Some aspects of the mean-field stochastic target problem

Quenched Mass Transport of Particles Towards a Target

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Outline

Stochastic target problem

Consider a system described by a stochastic process $X^{t,x,\nu}$ controlled by ν and starting at x at time t.

Stochastic target problem: Look for the values x such that the system reaches a set K at a terminal time T by choosing an appropriate control ν:

Characterize the reachability sets

$$V(t) = \Big\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \quad X_T^{t,x,\nu} \in K \; a.s. \; \text{ for some admissible control } \nu\Big\}$$

for $t \in [0, T]$.

Motivating examples

• Optimal reservoir management problem (Upstream Sector in Petroleum Industry): Find the minimal amount x of liquid (e.g. water) to be injected (fracking) in a well at time t, to retrieve a desired amount $X_T^{t,x,\nu}$ of (shale) crude oil or gas, at time T, for some control ν (e.g. pipe dimension, pressure etc..)

• Super-replication problem (Finance): Find the minimal initial endowment such that there exists an investment strategy allowing the terminal wealth to be greater than a given payoff.

Other areas of application include evacuation strategies in crowd dynamics.

- In the Brownian diffusion case, by the flow property

$$X_t^{t,x} = x, \quad X_s^{t,x,\nu} = X_s^{r, X_r^{t,x,\nu}, \nu}, \quad \text{for any } r \in [t,s], \ x \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

the Geometric Dynamic Programming Principle (DPP) yields that

- $v(t,\cdot) = 1 - \mathbb{I}_{V(t)}(\cdot)$ is shown to solve an HJB equation (Soner and Touzi (2002)).
- the function $v(t,\cdot)$ corresponding to the super-replication problem solve also an HJB equation (Soner and Touzi (2002), Bouchard et al. (2009)).

- In general, the minimal amount of water needed to extract shale oil/gas and the super-replication price are too high to be afforded.

Extension of the stochastic target problem

- Possible solution: relax the a.s. constraint to get a lower price.
- Consider injection/investment under terminal profit & loss constraint:

$$V_\ell(t) = \Big\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \quad \mathbb{E}[\ell(X_T^{t,x,\nu})] \geqslant 0 \text{ for some control } \nu \Big\}.$$

- Example: Take $\ell(x) = \mathbb{I}_K(x) - p$ with $p \in [0,1]$ to get

$$V_\ell(t) = \Big\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \quad \mathbb{P}(X_T^{t,x,\nu} \in K) \geqslant p \text{ for some control } \nu \Big\}.$$

• Approach suggested in Föllmer and Leuckert (1999), then developed in Bouchard et al. (2009).

• Main idea of this last paper: use the martingale representation theorem to express the expectation constraint as an a.s. constraint on an extended process.

Our case-study

Study the stochastic target problem for controlled nonlinear diffusion:

$$X_s^{t,\chi,\nu} = \chi + \int_t^s b_u(X_u^{t,\chi,\nu}, \mathbb{P}_{X_u^{t,\chi,\nu}}, \nu_u)du + \int_t^s \sigma_u(X_u^{t,\chi,\nu}, \mathbb{P}_{X_u^{t,\chi,\nu}}, \nu_u)dB_u,$$

b, σ deterministic functions of (t, x, y, z).

- B is a standard Brownian motion,
- χ square-integrable and $\mathcal{F}_t$-adapted.

Still with the time consistent constraint $\mathbb{E}[\ell(X_T^{t,x,\nu})] \geqslant 0, \; x \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

Extended problem: conditional law

- Problem: While $X^{t,\chi,\nu}$, χ square-integrable r.v., defines a flow, $X^{t,x,\nu}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ does not have the above flow property!.

In general $X^{t,\chi,\nu} \neq X^{t,x,\nu}|_{x=\chi}$.

Consider instead a constraint of the type $\mathbb{E}[\ell(X_T^{t,\chi,\nu})] \geqslant 0$.

Condition on the Brownian motion B and apply the martingale representation theorem to obtain

$$\mathbb{E}[\ell(X_T^{t,\chi,\nu})] = \int \ell(x) d\mathbb{P}^B_{X_T^{t,\chi,\nu}}(x) - \int_t^T \alpha_s dB_s$$

for some control α.

The constraint $\mathbb{E}[\ell(X_T^{t,\chi,\nu})] \geqslant 0$ can be rewritten as

$$L(\mathbb{P}^B_{\widetilde{X}_T^{t,\widetilde{\chi},\widetilde{\nu}}}) \geqslant 0 \qquad \text{or} \qquad \mathbb{P}^B_{\widetilde{X}_T^{t,\widetilde{\chi},\widetilde{\nu}}} \in L^{-1}([0,+\infty)) \qquad \text{a.s.}$$

with $\widetilde{\nu} = (\nu, \alpha)$, $\widetilde{\chi} = (\chi, 0)$,

$$\widetilde{X}^{t,\widetilde{\chi},\widetilde{\nu}} = (X^{t,\chi,\nu}, \int_t^\cdot \alpha_s dB_s),$$

$$L(\mu) = \int (\ell(x) - y) m(dx, dy),$$

$$m(dx, dy) := \mathbb{P}^B_{\widetilde{X}_T^{t,\widetilde{\chi},\widetilde{\nu}}}(dx, dy),$$

suggesting a stochastic target problem which involves $\mathbb{P}^B_{X_T^{t,\chi,\nu}}$.

Outline

Quenched mean-field SDE

Desintegrating $\mathbb{P}_{X_T^{t,\chi,\nu}}$ w.r.t. B, the dynamics of $X^{t,\chi,\nu}$ can be written as

$$X_s^{t,\chi,\nu} = \chi + \int_t^s b_u(X_u^{t,\chi,\nu}, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_u^{t,\chi,\nu}}, \nu_u)du + \int_t^s \sigma_u(X_u^{t,\chi,\nu}, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_u^{t,\chi,\nu}}, \nu_u)dB_u.$$

Such general formulation is related to the probabilistic analysis of large scale particle systems.

In those systems, one is interested in the behavior of particles conditional on the environment ('quenched' behavior/property) (see e.g. Le Doussal and Machta (1989)).

Interpretation of the target problem

By considering a probability law μ as initial condition, instead of χ, our target problem can be interpreted as a transport problem:

What is the collection of initial distributions μ of a system of particles, such that the terminal conditional law $\mathbb{P}^B_{X_T^{t,\chi,\nu}}$, given the environment (modeled by B) satisfies the constraint?

The reachability set reads

$$\mathcal{V}(t) = \left\{ \mu : \text{ there exists } (\chi, \nu) \text{ s.t. } \mathbb{P}^B_\chi = \mu \text{ and } \mathbb{P}^B_{X_T^{t,\chi,\nu}} \in G \ a.s. \right\}.$$

Probabilistic setting

$T > 0$ fixed time horizon.

$\Omega^\circ = \{\omega^\circ \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \mathbb{R}^d) : \ \omega^\circ_0 = 0\}$

$\mathbb{F}^\circ = (\mathcal{F}^\circ_t)_{t \le T}$ filtration generated by the canonical process $B(\omega^\circ) := \omega^\circ$, $\omega^\circ \in \Omega^\circ$.

$\mathbb{P}^\circ$ Wiener measure on $(\Omega^\circ, \mathcal{F}^\circ_T)$.

$\bar{\mathbb{F}}^\circ = (\bar{\mathcal{F}}^\circ_t)_{t \le T}$ the $\mathbb{P}^\circ$-completion of $\mathbb{F}^\circ$.

$\Omega^{\text{I}} := [0, 1]^d$ endowed with σ-algebra $\mathcal{F}^{\text{I}} := \mathcal{B}([0, 1]^d)$ and the Lebegues measure $\mathbb{P}^{\text{I}}$.

Probability space

We then define the product filtered space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P})$ by

- $\Omega := \Omega^\circ \times \Omega^{\text{I}}$,
- $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}^\circ \otimes \mathbb{P}^{\text{I}}$,
- $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_T$ where $\mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \leq T}$ is the completion of $(\mathcal{F}_t^\circ \otimes \mathcal{F}^{\text{I}})_{t \leq T}$.

We canonically extend the random variable ξ and the process B on Ω by setting $\xi(\omega) = \xi(\omega^{\text{I}})$ and $B(\omega) = B(\omega^\circ)$ for any $\omega = (\omega^\circ, \omega^{\text{I}}) \in \Omega$.

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- If ν is $\mathbb{F}$-progressively measurable, then

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Wasserstein space

We define

$$\mathcal{P}_2 \quad := \quad \left\{\mu \text{ probability measure on } (\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)) \text{ s.t. } \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x|^2 \mu(dx) < +\infty\right\}.$$

This space is endowed with the 2-Wasserstein distance defined by

$$\mathcal{W}_2(\mu, \mu') := \inf\left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} |x-y|^2 \pi(dy, dy) \ : \ \text{s.t. } \pi(\cdot \times \mathbb{R}^d) = \mu \text{ and } \pi(\mathbb{R}^d \times \cdot) = \mu' \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

for $\mu, \mu' \in \mathcal{P}_2$. For later use, we also define the collection $\mathcal{P}_2^{\bar{\mathbb{F}}^\circ}$ of $\bar{\mathbb{F}}^\circ$-adapted continuous $\mathcal{P}_2$-valued processes.

Controlled quenched diffusion

Let U be a closed subset of $\mathbb{R}^q$ for some $q \geqslant 1$ and $\mathcal{U}$ the set of U-valued $\mathbb{F}$-progressive processes.

Given

- $\theta \in \bar{\mathcal{T}}^\circ$ (the set of $[0, T]$-valued $\bar{\mathbb{F}}^\circ$-stopping times),
- $\chi \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_\theta, \mathbb{P}; \mathbb{R}^d)$,
- $\nu \in \mathcal{U}$,

we let $X^{\theta,\chi,\nu}$ denote the solution of

$$X = \mathbb{E}[\chi | \mathcal{F}_{\theta\wedge\cdot}] + \int_\theta^{\theta\vee\cdot} b_s(X_s, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_s}, \nu_s)\, ds + \int_\theta^{\theta\vee\cdot} a_s(X_s, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_s}, \nu_s)\, dB_s,$$

Existence, uniqueness and stability

We suppose that b, a are continuous, bounded and there exists a constant L such that

$$|b_t(x,\mu,\cdot) - b_t(x',\mu',\cdot)| + |a_t(x,\mu,\cdot) - a_t(x',\mu',\cdot)| \leqslant L\Big(|x - x'| + \mathcal{W}_2(\mu,\mu')\Big)$$

for all $t \in [0,T]$, $x, x' \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\mu, \mu' \in \mathcal{P}_2$.

Proposition

For all $\theta \in \bar{\mathcal{T}}^\circ$, $\nu \in \mathcal{U}$ and $\chi \in L^2(\mathcal{F}_\theta)$, the SDE admits a unique strong solution $X^{\theta,\chi,\nu}$, and it satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}\Big[\sup_{[0,T]} |X^{\theta,\chi,\nu}|^2\Big] < +\infty,$$

$$\mathbb{P}^B_{X_T^{t,\chi,\nu}} = \mathbb{P}^B_{X_T^{\theta, X_\theta^{t,\chi,\nu},\nu}} \qquad \textit{(Flow property).}$$

Moreover, if $(t_n,\chi_n) \to (t,\chi)$ and $(\nu^n)_n \subset \mathcal{U}$ converges to ν $dt \otimes d\mathbb{P}$-a.e., then

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{W}_2(\mathbb{P}^B_{X_T^{t_n,\chi_n,\nu^n}}, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_T^{t,\chi,\nu}})^2] = 0.$$

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First formulation

Look for the set of initial measures for the conditional law $\mathbb{P}^B_\chi$ such that the terminal conditional law of $X_T^{t,\chi,\nu}$ given B belongs to a fixed closed subset G of $\mathcal{P}_2$:

$$\mathcal{V}(t) = \Big\{ \mu \in \mathcal{P}_2 : \text{ there exists } (\chi, \nu) \in L^2(\mathcal{F}_t) \times \mathcal{U} \text{ s.t. } \mathbb{P}^B_\chi = \mu \text{ and } \mathbb{P}^B_{X_T^{t,\chi,\nu}} \in G \Big\}.$$

This formulation is not convenient for setting a Geometric DPP:

• In $\mathcal{V}(t)$ only the probability distribution μ should matter and not a particular representation χ.

Strong formulation

The following strong formulation allows to take any representing random variable χ for μ.

Proposition

A measure $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_2$ belongs to $\mathcal{V}(t)$ if and only if for all $\chi \in L^2(\mathcal{F}_t)$ such that $\mathbb{P}^B_\chi = \mu$ there exists $\nu \in \mathcal{U}$ for which $\mathbb{P}^B_{X_T^{t,\chi,\nu}} \in G$:

$$\mathcal{V}(t) = \Big\{ \mu \in \mathcal{P}_2 : \ \forall \chi \in L^2(\mathcal{F}_t) \text{ s.t. } \mathbb{P}^B_\chi = \mu \ \exists \nu \in \mathcal{U} \ \text{ for which } \ \mathbb{P}^B_{X_T^{t,\chi,\nu}} \in G \Big\}.$$

This defines a mass transport problem towards a given target along the path of a mean-field diffusion.

Dynamic programming principle

Theorem

Fix $t \in [0, T]$ *and* $\theta \in \bar{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}$ *with values in* $[t, T]$. *Then,*

$$\mathcal{V}(t) = \Big\{ \mu \in \mathcal{P}_2 : \ \exists (\chi, \nu) \in L^2(\mathcal{F}_t) \times \mathcal{U} \ \text{s.t.} \ \ \mathbb{P}^B_{\chi} = \mu \ \ \text{and} \ \ \mathbb{P}^B_{X_\theta^{t,\chi,\nu}} \in \mathcal{V}(\theta) \Big\}.$$

Note that this DPP holds only for stopping times in $\bar{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}$ *i.e.* stopping time w.r.t. the Brownian filtration.

Outline

The value function

Let $v : [0, T] \times \mathcal{P}_2 \to \mathbb{R}$ be the indicator function of the complement of the reachability set $\mathcal{V}$:

$$v(t, \mu) \; = \; 1 - \mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{V}(t)}(\mu) \; , \quad (t, \mu) \in [0, T] \times \mathcal{P}_2.$$

Aim: provide a characterization of v as a (discontinuous viscosity) solution of a fully non-linear second order parabolic partial differential equation.

Lift on $\mathcal{P}_2$

Aim: define derivatives for functions defined on $\mathcal{P}_2$.

- Issue: $\mathcal{P}_2$ is not a vector space.

Possible approach: Lions Lifting

For a function $w : \mathcal{P}_2 \to \mathbb{R}$, we define its lift as
$W : L^2(\Omega', \mathcal{F}', \mathbb{P}'; \mathbb{R}^d) \to \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$W(X) = w(\mathbb{P}_X)\ , \qquad \text{for all } X \in L^2(\Omega', \mathcal{F}', \mathbb{P}'; \mathbb{R}^d)\,.$$

Allows to consider functions defined on the Hilbert space
$L^2(\Omega', \mathcal{F}', \mathbb{P}'; \mathbb{R}^d)$.

Derivatives on $\mathcal{P}_2$

We then say that w is Fréchet differentiable (resp. $\mathcal{C}^1$) on $\mathcal{P}_2$ if its lift W is (resp. continuously) Fréchet differentiable on $L_2(\Omega', \mathcal{F}', \mathbb{P}'; \mathbb{R}^d)$.

Then $DW(X) \in L^2(\Omega', \mathcal{F}', \mathbb{P}'; \mathbb{R}^d)$ admits the representation

$$DW(X) = \partial_\mu w(\mathbb{P}_X)(X)$$

with $\partial_\mu w(\mathbb{P}_X) : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d$ measurable map, called the derivative of w at $\mathbb{P}_X$.

We have $\partial_\mu w(\mu) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d), \mu; \mathbb{R}^d)$ for $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_2$.

We denote by $\partial_x \partial_\mu w(\mu)(x)$ the gradient of $x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto \partial_\mu w(\mu)(x)$.

We have the following identification

$$\mathbb{E}\left[D^2 W(X)(YZ)YZ^\top\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[Tr\left(\partial_x \partial_\mu w(\mu)(X)YY^\top\right)\right] \tag{1}$$

for any $Y \in L^2(\Omega', \mathcal{F}', \mathbb{P}'; \mathbb{R}^{d\times d})$, $Z \sim N(0, I_d)$ and $Z \perp\!\!\!\perp (X, Y)$

Chain rule

Proposition

Let $w \in \mathcal{C}_b^{1,2}([0,T] \times \mathcal{P}_2)$. *Given* $(t, \chi, \nu) \in [0,T] \times L^2(\mathcal{F}_t) \times \mathcal{U}$, *set* $X = X^{t,\chi,\nu}$. *Then,*

$$
\begin{aligned}
w(s, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_s}) = w(t, \mathbb{P}^B_{\chi}) \\
&+ \int_t^s \mathbb{E}_B \left[\partial_t w(r, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_r}) + \partial_\mu w(r, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_r})(X_r) b_r(X_r, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_r}, \nu_r) \right] dr \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \int_t^s \mathbb{E}_B \left[Tr \left(\partial_x \partial_\mu w(r, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_r})(X_r) a_r a_r^\top (X_r, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_r}, \nu_r) \right) \right] dr \\
&+ \int_t^s \mathbb{E}_B \left[\partial_\mu w(r, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_r})(X_r) a_r(X_r, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_r}, \nu_r)) \right] dB_r
\end{aligned}
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for all $s \in [t, T]$. *Here* $\mathbb{E}_B[\cdot]$ *means conditioning w.r.t.* $(B_r,\ r \le T)$.

Chain rule on L^2

Given $X \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; \mathbb{R}^d)$, denote $W(t, X)$ the r.v. $\omega^0 \in \Omega^0 \mapsto W(t, X(\omega^0, \cdot))$ a r.v. in $L^2(\Omega', \mathcal{F}', \mathbb{P}'; \mathbb{R}^d)$.

Corollary

Let $W : [0, T] \times L^2(\Omega', \mathcal{F}', \mathbb{P}'; \mathbb{R}^d) \to \mathbb{R}$ be $\mathcal{C}_b^{1,2}$. Set $X = X^{t,\chi,\nu}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} W(s, X_s) = W(t, \chi) & \\ & + \int_t^s \mathbb{E}_B \left[\partial_t W(r, X_r) + DW(r, X_r) b_r(X_r, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_r}, \nu_r) \right] dr \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int_t^s \mathbb{E}_B \left[D^2 W(r, X_r)(X_r)(a_r Z)(a_r Z)^\top (X_r, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_r}, \nu_r) \right] dr \\ & + \int_t^s \mathbb{E}_B \left[DW(r, X_r) a_r(X_r, \mathbb{P}^B_{X_r}, \nu_r)) \right] dB_r \end{aligned}$$

for all $s \in [0, T]$, with $Z \sim N(0, I_d)$ and $Z \perp\!\!\!\perp \chi, B$.

A 'quenched' PDE

We show that $V : [0,T] \times L^2(\Omega', \mathcal{F}', \mathbb{P}'; \mathbb{R}^d) \to \mathbb{R}$ (lift of v) is a viscosity solution on $[0,T) \times L^2(\Omega', \mathcal{F}', \mathbb{P}'; \mathbb{R}^d)$ of the quenched PDE

$$-\partial_t W(t,\xi) + \mathcal{H}\big(t, \xi, DW(t,\xi), D^2 W(t,\xi)\big) = 0.$$

where $\mathcal{H} = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0+} \mathcal{H}_\varepsilon$ with

$$\mathcal{L}_t^u(\xi, P, Q) := \mathbb{E}_B\Big[b_t^\top(\xi, \mathbb{P}_\xi, u)P + \frac{1}{2} Q\big(a_t(\xi, \mathbb{P}_\xi, u)Z\big) a_t(\xi, \mathbb{P}_\xi, u)Z\Big]$$

$$\mathcal{H}_\varepsilon(t, \xi, P, Q) := \sup_{u \in \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon(t,\xi,P)} \Big\{ - \mathcal{L}_t^u(\xi, P, Q) \Big\}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_\varepsilon(t, \xi, P) := \Big\{ u \in L^0(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; U) \ : \ |\mathbb{E}_B[a_t(\chi, \mathbb{P}_\xi, u)P]| \le \varepsilon \Big\},$$

where $\mathbb{E}_B[\cdot]$ means conditioning w.r.t. $(B_r,\ r \le T)$.

Continuity assumption

We need the following assumption. It ensures the existence of a regular feedback control 'close' to the kernel $\mathcal{N}_0$.

Continuity Assumption: Let $\mathcal{O}$ be an open subset of $[0,T] \times [L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; \mathbb{R}^d)]^2$ such that $\mathcal{N}_0 \neq \emptyset$ on $\mathcal{O}$. Then, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, $(t_0, \chi_0, P_0) \in \mathcal{O}$ and $u_0 \in \mathcal{N}_0(t_0, \chi_0, P_0)$, there exists an open neighborhood $\mathcal{O}'$ of (t_0, χ_0, P_0) and a measurable map $\hat{u} : [0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Omega' \to U$ such that:
(i) $\mathbb{E}_B[|\hat{u}_{t_0}(\chi_0, P_0, \xi) - u_0|] \leqslant \varepsilon$,
(ii) there exists $C > 0$ for which

$$\mathbb{E}[|\hat{u}_t(\chi, P, \xi) - \hat{u}_t(\chi', P', \xi)|^2] \leq C\mathbb{E}[|\chi - \chi'|^2 + \mathcal{W}_2^2(\mathbb{P}_P, \mathbb{P}_{P'})]$$

for all $(t, \chi, P), (t, \chi', P') \in \mathcal{O}'$,
(iii) $\hat{u}_t(\chi, P, \xi) \in \mathcal{N}_0(t, \chi, P)$ $\mathbb{P}^\circ - a.e.$, for all $(t, \chi, P) \in \mathcal{O}'$,

Viscosity property

We also suppose that there exists a constant C and a function $m : \mathbb{R}_+ \to \mathbb{R}$ such that $m(t) \xrightarrow[t\to 0]{} 0$ and

$$|b_t(x,\mu,u) - b_{t'}(x,\mu,u')| + |a_t(x,\mu,u) - a_{t'}(x,\mu,u')| \leqslant m(t-t') + C|u-u'|.$$

for all $t, t' \in [0,T]$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_2$ and $u, u' \in U$.

Theorem

*The function V is a viscosity supersolution of the HJB equation. If in addition the **Continuity Assumption** holds, then V is also a viscosity subsolution of the HJB equation.*

Parabolic boundary conditions

Define the function g by

$$g(\xi) = 1 - \mathbb{I}_G(\mathbb{P}_\xi) \ , \quad \xi \in L^2(\Omega', \mathcal{F}', \mathbb{P}'; \mathbb{R}^d)$$

and g_* and g^* its lower and upper semi-continuous envelopes.

Theorem

Under **(H1)**, *the function V satisfies*

$$V^*(T,.) \quad = g^* \quad \textit{and} \quad V_*(T,.) \quad = g_*$$

on $L^2(\Omega', \mathcal{F}', \mathbb{P}'; \mathbb{R}^d)$.

Outline

Conclusion and perspectives

- Introduced a seemingly new stochastic target problem with potential financial and engineering applications.
- Obtained a dynamic programming principle
- Obtained a random PDE and derived some of its properties

Extensions and open problems

- Uniqueness (or a comparison result) for the PDE
- Target problem for $\mathbb{P}_{X_T}$ (unconditional law)
- Numerics for the quenched PDE.
- Processes quenched by other environments such as jump processes, long memory processes (fractional BM etc..)

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