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Switching control

• Switching control : sequence of *interventions* $(\iota_n)_n$ that occur at random times $(\tau_n)_n$ due to switching costs, and naturally arises in investment problems with fixed transaction costs or in real options.

- Standard approach :
 - **open-loop** (\neq closed-loop) control
 - give the evolution for the controlled state process, with *assigned* drift and diffusion coefficients.

• In practice, the coefficients are obtained through estimation procedures and are unlikely to coincide with the *real* coefficients.

• *Robust approach :* switching control problem *robust* to a misspecification of the model for the controlled state process.

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Robust/Game formulation

- We formulate the problem as a **game :** switcher *vs* nature (model uncertainty).
- ▶ We consider the *two-step optimization* problem

$$\sup_{\alpha} \left(\inf_{v} J(\alpha, v) \right).$$

- What definition for the switching control α and for $\upsilon\,?$
 - Tractable for deriving typically DPP
 - Consistent with modeling concern

Feedback formulation

- Elliott-Kalton formulation (Fleming-Souganidis 89) :
 - α non-anticipative strategy and v open-loop control, i.e. the switcher knows the current and past choices made by nature → Suitable for proving dynamic programming principle (DPP)
 - In practice, the switcher only knows the evolution of the state process.

► Feedback formulation

- α feedback switching control (closed-loop control) \implies feedback formulation of the switching control problem.
- *v* open-loop control (nature is aware of the all information at disposal) ↔ Knightian uncertainty
- \rightarrow zero-sum control/control game but not symmetric

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Robust feedback switching system

• Fixed $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$, T > 0, and W a *d*-dimensional Brownian motion.

For any $(s, x, i) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$, consider the system on $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$, with $\mathbb{I}_m = \{1, \ldots, m\}$ the set of regimes :

$$\begin{cases} X_t = x + \int_s^t b(X_r, I_r, \boldsymbol{v}_r) dr + \int_s^t \sigma(X_r, I_r, \boldsymbol{v}_r) dW_r, & s \leq t \leq T, \\ I_t = i \mathbf{1}_{\{s \leq t < \tau_0(X_., I_.-)\}} \\ &+ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \iota_n(X_., I_.-) \mathbf{1}_{\{\tau_n(X_., I_.-) \leq t < \tau_{n+1}(X_., I_{.-})\}}, & s \leq t < T, \\ I_{s^-} = I_s, I_T = I_{T^-}. \end{cases}$$

► $v: [s, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow U$ is an open-loop control adapted to a filtration $\mathbb{F}^{s} = (\mathcal{F}_{t}^{s})_{t \ge s}$ satisfying the usual conditions.

• U compact metric space.

 $\mathcal{U}_{s,s}$: class of all open-loop controls starting at s.

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Feedback switching controls

- ℒ([s, T]; I_m) space of càglàd paths valued in I_m.
- $\mathbb{B}^{s} = (\mathcal{B}^{s}_{t})_{t \in [s,T]}$ natural filtration of $C([s,T]; \mathbb{R}^{d}) \times \mathscr{L}([s,T]; \mathbb{I}_{m})$.
- \mathcal{T}^s family of all \mathbb{B}^s -stopping times valued in [s, T].
- ▶ Feedback switching control $\alpha = (\tau_n, \iota_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ where :
 - Switching times : $\tau_n \in \mathcal{T}^s$ and

$$s \leqslant \tau_0 \leqslant \cdots \leqslant \tau_n \leqslant \cdots \leqslant T.$$

• Interventions : ι_n : $C([s, T]; \mathbb{R}^d) \times \mathscr{L}([s, T]; \mathbb{I}_m) \to \mathbb{I}_m$ is $\mathcal{B}^s_{\tau_n}$ -measurable, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

▶ $A_{s,s}$: class of all feedback switching controls starting at *s*.

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Existence and uniqueness result

(H1) b and σ jointly continuous on $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m \times U$ and

 $|b(x,i,u) - b(x',i,u)| + \|\sigma(x,i,u) - \sigma(x',i,u)\| \leq L|x-x'|.$

Proposition

Let **(H1)** hold. Then, for every $(s, x, i) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$, $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{s,s}$, $\upsilon \in \mathcal{U}_{s,s}$, there exists a unique \mathbb{F}^s -adapted solution $(X_t^{s,x,i;\alpha,u}, l_t^{s,x,i;\alpha,u})_{t \in [s,T]}$ to the feedback system, satisfying :

- Every path of (X^{s,x,i;α,v}, I^{s,x,i;α,v}) belongs to C([s, T]; ℝ^d) × ℒ([s, T]; I_m).
- For any $p \ge 1$ there exists a positive constant $C_{p,T}$ such that

$$\mathbb{E}\Big[\sup_{t\in[s,T]}|X_t^{s,x,i;\alpha,\upsilon}|^p\Big] \leqslant C_{p,T}(1+|x|^p).$$

Value function of robust switching control problem

Feedback control/open-loop control game :

$$V(s,x,i) := \sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{s,s}} \inf_{v \in \mathcal{U}_{s,s}} J(s,x,i;\alpha,v), \quad \forall (s,x,i) \in [0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m,$$

with

$$J(s, x, i; \alpha, v) := \mathbb{E} \bigg[\int_{s}^{T} f(X_{r}^{s, x, i; \alpha, v}, I_{r}^{s, x, i; \alpha, v}, v_{r}) dr \\ + g(X_{T}^{s, x, i; \alpha, v}, I_{T}^{s, x, i; \alpha, v}) \\ - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} c(X_{\tau_{n}}^{s, x, i; \alpha, v}, I_{\tau_{n}}^{s, x, i; \alpha, v}, I_{\tau_{n}}^{s, x, i; \alpha, v}) \mathbf{1}_{\{s \leq \tau_{n} < T\}} \bigg],$$

where τ^{n} stands for $\tau^{n}(X^{s,x,i;\alpha,\upsilon}, I^{s,x,i;\alpha,\upsilon}_{.-})$.

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Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman-Isaacs (HJBI) equation

$$\begin{cases} \min\left\{-\frac{\partial V}{\partial t}(s,x,i) - \inf_{u \in U} \left[\mathcal{L}^{i,u} V(s,x,i) + f(x,i,u)\right], \\ V(s,x,i) - \max_{j \neq i} \left[V(s,x,j) - c(x,i,j)\right]\right\} = 0, \quad [0,T) \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m \\ V(T,x,i) = g(x,i), \quad (x,i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}^{i,\boldsymbol{u}}V(\boldsymbol{s},\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{i}) = b(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{i},\boldsymbol{u}).D_{\boldsymbol{x}}V(\boldsymbol{s},\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{i}) + \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{tr}\big[\sigma\sigma^{\mathsf{T}}(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{i},\boldsymbol{u})D_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{2}V(\boldsymbol{s},\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{i})\big].$$

► First aim : prove that V is a viscosity solution to the dynamic programming HJBI equation :

• by stochastic Perron method : avoiding the direct proof of Dynamic Programming Principle (DPP)

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Stochastic Perron : main idea

Developed in a series of papers by Bayraktar and Sirbu

• Define **stochastic sub and super-solutions** as functions that satisfy (roughly) half of the DPP

 \blacktriangleright with these definitions, sub and super-solutions envelope the value function

• Consider sup of sub-solutions and inf of super-solutions (Perron) :

 v^- := sup of sub-solutions $\leqslant V \leqslant v^+$:= inf of super-solutions

▶ Show that v^- is a viscosity super-solution and v^+ is a viscosity sub-solution.

 \bullet Comparison principle \rightarrow

 $v^- = V = v^+$ is the unique continuous viscosity solution.

and (as a byproduct) V satisfies the DPP

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Some comments

• Stochastic semi-solutions have to be carefully defined (depending on the control problem) \rightarrow constructive proof for the existence of a viscosity solution comparing with the value function (\neq from Perron's method)

- linear, control, optimal stopping problems (Bayraktar-Sirbu, 12, 13)
- game problems : delicate issues, no symmetry of players. recent work by Sirbu (2014)

Stochastic semisolutions

Definition (Stochastic subsolutions \mathcal{V}^-)

v stochastic subsolution to the HJBI equation if :

- v is continuous, $v(T, x, i) \leq g(x, i)$ for any $(x, i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$, and $\sup_{(s,x,i)\in[0,T]\times\mathbb{R}^d\times\mathbb{I}_m} \frac{|v(s,x,i)|}{1+|x|^q} < \infty$, for some $q \ge 1$.
- Half-DPP property. For any $s \in [0, T]$ and $\tau, \rho \in \mathcal{T}^s$ with $\tau \leq \rho \leq T$, there exists $\widetilde{\alpha} = (\widetilde{\tau}_n, \widetilde{\iota}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{A}_{s,\tau^+}$ such that, for any $\alpha = (\tau_n, \iota_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathcal{A}_{s,s}, v \in \mathcal{U}_{s,s}$, and $(x, i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$, we have $v(\tau', X_{\tau'}, I_{\tau'}) \leq \mathbb{E} \left[\int_{\tau'}^{\rho'} f(X_t, I_t, v_t) dt + v(\rho', X_{\rho'}, I_{\rho'}) - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} c(X_{\widetilde{\tau}'_n}, I_{(\widetilde{\tau}'_n)^-}, I_{\widetilde{\tau}'_n}) \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau' \leq \widetilde{\tau}'_n < \rho'\}} \middle| \mathcal{F}^s_{\tau'} \right]$

with the shorthands $X = X^{s,x,i;\alpha \otimes_{\tau} \widetilde{\alpha},v}$, $I = I^{s,x,i;\alpha \otimes_{\tau} \widetilde{\alpha},v}$.

▶ The set of *stochastic supersolutions* \mathcal{V}^+ is defined similarly.

Stochastic Perron's method : assumptions

(H2)

- (i) g, f, c are jointly continuous on their domains.
- (ii) c is nonnegative.
- (iii) g, f, c satisfy the polynomial growth condition :

$$|g(x,i)| + |f(x,i,u)| + |c(x,i,j)| \le M(1+|x|^p),$$

 $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $i, j \in \mathbb{I}_m$, $u \in U$, for some positive constants M and $p \ge 1$. (iv) g satisfies

$$g(x,i) \geq \max_{j\neq i} [g(x,j)-c(x,i,j)],$$

for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $i \in \mathbb{I}_m$.

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Stochastic Perron's method

Proposition

Let Assumptions (H1) and (H2) hold.
(i) V⁻ ≠ Ø and V⁺ ≠ Ø.
(ii) sup_{v∈V⁻} v =: v⁻ ≤ V ≤ v⁺ := inf_{v∈V⁺} v.
(iii) If v¹, v² ∈ V⁻ then v := v¹ ∨ v² ∈ V⁻. Moreover, there exists a nondecreasing sequence (v_n)_n ⊂ V⁻ such that v_n ∧ v⁻.
(iv) If v¹, v² ∈ V⁺ then v := v¹ ∧ v² ∈ V⁺. Moreover, there exists a nonincreasing sequence (v_n)_n ⊂ V⁺ such that v_n ∨ v⁺.

Theorem [Stochastic Perron's method]

Let Assumptions **(H1)** and **(H2)** hold. Then, v^- is a viscosity supersolution to the HJBI equation and v^+ is a viscosity subsolution to the HJB equation.

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Comparison principle

(H3) c satisfies the no free loop property : for any sequence of indices $i_1, \ldots, i_k \in \mathbb{I}_m$, with $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1, 2\}$, $i_1 = i_k$, and $\operatorname{card} \{i_1, \ldots, i_k\} = k - 1$, we have

 $c(x, i_1, i_2) + c(x, i_2, i_3) + \cdots + c(x, i_{k-1}, i_k) + c(x, i_k, i_1) > 0.$

We also assume : c(x, i, i) = 0, $\forall (x, i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$.

Theorem [Comparison principle]

Let Assumptions (H1), (H2), (H3) hold and consider a viscosity subsolution u (resp. supersolution v) to the HJB equation. Suppose that, for some $q \ge 1$,

$$\sup_{\substack{(t,x,i)\in[0,T]\times\mathbb{R}^d\times\mathbb{I}_m}}\frac{|u(t,x,i)|+|v(t,x,i)|}{1+|x|^q} < \infty.$$

Then, $u \leq v$ on $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$.

Dynamic programming and viscosity properties

Theorem

Let Assumptions (H1), (H2), (H3) hold. Then, the value function V is the unique viscosity solution to the HJB equation and satisfies the dynamic programming principle : for any $(s, x, i) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$ and $\rho \in \mathcal{T}^s$,

$$V(s,x,i) = \sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{s,s}} \inf_{\upsilon \in \mathcal{U}_{s,s}} \mathbb{E} \bigg[\int_{s}^{\rho'} f(X_t, I_t, \upsilon_t) dt + V(\rho', X_{\rho'}, I_{\rho'}) \\ - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} c(X_{\tau'_n}, I_{(\tau'_n)^-}, I_{\tau'_n}) \mathbb{1}_{\{s \leq \tau'_n < \rho'\}} \bigg],$$

with the shorthands $X = X^{s,x,i;\alpha,\upsilon}$, $I = I^{s,x,i;\alpha,\upsilon}$, $\rho' = \rho(X, I_{-})$, $\tau'_n = \tau_n(X, I_{-})$, and $\upsilon'_t = \upsilon(t, X, I_{-})$.

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Comparison with the Elliott-Kalton formulation

- In general : $V \leq V^{Kalton}$.
 - If comparison principle holds, then $V = V^{Kalton}$ unique solution to the HJBI equation
- \bullet One can find a counterexample with $c\equiv 0$ (no-free loop property is not satisfied) such that
 - V is solution to the lower Bellman Isaacs equation
 - V^{Kalton} is solution to the upper Bellman Isaacs equation
 - $V < V^{Kalton}$: the Isaacs equation does not hold.

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Problem

Forward parabolic system of variational inequalities :

$$\begin{cases} \min\left\{\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} - \inf_{u \in U} \left[\mathcal{L}^{i,u}V + f(x,i,u)\right], \\ V(T,x,i) - \max_{j \neq i} \left[V(T,x,j) - c(x,i,j)\right]\right\} = 0, (0,\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m \\ V(0,x,i) = g(x,i), \qquad (x,i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m \end{cases}$$

- Long time asymptotics of $V(T, \cdot, \cdot)$ as $T \to \infty$:
- Stationary solution of robust feedback switching control
- Literature on ergodic stochastic control : Bensoussan, Frehse (92); Arisawa, P.L. Lions (98), Kaise and Sheu (06), Barles, Porretta and Tchamba (10), Nagai (12), Ichihara and Sheu (13), Hu, Madec and Richou (13), Cosso, Fuhrman and P. (14), ... but often under non degeneracy condition and/or regularity of value function and very few on games !

Some heuristics and principles

• We expect to prove (under suitable conditions) that

$$rac{V(T,x,i)}{T}
ightarrow \lambda$$
 (const. independent of x,i) as $T
ightarrow \infty$.

 \bullet Tauberian Meta theorem : ergodic \sim infinite horizon with vanishing discount factor, i.e.

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{V(T,.)}{T} = \lim_{\beta \to 0} \beta V^{\beta}$$

where

$$V^{\beta}(x,i) = \sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{0,0}} \inf_{\upsilon \in \mathcal{U}_{0,0}} \mathbb{E} \bigg[\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta t} f(X_{t}^{x,i;\alpha,\upsilon}, I_{t}^{x,i;\alpha,\upsilon}, \upsilon_{t}) dt \\ - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} e^{-\beta \tau_{n}} c(X_{\tau_{n}}^{x,i;\alpha,u}, I_{\tau_{n}}^{x,i;\alpha,\upsilon}, I_{\tau_{n}}^{x,i;\alpha,\upsilon}) 1_{\{\tau_{n} < \infty\}} \bigg]$$

 \leftrightarrow Elliptic system of variational inequalities :

Ergodic system of variational inequalities

• Formally, by setting $V(T, x, i) \sim \lambda T + \phi(x, i)$ as $T \to \infty$, we get the ergodic HJBI equation :

$$\min\left\{\frac{\lambda}{u\in U}\left[\mathcal{L}^{i,u}\phi+f(x,i,u)\right],\phi(x,i)-\max_{\substack{j\neq i}}\left[\phi(x,j)-c(x,i,j)\right]\right\}=0.$$

• The pair (λ, ϕ) is the unknown.

- Aim :
 - Prove existence (and uniqueness) of a solution to the ergodic HJBI

• Show :

$$\lim_{T\to\infty}\frac{V(T,x,i)}{T} = \lambda = \lim_{\beta\to 0}\beta V^{\beta}(x,i).$$

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Main issues for asymptotic analysis

• Prove equicontinuity of the family $(V^{\beta})_{\beta}$: for all $\beta > 0$,

$$\begin{array}{rcl} V^{\beta}(x,i)-V^{\beta}(x',i)| & \leqslant & C|x-x'|, \\ & \beta|V^{\beta}(x,i)| & \leqslant & C(1+|x|), \quad \forall \ (x,i). \end{array}$$

- by PDE methods from the elliptic HJBI system?
- from the robust feedback switching control representation, which would rely on an estimate of the form :

$$\sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{0,0}, \upsilon \in \mathcal{U}_{0,0}} \mathbb{E} \Big| X_t^{x,i;\alpha,\upsilon} - X_t^{x',i;\alpha,\upsilon} \Big| \quad \leqslant \quad C_t |x - x'|, \quad \forall x, x', i.$$

Not clear due to the feedback form of the switching control!

Randomization of the control

Following idea of Kharroubi and P. (13) :

$$\begin{cases} X_t = x + \int_0^t b(X_s, I_s, \Gamma_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s, I_s, \Gamma_s) dW_s, \\ I_t = i + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{I}_m} (j - I_{s^-}) \pi(ds, dj), \\ \Gamma_t = u + \int_0^t \int_U (u' - \Gamma_{s^-}) \mu(ds, du'), \end{cases}$$

• π Poisson random measure on $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{I}_m$, μ Poisson random measure on $\mathbb{R}_+ \times U$. *W*, π , and μ are *independent*.

► $(X^{x,i,u}, I^i, \Gamma^u)$ exogenous (uncontrolled) Markov process

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Change of equivalent probability measures

Control of intensity measures :

• \equiv (resp. \mathcal{V}) class of *essentially bounded predictable* maps $\xi : [0, \infty) \times \Omega \times \mathbb{I}_m \to (0, \infty)$ (resp. $\nu : [0, \infty) \times \Omega \times U \to [1, \infty)$)

$$\frac{d\mathbb{P}^{\xi,\nu}}{d\mathbb{P}}\Big|_{\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}} = \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{T}}\Big(\int_{0}^{\cdot}\int_{\mathbb{I}_{m}}(\xi_{t}(j)-1)\widetilde{\pi}(dt,dj)\Big) \cdot \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{T}}\Big(\int_{0}^{\cdot}\int_{U}(\nu_{t}(u')-1)\widetilde{\mu}(dt,du')\Big)$$

- \blacktriangleright Under $\mathbb{P}^{\xi,\nu}$:
 - W remains a Brownian motion.
 - \mathbb{P} -compensator $\vartheta_{\pi}(di)dt$ of $\pi \longrightarrow \xi_t(i)\vartheta_{\pi}(di)dt$.
 - \mathbb{P} -compensator $\vartheta_{\mu}(du)dt$ of $\mu \longrightarrow \nu_t(u)\vartheta_{\mu}(du)dt$.
- ightarrow Easy to derive moment and Lipschitz estimates on $X^{x,i,u}$ under $\mathbb{P}^{\xi,
 u}$!

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Dual robust switching control

$$v^{\beta}(x,i,u) := \sup_{\xi \in \Xi} \inf_{\nu \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbb{E}^{\xi,\nu} \bigg[\int_0^\infty e^{-\beta t} f(X_t^{x,i,u}, I_t^i, \Gamma_t^u) dt \\ - \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{I}_m} e^{-\beta t} c(X_{t^{-}}^{x,i,u}, I_{t^{-}}^i, j) \pi(dt, dj) \bigg],$$

for all $(x, i, u) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m \times U$.

The dual problem is a symmetric game : control vs control (as in T. Pham, J. Zhang 14)

Theorem

For any $\beta > 0$ and $(x, i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m$.

$$\mathbf{v}^{\beta}(\mathbf{x}, i, u) = \mathbf{v}^{\beta}(\mathbf{x}, i, u'), \qquad \forall u, u' \in U$$

and for any $u \in U$,

 $V^{\beta}(x,i) = v^{\beta}(x,i,u), \quad \forall (x,i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m.$ Huyên PHAM

Ergodicity under dissipativity condition

• Dissipativity condition (DC) : for all $x, x' \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $i \in \mathbb{I}_m$, $u \in U$,

$$(x - x') \cdot (b(x, i, u) - b(x', i, u)) + \frac{1}{2} \|\sigma(x, i, u) - \sigma(x', i, u)\|^2$$

$$\leq -\gamma |x - x'|^2$$

for some constant $\gamma > 0$.

$$\sup_{\xi,\nu} \mathbb{E}^{\xi,\nu} [|X_t^{x,i,u} - X_t^{x',i,u}|^2] \leqslant e^{-2\gamma t} |x - x'|^2$$

$$\sup_{t \ge 0} \sup_{\xi,\nu} \mathbb{E}^{\xi,\nu} |X_t^{x,i,u}| \leqslant C(1+|x|).$$

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Main steps of proof for existence to ergodic system

• Equicontinuity :

$$\begin{split} V^{\beta}(x,i) &- V^{\beta}(x',i)| \\ \leqslant \sup_{\xi \in \Xi, \nu \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbb{E}^{\xi,\nu} \bigg[\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta t} \big| f(X_{t}^{x,i,u},I_{t}^{i},\Gamma_{t}^{u}) - f(X_{t}^{x',i,u},I_{t}^{i},\Gamma_{t}^{u}) \big| dt \bigg] \\ \leqslant L|x-x'| \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-(\beta+\gamma)t} dt = \frac{L}{\beta+\gamma}|x-x'| \leqslant \frac{L}{\gamma}|x-x'|. \end{split}$$

• Convergence of V^{β} . Define

 $\lambda_i^\beta := \beta V^\beta(0,i), \qquad \phi^\beta(x,i) := V^\beta(x,i) - V^\beta(0,i_0),$

By Bolzano-Weierstrass and Ascoli-Arzelà theorems, we can find a sequence $(\beta_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$, with $\beta_k\searrow 0^+$, such that

$$\lambda_i^{\beta_k} \stackrel{k \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} \lambda_i, \qquad \phi^{\beta_k}(\cdot, i) \stackrel{k \to \infty}{\underset{\text{in } C(\mathbb{R}^d)}{\longrightarrow}} \phi(\cdot, i).$$

► $\lambda := \lambda_i$ does not depend on $i \in \mathbb{I}_m$. Finally, stability results of viscosity solutions $\implies (\lambda, \phi)$ is a viscosity solution to the ergodic system.

A simple argument for large time convergence

Let (λ, ϕ) be a solution to the ergodic HJBI :

▶ ϕ is the unique viscosity solution to the parabolic HJBI equation with unknown ψ and terminal condition ϕ :

$$\begin{cases} \min\left\{-\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t}(t,x,i) - \inf_{u \in U}\left[\mathcal{L}^{i,u}\psi(t,x,i) + f(x,i,u) - \lambda\right], \\ \psi(t,x,i) - \max_{j \neq i}\left[\psi(t,x,j) - c(x,i,j)\right]\right\} = 0, \quad (t,x,i) \in [0,T) \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m, \\ \psi(T,x,i) = \phi(x,i), \quad (x,i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{I}_m. \end{cases}$$

For any T > 0, $\phi(x, i)$ admits the dual game representation :

$$\phi(x,i) = \sup_{\xi \in \Xi} \inf_{\nu \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbb{E}^{\xi,\nu} \left[\int_0^T \left(f(X_t^{x,i,u}, I_t^i, \Gamma_t^u) - \lambda \right) dt + \phi(X_T^{x,i,u}, I_T^i) - \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{I}_m} e^{-\beta t} c(X_{t^-}^{x,i,u}, I_{t^-}^i, j) \pi(dt, dj) \right]$$

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Large time convergence (Ctd and end)

From the dual game representation for V(T, .):

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| V(T, x, i) - \lambda T - \phi(x, i) \right| \\ \leqslant & \sup_{\xi \in \Xi, \nu \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbb{E}^{\xi, \nu} \Big[\left| g(X_T^{x, i}, I_T^i) \right| + \max_j \left| \phi(X_T^{x, j}, j) \right| \Big] \\ \leqslant & C(1 + |x|^2), \end{aligned}$$

from growth condition of g, ϕ , and estimate of X under dissipativity condition.

 \implies

$$rac{V(T,x,i)}{T} o \lambda, \quad ext{as} \ T o \infty.$$

Remark. This probabilistic argument does not require any non degeneracy condition on σ , hence any regularity on value functions.

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Concluding remarks

- Robust (model uncertainty) feedback switching control :
 - Non symmetric zero-sum control/control game
 - \neq Elliott-Kalton game formulation
- Stochastic Perron method
 - HJBI equation and DPP
- Ergodicity of HJBI
 - Randomization method \rightarrow dual symmetric (open loop) control/control game representation
 - No non-degeneracy condition