}_i) - \tilde{y}_i \langle a_i, \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{\mathcal{D}_i(\tilde{y}_i, y_i^{(t)})}{\sigma} + \frac{\delta}{4} ((\phi_i^*)'(\tilde{y}_i) - (\phi_i^*)'(y_i^*))^2, \end{aligned}$$

and rearranging terms, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathcal{D}_i(y_i^*, y_i^{(t)})}{\sigma} &\geq \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \mathcal{D}_i(y_i^*, \tilde{y}_i) + \frac{\mathcal{D}_i(\tilde{y}_i, y_i^{(t)})}{\sigma} - (\tilde{y}_i - y_i^*) \langle a_i, \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle + (\phi_i^*(\tilde{y}_i) - \phi_i^*(y_i^*)) \\ &\quad + \frac{\delta}{4} ((\phi_i^*)'(\tilde{y}_i) - (\phi_i^*)'(y_i^*))^2. \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

With i.i.d. random sampling at each iteration, we have the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[y_i^{(t+1)}] &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot \tilde{y}_i + \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot y_i^{(t)}, \\ \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{D}_i(y_i^{(t+1)}, y_i^*)] &= \frac{\mathcal{D}_i(\tilde{y}_i, y_i^*)}{n} + \frac{(n-1)\mathcal{D}_i(y_i^{(t)}, y_i^*)}{n}, \\ \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{D}_i(y_i^{(t+1)}, y_i^{(t)})] &= \frac{\mathcal{D}_i(\tilde{y}_i, y_i^{(t)})}{n}, \\ \mathbb{E}[\phi_i^*(y_i^{(t+1)})] &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot \phi_i^*(\tilde{y}_i) + \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \phi_i^*(y_i^{(t)}). \end{aligned}$$

Plugging the above relations into (41) and dividing both sides by n , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{(n-1)}{2n} \right) \mathcal{D}_i(y_i^{(t)}, y_i^*) &\geq \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \mathcal{D}_i(y_i^{(t+1)}, y_i^*) + \frac{1}{\sigma} \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{D}_i(y_i^{(t+1)}, y_i^{(t)})] \\ &\quad - \left(\mathbb{E}[(y_i^{(t+1)} - y_i^{(t)})] + \frac{1}{n} (y_i^{(t)} - y_i^*) \right) \langle a_i, \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}[\phi_i^*(y_i^{(t+1)})] - \phi_i^*(y_i^{(t)}) + \frac{1}{n} (\phi_i^*(y_i^{(t)}) - \phi_i^*(y_i^*)) \\ &\quad + \frac{\delta}{4n} \left(\langle a_i, \tilde{x}^{(t)} - x^* \rangle - \frac{((\phi_i^*)'(\tilde{y}_i) - (\phi_i^*)'(y_i^{(t)}))}{\sigma} \right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

and summing over $i = 1, \dots, n$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{(n-1)}{2n} \right) \mathcal{D}(y^{(t)}, y^*) &\geq \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{D}(y^{(t+1)}, y^*)] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{D}(y^{(t+1)}, y^{(t)})]}{\sigma} \\ &\quad + \phi_k^*(y_k^{(t+1)}) - \phi_k^*(y_k^{(t)}) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\phi_i^*(y_i^{(t)}) - \phi_i^*(y_i^*)) \\ &\quad - \left\langle n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}) + (u^{(t)} - u^*), \tilde{x}^{(t)} \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{\delta}{4n} \left\| A(x^* - \tilde{x}^{(t)}) + \frac{(\phi^{*'}(\tilde{y}) - \phi^{*'}(y^{(t)}))}{\sigma} \right\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

where $\phi^{*'}(y^{(t)})$ is a n -dimensional vector such that the i -th coordinate is

$$[\phi^{*'}(y^{(t)})]_i = (\phi_i^*)'(y_i^{(t)}),$$

and

$$u^{(t)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^{(t)} a_i, \quad u^{(t+1)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^{(t+1)} a_i, \quad \text{and} \quad u^* = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^* a_i.$$

On the other hand, since $x^{(t+1)}$ minimizes a $\frac{1}{\tau} + \lambda$ -strongly convex objective

$$g(x) + \left\langle u^{(t)} + n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}), x \right\rangle + \frac{\|x - x^{(t)}\|^2}{2\tau},$$

we can apply Lemma 2 with $\rho = 0$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g(x^*) + \left\langle u^{(t)} + n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}), x^* \right\rangle + \frac{\|x^{(t)} - x^*\|^2}{2\tau} \\ \geq g(x^{(t+1)}) + \left\langle u^{(t)} + n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}), x^{(t+1)} \right\rangle + \frac{\|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2}{2\tau} + \left(\frac{1}{2\tau} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \right) \|x^{(t+1)} - x^*\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

and rearranging terms, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|x^{(t)} - x^*\|^2}{2\tau} &\geq \left(\frac{1}{2\tau} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \right) \mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^*\|^2] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2]}{2\tau} + \mathbb{E}[g(x^{(t+1)}) - g(x^*)] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}[\langle u^{(t)} + n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}), x^{(t+1)} - x^* \rangle]. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) + n(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)})) - (n-1)(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t)})) \\ = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\phi_i^*(y_i^{(t)}) - \phi_i^*(y^*)) + (\phi_k^*(y_k^{(t+1)}) - \phi_k^*(y_k^{(t)})) + g(x^{(t+1)}) - g(x^*) \\ + \langle u^*, x^{(t+1)} \rangle - \langle u^{(t)}, x^* \rangle + n\langle u^{(t)} - u^{(t+1)}, x^* \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|x^{(t)} - x^*\|^2}{2\tau} + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{(n-1)}{2n} \right) \mathcal{D}(y^{(t)}, y^*) + (n-1)(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t)})) \\ \geq \left(\frac{1}{2\tau} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \right) \mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^*\|^2] + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{D}(y^{(t+1)}, y^*)] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2]}{2\tau} + \frac{\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{D}(y^{(t+1)}, y^{(t)})]}{\sigma} \\ + \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) + n(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)}))] \\ + \mathbb{E}[\langle u^{(t)} - u^* + n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}), x^{(t+1)} - \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle] + \frac{\delta}{4n} \left\| A(x^* - \tilde{x}^{(t)}) + \frac{(\phi^{*'}(\tilde{y}) - \phi^{*'}(y^{(t)}))}{\sigma} \right\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta}{4n} \left\| A(x^* - \tilde{x}^{(t)}) + \frac{(\phi^{*'}(\tilde{y}) - \phi^{*'}(y^{(t)}))}{\sigma} \right\|^2 &= \frac{\delta}{4n} \left\| A(x^* - x^{(t)}) - \theta A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) + \frac{(\phi^{*'}(\tilde{y}) - \phi^{*'}(y^{(t)}))}{\sigma} \right\|^2 \\ &\geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) \frac{\delta}{4n} \|A(x^* - x^{(t)})\|^2 \\ &\quad - (\alpha - 1) \frac{\delta}{4n} \left\| \theta A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) + \frac{(\phi^{*'}(\tilde{y}) - \phi^{*'}(y^{(t)}))}{\sigma} \right\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

for any $\alpha > 1$ and

$$\|A(x^* - x^{(t)})\|^2 \geq \mu^2 \|x^* - x^{(t)}\|^2,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \theta A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}) + \frac{(\phi^{*'}(\tilde{y}) - \phi^{*'}(y^{(t)}))}{\sigma} \right\|^2 &\geq -2\theta^2 \|A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})\|^2 - \frac{2}{\sigma^2} \|\phi^{*'}(\tilde{y}) - \phi^{*'}(y^{(t)})\|^2 \\ &\geq -2\theta^2 L^2 \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2 - \frac{2n}{\sigma^2} \mathbb{E}[\|\phi^{*'}(y^{(t+1)}) - \phi^{*'}(y^{(t)})\|^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Following the same reasoning as in the standard SPDC analysis, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u^{(t)} - u^* + n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}), x^{(t+1)} - \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle &= \frac{(y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)})}{n} - \frac{\theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})}{n} \\ &\quad + \frac{(n-1)}{n} (y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}) - \theta(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}), \end{aligned}$$

and using Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})| &\leq \frac{\|(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A\|^2}{1/(2\tau)} + \frac{\|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2}{8\tau} \\ &\leq \frac{\|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2}{1/(2\tau R^2)}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)})| &\leq \frac{\|(y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)})^T A\|^2}{1/(2\tau)} + \frac{\|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2}{8\tau} \\ &\leq \frac{\|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2}{1/(2\tau R^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u^{(t)} - u^* + n(u^{(t+1)} - u^{(t)}), x^{(t+1)} - \tilde{x}^{(t)} \rangle &\geq \frac{(y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)})}{n} - \frac{\theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})}{n} \\ &\quad - \frac{\|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2}{1/(4\tau R^2)} - \frac{\|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2}{8\tau} - \frac{\theta \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2}{8\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

Also we can lower bound the term $\mathcal{D}(y^{(t+1)}, y^{(t)})$ using Lemma 2 with $\rho = 1/2$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(y^{(t+1)}, y^{(t)}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\phi_i^*(y_i^{(t+1)}) - \phi_i^*(y_i^{(t)}) - \langle (\phi_i^*)'(y_i^{(t)}), y_i^{(t+1)} - y_i^{(t)} \rangle \right) \\ &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\gamma}{2} (y_i^{(t+1)} - y_i^{(t)})^2 + \frac{\delta}{2} ((\phi_i^*)'(y_i^{(t+1)}) - (\phi_i^*)'(y_i^{(t)}))^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{\gamma}{2} \|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2 + \frac{\delta}{2} \|\phi^{*'}(y^{(t+1)}) - \phi^{*'}(y^{(t)})\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Combining everything above together, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\frac{1}{2\tau} - \frac{(1-1/\alpha)\delta\mu^2}{4n} \right) \|x^{(t)} - x^*\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{(n-1)}{2n} \right) \mathcal{D}(y^{(t)}, y^*) + \theta(\mathcal{L}(x^{(t)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*)) \\
 & + (n-1)(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t)})) + \theta \left(\frac{1}{8\tau} + \frac{(\alpha-1)\theta\delta L^2}{2n} \right) \|x^{(t)} - x^{t-1}\|^2 + \frac{\theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})}{n} \\
 & \geq \left(\frac{1}{2\tau} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \right) \mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^*\|^2] + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{D}(y^{(t+1)}, y^*)] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[(y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)})]}{n} \\
 & + \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) + n(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)}))] \\
 & + \left(\frac{1}{2\tau} - \frac{1}{8\tau} \right) \mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2] + \left(\frac{\gamma}{2\sigma} - 4R^2\tau \right) \mathbb{E}[\|y^{(t+1)} - y^{(t)}\|^2] \\
 & + \left(\frac{\delta}{2\sigma} - \frac{(\alpha-1)\delta}{2\sigma^2} \right) \mathbb{E}[\|\phi^{*'}(y^{(t+1)}) - \phi^{*'}(y^{(t)})\|^2].
 \end{aligned}$$

If we choose the parameters as

$$\alpha = \frac{\sigma}{4} + 1, \quad \sigma\tau = \frac{\gamma}{16R^2},$$

then we know

$$\frac{\gamma}{2\sigma} - 4R^2\tau = \frac{\gamma}{2\sigma} - \frac{\gamma}{4\sigma} > 0,$$

and

$$\frac{\delta}{2\sigma} - \frac{(\alpha-1)\delta}{2\sigma^2} = \frac{\delta}{2\sigma} - \frac{\delta}{8\sigma} > 0$$

and

$$\frac{(\alpha-1)\theta\delta L^2}{2n} \leq \frac{\sigma\delta L^2}{8n^2} \leq \frac{\delta\sigma R^2}{8} \leq \frac{\delta\gamma}{256\tau} \leq \frac{1}{256\tau},$$

thus

$$\frac{1}{8\tau} + \frac{(\alpha-1)\theta\delta L^2}{2n} \leq \frac{3}{8\tau}.$$

In addition, we have

$$1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma+4}.$$

Finally we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\frac{1}{2\tau} - \frac{\sigma\delta\mu^2}{4n(\sigma+4)} \right) \|x^{(t)} - x^*\|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{(n-1)}{2n} \right) \mathcal{D}(y^{(t)}, y^*) + \theta(\mathcal{L}(x^{(t)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*)) \\
 & + (n-1)(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t)})) + \theta \cdot \frac{3}{8\tau} \|x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}\|^2 + \frac{\theta(y^{(t)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)})}{n} \\
 & \geq \left(\frac{1}{2\tau} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \right) \mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^*\|^2] + \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{D}(y^{(t+1)}, y^*)] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[(y^{(t+1)} - y^*)^T A(x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)})]}{n} \\
 & + \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}(x^{(t+1)}, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) + n(\mathcal{L}(x^*, y^*) - \mathcal{L}(x^*, y^{(t+1)}))] + \frac{3}{8\tau} \mathbb{E}[\|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\|^2].
 \end{aligned}$$

As before, we can define θ_x and θ_y as the ratios between the coefficients in the x -distance and y -distance terms, and let $\theta = \max\{\theta_x, \theta_y\}$. Then choosing the step-size parameters as

$$\tau = \frac{1}{4R} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{n\lambda + \delta\mu^2}}, \quad \sigma = \frac{1}{4R} \sqrt{\gamma(n\lambda + \delta\mu^2)}$$

gives the desired result.