

1 **Comparison to existing literature (R1,R3):** As for **R3**'s major comment, our setting is fundamentally more general
2 than [3], which assumes stochastic and i.i.d. delays, while our delays can be arbitrary. For other literature, [1] assumes
3 a constant delay parameter d . [10] considers stochastic rewards and delays. [11] considers the full information case
4 and not the bandit feedback case. It also assumes that all feedback is received before T , and that $\sum_{t=1}^T d_t$ is known -
5 which we do not assume. **Our paper is the first to address adversarial (arbitrary) delays and costs with bandit**
6 **feedback.** Additionally, none of them consider zero-sum games with delays, that we show are surprisingly more
7 robust against delays than the single-agent setting. We now include this discussion, with more details.

8 **Choosing the step size η_t when $\sum_{t=1}^T d_t$ is unknown (R1,R3):** We provide Algorithm 2 as an adaptive algorithm
9 that does not require prior knowledge of $\sum_{t=1}^T d_t$ and T . As shown by the counterexample of **R3**, standard doubling
10 trick epochs are not enough. We now address this issue in detail, fixing Algorithm 2 and providing a full proof
11 that a regret of $O\left(\sqrt{\ln K \left(K^2 T + \sum_{t=1}^T d_t\right)}\right)$ is achievable even when $\sum_{t=1}^T d_t$ (and T) is unknown, using a novel
12 doubling trick. Let m_t be the number of missing feedback samples at time t , (including the t -th feedback). The
13 idea is to start a new epoch every time $\sum_{\tau=1}^t m_\tau$, that tracks $\sum_{\tau=1}^t d_\tau$, doubles. Define the e -th epoch as $\mathcal{T}_e =$
14 $\left\{t \mid 2^{e-1} \leq \sum_{\tau=1}^t m_\tau < 2^e\right\}$, with step size $\eta_e = \sqrt{\frac{\ln K}{2^e}}$. Define by \mathcal{M}_e the set of feedback samples for costs in
15 epoch e that are not received within epoch e . These feedback samples are discarded once received, and the strategy \mathbf{p}_t
16 is initialized at the beginning of every epoch. A compact version of the proof is provided next. The K^2 replacing K ,
17 which has no affect when $d_t \geq K$, can be improved with a more careful computation. To answer **R3**, Lemma 3 is a
18 general version of Theorem 1 for any arbitrary non-increasing η_t , in particular for any constant η .

19 Define $T_e = \max \mathcal{T}_e$, and note that $\mathcal{T}_e = [T_{e-1} + 1, T_e]$. Applying Lemma 3 on epoch e yields

$$R_e \triangleq E^a \left\{ \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_e} \langle l_t, \mathbf{p}_t \rangle - \min_{t \in \mathcal{T}_e} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{T}_e} l_t^{(i)} \right\} \leq \frac{\ln K}{\eta_e} + \eta_e \left(\frac{K}{2} |\mathcal{T}_e| + 2 \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_e, t \notin \mathcal{M}_e} d_t \right) + 2 |\mathcal{M}_e|. \quad (1)$$

20 Now we want to find the maximal $|\mathcal{M}_e|$ such that $\sum_{\tau=T_{e-1}+1}^{T_e} m_\tau \leq 2^{e-1}$ is still possible. The ‘‘cheapest’’
21 way to increase $|\mathcal{M}_e|$ is when the feedback from round T_e is delayed by one (contributes 1 to $\sum_{\tau=T_{e-1}+1}^{T_e} m_\tau$),
22 the feedback from round $T_e - 1$ is delayed by two (contributes 2 to $\sum_{\tau=T_{e-1}+1}^{T_e} m_\tau$) and so on, which gives
23 $\sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{M}_e|} i = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_e|(|\mathcal{M}_e|+1)}{2} \leq 2^{e-1} \implies |\mathcal{M}_e| \leq 2^{\frac{e}{2}}$. Hence, by choosing $\eta_e = \sqrt{\frac{\ln K}{2^e}}$ we obtain

$$R_e \leq \sqrt{\ln K} \left(2^{\frac{e}{2}} + 2^{-\frac{e}{2}} \left(\frac{K}{2} |\mathcal{T}_e| + 2 \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_e, t \notin \mathcal{M}_e} d_t \right) \right) + 2^{\frac{e}{2}+1} \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} 2^{\frac{e}{2}+1} \sqrt{\ln K} + 2^{-\frac{e}{2}-1} |\mathcal{T}_e| K \sqrt{\ln K} + 2^{\frac{e}{2}+1} \quad (2)$$

24 where (a) follows since every $t \in \mathcal{T}_e$ s.t. $t \notin \mathcal{M}_e$ contributes d_t to $\sum_{\tau=T_{e-1}+1}^{T_e} m_\tau$ (the t -th feedback is missing for
25 d_t rounds between $T_{e-1} + 1$ and T_e). Therefore $\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_e, t \notin \mathcal{M}_e} d_t \leq \sum_{\tau=T_{e-1}+1}^{T_e} m_\tau \leq 2^{e-1}$. We conclude that

$$E \{R(T)\} = \sum_{e=1}^E R_e \leq 2 \left(\sqrt{\ln K} + 1 \right) \sum_{e=1}^E 2^{\frac{e}{2}} + \frac{K}{2} \sqrt{\ln K} \sum_{e=1}^E |\mathcal{T}_e| 2^{-\frac{e}{2}} \leq 2\sqrt{2} \left(\sqrt{\ln K} + 1 \right) \frac{2^{\frac{E}{2}} - 1}{\sqrt{2} - 1} +$$

$$K \sqrt{\ln K} \sum_{e=1}^E |\mathcal{T}_e| 2^{-\frac{e}{2}} \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} 10 \left(\sqrt{\ln K} + 1 \right) \sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T d_t + 5K\sqrt{T \ln K}} = O \left(\sqrt{\ln K \left(K^2 T + \sum_{t=1}^T d_t \right)} \right) \quad (3)$$

26 where E is the last epoch and in (a) we used that $\sum_{t=1}^T d_t \geq \sum_{t=1}^T \min \{d_t, T - t + 1\} = \sum_{t=1}^T m_t \geq \sum_{\tau=1}^{T_E} m_\tau \geq$
27 2^{E-1} , and also that $\sum_{e=1}^E |\mathcal{T}_e| 2^{-\frac{e}{2}}$ subject to $\sum_{e=1}^E |\mathcal{T}_e| = T$ is maximized when $E = \lceil \log_2 T \rceil$, with maximal length
28 2^e for epoch e , so $\sum_{e=1}^E |\mathcal{T}_e| 2^{-\frac{e}{2}} \leq \sum_{e=1}^{\lceil \log_2 T \rceil} 2^{\frac{e}{2}} \leq \sqrt{2} 2^{\frac{\lceil \log_2 T \rceil}{2} - 1} \leq 5\sqrt{T}$.

29 **Unbounded delays (R1):** We mean that Theorem 2 holds even for **some** unbounded delays s.t. $d_t \leq f(t)$ for
30 increasing $f(t)$ (e.g., $f(t) = t \log t$), $f(t) = e^t$, or even $f(t) = t^2$ grow too fast. This is better explained now.

31 **Ergodic Average (R1):** This is a weighted average that coincides with the standard average for $\eta_t = \frac{1}{T}$. Its importance
32 is mostly just being computable, so a computation of a NE is still possible by sampling/simulating the game even with
33 superlinear delays. When $d_t = 0$, $\eta_t = \frac{1}{T}$ is a valid choice for Theorem 2 which gives the classical result.

34 **No Exploration Term (R1):** It was shown that the exploration term of the original EXP3 is not necessary (see ‘‘Regret
35 Analysis of Stochastic and Nonstochastic Multi-armed Bandit Problems’’ by Bubeck & Cesa-Bianchi). In any case,
36 our self sufficient proof independently shows that no exploration term is needed. We have now clarified this issue.

37 **Minor Comments (R1,R3):** We have fixed all minor issues (a-e for **R1**, reorganization and line 118 for **R3**). With
38 some effort, the results are extendable to the continuous case, which is exactly the subject of our current work.