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"Comparison Result for Viscosity Solutions to the Fully Nonlinear Path-Dependent PDE's"

Abstract: Motivated by non-Markovian stochastic control problem, we work on the recently introduced notion of viscosity solutions to path-dependent PDE's. This time, we prove a comparison result for viscosity solutions of (possibly degenerate) fully nonlinear parabolic pathdependent PDEs. Our argument follows the regularization method as introduced by Jensen, Lions & Souganidis in the corresponding finite-dimensional PDE setting. The present argument significantly simplifies the comparison proof in the work by Ekren, Touzi & Zhang, but requires an L_p-type continuity (with respect to the path) for the viscosity semi-solutions and for the nonlinearity defining the equation.