

where

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= Z(Z^T BZ)^{-1} Z^T, \\ S_2 &= K^{-1} Y^T (I - BZ(Z^T BZ)^{-1} Z^T), \\ S_3 &= K^{-1} Y^T (BZ(Z^T BZ)^{-1} Z^T B - B) Y K^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Under Assumption 4.2, we have $\|S\| \leq 5\Upsilon^2 \mu^2 / \gamma_{RH}$.

Given Lemma B.1, we apply (3) and (15) and have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \tilde{z} \\ \Delta \tilde{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} B & G^T \\ G & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} I + \eta_2 H & \eta_1 G^T \\ \eta_2 G & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

By Lemma B.1, we define $W = I - Z(Z^T BZ)^{-1} Z^T B$ and have

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} B & G^T \\ G & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} I + \eta_2 H & \eta_1 G^T \\ \eta_2 G & I \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \eta_2 I + Z(Z^T BZ)^{-1} Z^T \{I + \eta_2 (H - B)\} & WY(K^{-1})^T \\ K^{-1} Y^T W^T \{I + \eta_2 (H - B)\} & \eta_1 I - K^{-1} Y^T B W Y (K^{-1})^T \end{pmatrix} \\ &=: W_1 + W_2 + W_3, \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\eta_2}{2} I & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \frac{\eta_1}{2} I \end{pmatrix}, \\ W_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\eta_2}{2} I & WY(K^{-1})^T \\ K^{-1} Y^T W^T & \frac{\eta_1}{2} I - K^{-1} Y^T B W Y (K^{-1})^T \end{pmatrix}, \\ W_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} Z(Z^T BZ)^{-1} Z^T \{I + \eta_2 (H - B)\} & \mathbf{0} \\ \eta_2 K^{-1} Y^T W^T (H - B) & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

We deal with each term separately. First, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \end{pmatrix}^T W_3 \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \nabla_{\tilde{z}}^T \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 Z(Z^T BZ)^{-1} Z^T \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 + \eta_2 \nabla_{\tilde{z}}^T \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 Z(Z^T BZ)^{-1} Z^T (H - B) \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ &\quad + \eta_2 \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}}^T \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 K^{-1} Y^T W^T (H - B) \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ &= (\Delta \tilde{z})^T BZ(Z^T BZ)^{-1} Z^T B \Delta \tilde{z} - \eta_2 (\Delta \tilde{z})^T BZ(Z^T BZ)^{-1} Z^T (H - B) \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ &\quad - \eta_2 (\Delta \tilde{z})^T Y Y^T W^T (H - B) \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ &= (\Delta \tilde{z})^T BZ(Z^T BZ)^{-1} Z^T B \Delta \tilde{z} - \eta_2 (\Delta \tilde{z})^T (I - W^T) (H - B) \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ &\quad - \eta_2 (\Delta \tilde{z})^T Y Y^T W^T (H - B) \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ &= (\Delta \tilde{z})^T BZ(Z^T BZ)^{-1} Z^T B \Delta \tilde{z} - \eta_2 (\Delta \tilde{z})^T (H - B) \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Here, the second equality is due to the KKT system (3) and the fact that $GZ = \mathbf{0}$; the third equality is due to the definition of W ; and the fourth equality is due to $Y Y^T W^T = W^T$. Let us decompose $\Delta \tilde{z} = \Delta \tilde{v} + \Delta \tilde{u}$, where $\Delta \tilde{v} = Z \Delta \mathbf{v}$ is a vector in $\text{Im}(Z)$, and $\Delta \tilde{u} = G^T \Delta \mathbf{u}$ is a vector in $\text{Im}(G^T)$. Since $G \Delta \tilde{z} = -\nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0$ from (3), we know $\Delta \mathbf{u} = -(GG^T)^{-1} \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0$ and hence $\Delta \tilde{u} = -G^T (GG^T)^{-1} \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 = -Y (K^{-1})^T \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0$. Plugging the decomposition into (18), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \end{pmatrix}^T W_3 \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (\Delta \mathbf{v})^T Z^T BZ \Delta \mathbf{v} - 2(\Delta \mathbf{v})^T Z^T B Y (K^{-1})^T \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 - \eta_2 (\Delta \tilde{z})^T (H - B) \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ &\quad + \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}}^T \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 K^{-1} Y^T BZ(Z^T BZ)^{-1} Z^T B Y (K^{-1})^T \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ &\geq \gamma_{RH} \|\Delta \mathbf{v}\|^2 - 4\mu \Upsilon \|\Delta \mathbf{v}\| \|\nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0\| - \eta_2 \delta \|\Delta \tilde{z}\| \|\nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq \frac{\gamma_{RH}}{2} \|\Delta \mathbf{v}\|^2 - \frac{8\mu^2 \Upsilon^2}{\gamma_{RH}} \|\nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}^0\|^2 - \eta_2 \delta^2 \|\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{z}}\|^2 - \frac{\eta_2}{4} \|\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}} \mathcal{L}^0\|^2 \\
&= \frac{\gamma_{RH}}{2} \|\Delta \mathbf{v}\|^2 - \frac{8\mu^2 \Upsilon^2}{\gamma_{RH}} \|\nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}^0\|^2 - \eta_2 \delta^2 (\|\Delta \mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}\|^2) - \frac{\eta_2}{4} \|\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}} \mathcal{L}^0\|^2 \\
&\geq \left(\frac{\gamma_{RH}}{2} - \eta_2 \delta^2 \right) \|\Delta \mathbf{v}\|^2 - \left(\frac{8\mu^2 \Upsilon^2}{\gamma_{RH}} + \eta_2 \delta^2 \Upsilon^2 \right) \|\nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}^0\|^2 - \frac{\eta_2}{4} \|\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}} \mathcal{L}^0\|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

where the second and fifth inequalities are due to Assumption 4.2, which implies $\|K^{-1}\| \leq \Upsilon$, $\|B\| \vee \|H\| \leq 2\mu$; the third inequality is due to Young's inequality; and the fourth equality is due to $\|\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{z}}\|^2 = \|\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^2 + \|\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}\|^2 = \|\Delta \mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}\|^2$. Using the above display and supposing

$$\frac{\gamma_{RH}}{2} - \eta_2 \delta^2 \geq 0 \iff \eta_2 \leq \frac{\gamma_{RH}}{2\delta^2}, \quad (19)$$

we further have

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}} \mathcal{L}^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}^0 \end{pmatrix}^T W_3 \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}} \mathcal{L}^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}^0 \end{pmatrix} &\geq - \left(\frac{8\mu^2 \Upsilon^2}{\gamma_{RH}} + \frac{\gamma_{RH} \Upsilon^2}{2} \right) \|\nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}^0\|^2 - \frac{\eta_2}{4} \|\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}} \mathcal{L}^0\|^2 \\
&\geq - \frac{9\mu^2 \Upsilon^2}{\gamma_{RH}} \|\nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}^0\|^2 - \frac{\eta_2}{4} \|\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}} \mathcal{L}^0\|^2.
\end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Let us now deal with W_2 . By Schur complement, in order to show $W_2 \succeq \mathbf{0}$, we only have to let

$$\frac{\eta_1}{2} I - K^{-1} Y^T B W Y (K^{-1})^T - \frac{2}{\eta_2} K^{-1} Y^T W^T W Y (K^{-1})^T \succeq \mathbf{0}. \quad (21)$$

Note that $-K^{-1} Y^T B W Y (K^{-1})^T \succeq -K^{-1} Y^T B Y (K^{-1})^T$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
\|K^{-1} Y^T B Y (K^{-1})^T + \frac{2}{\eta_2} K^{-1} Y^T W^T W Y (K^{-1})^T\| &\leq 2\mu \Upsilon^2 + \frac{2\Upsilon^2}{\eta_2} \|W\|^2 \\
&\leq 2\mu \Upsilon^2 + \frac{2\Upsilon^2}{\eta_2} \left(1 + \frac{2\mu}{\gamma_{RH}} \right)^2 = 2\mu \Upsilon^2 + \frac{2\Upsilon^2}{\eta_2} + \frac{8\mu \Upsilon^2}{\eta_2 \gamma_{RH}} + \frac{8\mu^2 \Upsilon^2}{\eta_2 \gamma_{RH}^2} \\
&\leq \frac{12\mu \Upsilon^2}{\eta_2 \gamma_{RH}} + \frac{8\mu^2 \Upsilon^2}{\eta_2 \gamma_{RH}^2} \leq \frac{16\mu^2 \Upsilon^2}{\eta_2 \gamma_{RH}^2},
\end{aligned}$$

where the fifth inequality supposes $\gamma_{RH} \leq \sqrt{2}\delta$ (without loss of generality, since δ is upper bound and γ_{RH} is lower bound in Assumption 4.2) so that $\eta_2 \gamma_{RH} \leq 1$; and the last inequality uses $\mu \geq 2\gamma_{RH}$. Thus, we only have to let

$$\frac{\eta_1}{2} \geq \frac{16\mu^2 \Upsilon^2}{\eta_2 \gamma_{RH}^2} \iff \eta_1 \eta_2 \geq \frac{32\mu^2 \Upsilon^2}{\gamma_{RH}^2}, \quad (22)$$

then (21) is satisfied and $W_2 \succeq \mathbf{0}$. Combining (17), (20), and noting that W_1 is a diagonal matrix, we obtain that under (19) and (22),

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \\ \Delta \tilde{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} \leq - \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}} \mathcal{L}^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}^0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\eta_2}{4} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \frac{\eta_1}{2} - \frac{9\mu^2 \Upsilon^2}{\gamma_{RH}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}} \mathcal{L}^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}^0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using $\gamma_{RH} \leq 6\mu\delta\Upsilon$, we can easily check that, as long as $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2)$ satisfies

$$\eta_1 \geq \frac{25\mu^2 \Upsilon^2}{\gamma_{RH}} =: \tau_1, \quad \eta_2 \leq \frac{\gamma_{RH}}{2\delta^2} =: \tau_2, \quad \eta_1 \eta_2 \geq \frac{32\mu^2 \Upsilon^2}{\gamma_{RH}^2} =: \tau_3,$$

we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \\ \Delta \tilde{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} \leq - \frac{\eta_2}{4} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{z}}} \mathcal{L}^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}^0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2.$$

This completes the proof of the first part of the statement. For the second part of the statement. We note that $\eta_2^0 = 1$ and each While loop decreases η_2^0 by ρ . Thus, to satisfy $\eta_2 \leq \tau_2$, the number of the

required While loop iterations \mathcal{T} only need satisfy $\rho^{\mathcal{T}} \geq 1/\tau_2$. For the similar reason, we require $\rho^{\mathcal{T}} \geq \tau_3/\mu^2$ and $\rho^{\mathcal{T}} \geq \sqrt{\tau_1}/\mu^2$. Combining them together, we know if \mathcal{T} satisfies

$$\rho^{\mathcal{T}} \geq \left(\frac{1}{\tau_2} \vee \frac{\tau_3}{\mu^2} \vee \sqrt{\frac{\tau_1}{\mu^2}} \right) = \frac{32\Upsilon^2}{\gamma_{RH}^2},$$

then no other iterations will go into the While loop again. Thus, we know $\rho^{\mathcal{T}} \leq \frac{32\Upsilon^2\rho}{\gamma_{RH}^2}$. Moreover,

$$\bar{\eta}_2 = 1/\rho^{\mathcal{T}} \geq \frac{\gamma_{RH}}{32\Upsilon^2\rho}, \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\eta}_1 = \mu^2(\rho^{\mathcal{T}})^2 \leq \frac{32^2\rho^2\mu^2\Upsilon^4}{\gamma_{RH}^4}.$$

This completes the second part of the statement.

C Proof of Lemma B.1

We note that $YY^T + ZZ^T = I$. Thus, $YY^T(I - BZ(Z^TBZ)^{-1}Z^T) = I - BZ(Z^TBZ)^{-1}Z^T$. Using this observation, the formula of S can be verified directly by checking $SS^{-1} = I$. Moreover, under Assumption 4.2, we know

$$\|(Z^TBZ)^{-1}\| \leq 1/\gamma_{RH}, \quad \|K^{-1}\| \leq \Upsilon, \quad \text{and} \quad \|B\| \leq 2\mu.$$

Therefore,

$$\|S\| \leq \|S_1\| + 2\|S_2\| + \|S_3\| \leq \frac{1}{\gamma_{RH}} + 2\Upsilon\left(1 + \frac{2\mu}{\gamma_{RH}}\right) + \Upsilon^2\left(\frac{4\mu^2}{\gamma_{RH}} + 2\mu\right).$$

Without loss of generality, we suppose $\Upsilon \geq 4$ and $\mu \geq 2(\gamma_{RH} + 1)$. Then

$$\|S\| \leq \frac{1}{\gamma_{RH}} + \frac{6\Upsilon\mu}{\gamma_{RH}} + 2\mu\Upsilon^2 + \frac{4\Upsilon^2\mu^2}{\gamma_{RH}} \leq \frac{\Upsilon^2\mu^2}{\gamma_{RH}} + \frac{4\Upsilon^2\mu^2}{\gamma_{RH}} \leq \frac{5\Upsilon^2\mu^2}{\gamma_{RH}}.$$

This completes the proof.

D Proof of Theorem 4.5

We drop off the index t for simplicity. By the definition of $\mathcal{L}_\eta(\cdot)$ in (5), we have

$$\nabla^2 \mathcal{L}_\eta(\tilde{z}, \tilde{\lambda}; \bar{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} H + \eta_2 \nabla_{\tilde{z}}(H \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}) + \eta_1 \nabla_{\tilde{z}}(G^T \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}) & \eta_2 \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}}^T(H \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}) + G^T \\ \eta_2 \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}}(H \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}) + G & \eta_2 G G^T \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using Assumption 4.2, (16), and Theorem 4.4, we know

$$\|\nabla^2 \mathcal{L}_\eta(\tilde{z}, \tilde{\lambda}; \bar{x})\| \leq 4\bar{\eta}_1 \Upsilon \leq \frac{32^2 \rho^2 \mu^2 \Upsilon^5}{\gamma_{RH}} =: \mu^2 \Upsilon'.$$

Therefore, by Taylor expansion

$$\mathcal{L}_\eta^1 \leq \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \tilde{z} \\ \Delta \tilde{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\mu^2 \Upsilon' \alpha^2}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \tilde{z} \\ \Delta \tilde{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2. \quad (23)$$

Moreover, by Lemma B.1 and the condition (7), we further have

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \tilde{z} \\ \Delta \tilde{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 \leq \frac{25\mu^4 \Upsilon^4}{\gamma_{RH}^2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}^0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 \leq -\frac{100\mu^4 \Upsilon^4}{\bar{\eta}_2 \gamma_{RH}} \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \tilde{z} \\ \Delta \tilde{\lambda} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Plugging the above display into (23),

$$\mathcal{L}_\eta^1 \leq \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 + \alpha \left(1 - \frac{50\mu^6 \Upsilon' \Upsilon^4}{\bar{\eta}_2 \gamma_{RH}} \alpha\right) \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \tilde{z} \\ \Delta \tilde{\lambda} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, as long as

$$1 - \frac{50\mu^6 \Upsilon' \Upsilon^4}{\bar{\eta}_2 \gamma_{RH}} \alpha \geq \beta \iff \alpha \leq \frac{(1-\beta)\bar{\eta}_2 \gamma_{RH}}{50\mu^6 \Upsilon' \Upsilon^4} \iff \alpha \leq \frac{(1-\beta)\gamma_{RH}^2}{32 \cdot 50\mu^6 \Upsilon' \Upsilon^6} =: \bar{\alpha}',$$

then Armijo condition (6) is satisfied. Thus, if we use backtracking line search, the selected stepsize $\alpha \geq \nu \bar{\alpha}' =: \bar{\alpha}$ for some $\nu \in (0, 1)$. Moreover, by Armijo condition,

$$\mathcal{L}_\eta^1 \leq \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 + \alpha \beta \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \tilde{z} \\ \Delta \tilde{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} \leq \mathcal{L}_\eta^0 - \frac{\bar{\eta}_2 \bar{\alpha} \beta}{4} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\tilde{z}} \mathcal{L}^0 \\ \nabla_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{L}^0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2.$$

This completes the proof.

E Proof of Lemma 4.6

By the definition (5), we know

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{L}_{\bar{\eta}}^{t,1} - \mathcal{L}_{\bar{\eta}}^{t+1,0} \\
&= \mathcal{L}^{t,1} - \mathcal{L}^{t+1,0} + \frac{\bar{\eta}_1}{2} \left(\|\nabla_{\bar{\lambda}_t} \mathcal{L}^{t,1}\|^2 - \|\nabla_{\bar{\lambda}_{t+1}} \mathcal{L}^{t+1,0}\|^2 \right) + \frac{\bar{\eta}_2}{2} \left(\|\nabla_{\bar{z}_t} \mathcal{L}^{t,1}\|^2 - \|\nabla_{\bar{z}_{t+1}} \mathcal{L}^{t+1,0}\|^2 \right) \\
&=: Term_1 + Term_2 + Term_3. \tag{24}
\end{aligned}$$

Let us deal with each term separately. For $Term_1$, we apply the definition of Lagrangian function, the transition (8), and the fact that $g(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}) = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}^{t+1,0} &= \sum_{k=t+1}^{M_t} \{g_k(\mathbf{z}_{k,t+1}^0) + (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k-1,t+1}^0)^T \mathbf{x}_{k,t+1}^0 - (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k,t+1}^0)^T f_k(\mathbf{z}_{k,t+1}^0)\} + g_{M_t+1}(\mathbf{x}_{M_t+1,t+1}^0, \mathbf{0}) \\
&\quad + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t+1,t+1}^0\|^2 + (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{M_t,t+1}^0)^T \mathbf{x}_{M_t+1,t+1}^0 - (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{t,t+1}^0)^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1} \\
&= \sum_{k=t+1}^{M_t-1} \{g_k(\mathbf{z}_{k,t}^1) + (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k-1,t}^1)^T \mathbf{x}_{k,t}^1 - (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k,t}^1)^T f_k(\mathbf{z}_{k,t}^1)\} + g_{M_t}(\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1, \mathbf{0}) + (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{M_t-1,t}^1)^T \mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1 \\
&\quad - (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{t,t}^1)^T f_t(\mathbf{z}_{t,t}^1).
\end{aligned}$$

Using the above display, we further have

$$\begin{aligned}
Term_1 &= \mathcal{L}^{t,1} - \mathcal{L}^{t+1,0} \\
&= \sum_{k=t}^{M_t-1} \{g_k(\mathbf{z}_{k,t}^1) + (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k-1,t}^1)^T \mathbf{x}_{k,t}^1 - (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k,t}^1)^T f_k(\mathbf{z}_{k,t}^1)\} + g_{M_t}(\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1, \mathbf{0}) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|^2 \\
&\quad + (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{M_t-1,t}^1)^T \mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1 - (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{t-1,t}^1)^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_t - \mathcal{L}^{t+1,0} \\
&= g_t(\mathbf{z}_{t,t}^1) + (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{t-1,t}^1)^T (\mathbf{x}_{t,t}^1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_t) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|^2 \\
&\geq -\|\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{t-1,t}^1\| \|\mathbf{x}_{t,t}^1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_t\| + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|^2 \\
&\geq -C \|\mathbf{x}_{t,t}^1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_t\|^2 + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|^2, \tag{25}
\end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality is due to Assumption 4.3(ii). For $Term_2$, we apply the formula (14) and the transition (8). We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\nabla_{\bar{\lambda}_{t+1}} \mathcal{L}^{t+1,0}\|^2 &= \sum_{k=t+1}^{M_t} \|\mathbf{x}_{k+1,t+1}^0 - f_k(\mathbf{z}_{k,t+1}^0)\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x}_{t+1,t+1}^0 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1}\|^2 \\
&= \sum_{k=t+1}^{M_t-1} \|\mathbf{x}_{k+1,t}^1 - f_k(\mathbf{z}_{k,t}^1)\|^2 + \|f_{M_t}(\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1, \mathbf{0})\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x}_{t+1,t}^1 - f_t(\mathbf{z}_{t,t}^1)\|^2 \\
&= \sum_{k=t}^{M_t-1} \|\mathbf{x}_{k+1,t}^1 - f_k(\mathbf{z}_{k,t}^1)\|^2 + \|f_{M_t}(\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1, \mathbf{0})\|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Using the above display, we further have

$$\begin{aligned}
Term_2 &= \frac{\bar{\eta}_1}{2} \left(\|\nabla_{\bar{\lambda}_t} \mathcal{L}^{t,1}\|^2 - \|\nabla_{\bar{\lambda}_{t+1}} \mathcal{L}^{t+1,0}\|^2 \right) = \frac{\bar{\eta}_1}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_{t,t}^1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_t\|^2 - \frac{\bar{\eta}_1}{2} \|f_{M_t}(\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1, \mathbf{0})\|^2 \\
&\geq \frac{\bar{\eta}_1}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_{t,t}^1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_t\|^2 - \frac{\bar{\eta}_1 \Upsilon^2}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|^2, \tag{26}
\end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality is due to Assumption 4.2. Last, for $Term_3$, we apply the formula (14) and the transition (8). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla_{\bar{z}_{t+1}} \mathcal{L}^{t+1,0}\|^2 &= \sum_{k=t+1}^{M_t} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_k} g_k(\mathbf{z}_{k,t+1}^0) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k-1,t+1}^0 - A_k^T(\mathbf{z}_{k,t+1}^0) \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k,t+1}^0 \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{u}_k} g_k(\mathbf{z}_{k,t+1}^0) - B_k^T(\mathbf{z}_{k,t+1}^0) \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k,t+1}^0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 \\ &\quad + \|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_{M_{t+1}}} g_{M_{t+1}}(\mathbf{x}_{M_{t+1},t+1}^0, \mathbf{0}) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{M_t,t+1}^0 + \mu \mathbf{x}_{M_{t+1},t+1}^0\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{k=t+1}^{M_t-1} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_k} g_k(\mathbf{z}_{k,t}^1) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k-1,t}^1 - A_k^T(\mathbf{z}_{k,t}^1) \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k,t}^1 \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{u}_k} g_k(\mathbf{z}_{k,t}^1) - B_k^T(\mathbf{z}_{k,t}^1) \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k,t}^1 \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 \\ &\quad + \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_{M_t}} g_{M_t}(\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1, \mathbf{0}) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{M_t-1,t}^1 \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{u}_{M_t}} g_{M_t}(\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1, \mathbf{0}) \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Using the above display, we further have

$$\begin{aligned} Term_3 &= \frac{\bar{\eta}_2}{2} \left(\|\nabla_{\bar{z}_t} \mathcal{L}^{t,1}\|^2 - \|\nabla_{\bar{z}_{t+1}} \mathcal{L}^{t+1,0}\|^2 \right) \\ &\geq \frac{\bar{\eta}_2}{2} \left(\|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_{M_t}} g_{M_t}(\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1, \mathbf{0}) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{M_t-1,t}^1 + \mu \mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|^2 - \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_{M_t}} g_{M_t}(\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1, \mathbf{0}) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{M_t-1,t}^1 \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{u}_{M_t}} g_{M_t}(\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1, \mathbf{0}) \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 \right) \\ &\geq \frac{\bar{\eta}_2(\mu^2 - \Upsilon^2)}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|^2 + \bar{\eta}_2 \mu \left((\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1)^T \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_{M_t}} g_{M_t}(\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1, \mathbf{0}) + (\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1)^T \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{M_t-1,t}^1 \right) \\ &\geq \frac{\bar{\eta}_2(\mu^2 - \Upsilon^2 - 2\mu\Upsilon)}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|^2 + \bar{\eta}_2 \mu (\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1)^T \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{M_t-1,t}^1, \end{aligned}$$

where the second inequality is due to the definition of $\nabla_{\bar{z}_t} \mathcal{L}^{t,1}$; and the third and the fourth inequalities are due to Assumption 4.2, which implies $\|\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{M_t}} g_{M_t}(\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1, \mathbf{0})\| \leq \Upsilon \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|$. Noting that $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{M_t-1,t}^0 = \mathbf{0}$ and, by (3),

$$\mu \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{M_t,t} + \Delta \tilde{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{M_t-1,t} = -(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_{M_t}} g_{M_t}(\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^0, \mathbf{0}) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{M_t-1,t}^0 + \mu \mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^0) = \mathbf{0},$$

we then have

$$(\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1)^T \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{M_t-1,t}^1 = -\alpha_t \mu (\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1)^T \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{M_t,t} = -\mu \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|^2.$$

Suppose $\mu \geq 4\Upsilon$, then $\mu^2 - \Upsilon^2 - 2\mu\Upsilon \geq \mu^2/2$. Together with the above three displays,

$$Term_3 \geq -\bar{\eta}_2 \mu^2 \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|^2. \quad (27)$$

Combining (24), (25), (26), and (27), and noting that $\bar{\eta}_2 \mu^2 \leq \mu^2 \leq \bar{\eta}_1 \Upsilon^2/2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\bar{\eta}}^{t,1} - \mathcal{L}_{\bar{\eta}}^{t+1,0} &\geq \left(\frac{\bar{\eta}_1}{2} - C \right) \|\mathbf{x}_{t,t}^1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_t\|^2 + \left(\frac{\mu}{2} - \frac{\bar{\eta}_1 \Upsilon^2}{2} - \bar{\eta}_2 \mu^2 \right) \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|^2 \\ &\geq \left(\frac{\mu^2}{2} - C \right) \|\mathbf{x}_{t,t}^1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_t\|^2 - \bar{\eta}_1 \Upsilon^2 \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|^2 \geq -\bar{\eta}_1 \Upsilon^2 \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality holds if $C \leq \mu^2/2$. By Lemma B.1, Theorem 4.4 and Assumption 4.3(i),

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\eta}_1 \Upsilon^2 \|\mathbf{x}_{M_t,t}^1\|^2 &\leq \frac{32^2 \rho^2 \Upsilon^6}{\gamma_{RH}^4} \mu^2 \alpha_t^2 \|\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{M_t,t}\|^2 = \frac{32^2 \rho^2 \Upsilon^6}{\gamma_{RH}^4} \alpha_t^2 \|\Delta \tilde{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{M_t-1,t}\|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{32^2 \rho^2 \Upsilon^6}{\gamma_{RH}^4} c^2 \|\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{z}}_t, \Delta \tilde{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_t\|^2 \leq \frac{32^2 \rho^2 \Upsilon^6 c^2}{\gamma_{RH}^4} \|\nabla \mathcal{L}^{t,0}\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

We require

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{32^2 \rho^2 \Upsilon^6 c^2}{\gamma_{RH}^4} &\leq \frac{\bar{\eta}_2 \bar{\alpha} \beta}{8} \iff \frac{32^2 \rho^2 \Upsilon^6 c^2}{\gamma_{RH}^4} \leq \frac{\beta \gamma_{RH} \bar{\alpha}}{8 \times 32 \rho \Upsilon^2} \\ &\iff \frac{32^2 \rho^2 \Upsilon^6 c^2}{\gamma_{RH}^4} \leq \frac{\beta(1-\beta) \gamma_{RH}^3}{20^2 \times 32^2 \rho \mu^6 \Upsilon^8} \\ &\iff c^2 \lesssim \frac{\gamma_{RH}^2}{\kappa^6}. \end{aligned}$$

where the first implication is due to Theorem 4.4; and the second implication is due to Theorem 4.5. Then, we have

$$\mathcal{L}_{\bar{\eta}}^{t,1} - \mathcal{L}_{\bar{\eta}}^{t+1,0} \geq -\frac{\bar{\eta}_2 \bar{\alpha} \beta}{8} \|\nabla \mathcal{L}^{t,0}\|^2.$$

This completes the proof.

F Proof of Theorem 4.7

Summing over t from τ to ∞ on both sides of (11), we have

$$\frac{\bar{\eta}_2 \bar{\alpha} \beta}{8} \sum_{t=\tau}^{\infty} \|\nabla \mathcal{L}^{t,0}\|^2 \leq \mathcal{L}_{\bar{\eta}}^{0,\tau} - \min_{\mathcal{Z} \otimes \Lambda} \mathcal{L}_{\bar{\eta}}(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}; \bar{\mathbf{x}}) < \infty.$$

Thus, $\|\nabla \mathcal{L}^{t,0}\|^2 \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. We complete the proof.