

Stochastic maximum principle for optimal control of non exchangeable mean field systems.

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Introduction

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→ Graphon case : $\xi^{i,j} = G\left(\frac{i}{N}, \frac{j}{N}\right)$.
- Taking heuristically the limit as $N \nearrow \infty$, agent labeled by $u \in I := [0, 1]$ interacts through weighted probability measure

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and dynamics of the controlled state system

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Mean-field approach to large population stochastic control : A strong formulation

A strong formulation

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Cost Functional : Aim to minimize over a collection of processes $\alpha = (\alpha^u)_{u \in I}$ in a suitable class \mathcal{A}

$$J^S(\alpha) = \int_I \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T f(u, X_t^u, \alpha_t^u, (\mathbb{P}_{X_t^v})_{v \in I}) dt + g(u, X_T^u, (\mathbb{P}_{X_T^v})_{v \in I}) \right] du \quad (2)$$

→ Compute $V_0^S = J^S(\alpha^*)$ where α^* is a minimizer of J^S .

- Maps (b, σ, f, g) are defined over the space

$$L^2(I; \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}^d)) = \{u \rightarrow \mu^u \text{ is measurable and } \int_I \mathcal{W}_2(\mu^u, \delta_0)^2 du < +\infty\}.$$

- Lack of measurability of the map $(u, \omega) \mapsto X^u(\omega)$ on the space product $(I \times \Omega, \mathcal{B}(I) \otimes \mathcal{A})$.
Control problem is defined at the level of the law of the processes $\mathbb{P}_{(X^u, \alpha^u, W^u)}$.

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Mean-field approach to large population stochastic control : A label-state formulation

Since we are working at the level of the laws of the processes and for numerical purposes, we can relax the control problem formulation (1)-(2)

A label state formulation

Dynamics of the controlled state processes:

$$\begin{cases} dX_t &= b(\textcolor{blue}{U}, X_t, \alpha_t, \mathbb{P}_{(\textcolor{blue}{U}, X_t)})dt + \sigma(\textcolor{blue}{U}, X_t, \alpha_t, \mathbb{P}_{(\textcolor{blue}{U}, X_t)})dW_t, & 0 \leq t \leq T \\ X_0 &= \xi. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

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$$\mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d) = \{\mu \in \mathcal{P}_2(I \times \mathbb{R}^d) : \text{pr}_{1\sharp}\mu = \lambda\}.$$

Introduction

Connection between the two formulations

Connection between strong and label-state formulation

- We prove $V_0^S = V_0^W$. It relies essentially on

$$\mathbb{P}(X_t^u, \alpha_t^u) = \mathbb{P}(X_t, \alpha_t) | U = u, \quad du \text{ a.e.}, \quad (5)$$

when given the same policy map $\hat{\alpha}$.

- Label-state formulation is more suitable for numerical methods.
- Strong formulation is more suitable for path-wise interpretation.

Objectives

- Adapt the **Pontryagin Maximum Principle** to mean field control for non exchangeable mean field systems (NE-MFC) to find necessary and sufficient conditions for an admissible optimal control α .
- Propose an illustration in the **Linear Quadratic (LQ)** case with numerical illustrations.

Analysis tools on $\mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d)$

Differentiability and convexity

Gateaux derivative on $\mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d)$

Let $f : \mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. For $U, X, Y \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{R}^d)$ such that $\mathbb{P}_{(U, X)}, \mathbb{P}_{(U, Y)} \in \mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d)$, we have

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon} (f(\mathbb{P}_{(U, X+\epsilon Y)}) - f(\mathbb{P}_{(U, X)})) = \tilde{\mathbb{E}} \left[\partial_{\tilde{x}} \frac{\delta}{\delta m} f(\mathbb{P}_{(U, X)}) (\tilde{U}, \tilde{X}) \cdot \tilde{Y} \right] \quad (6)$$

where $(\tilde{U}, \tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})$ is an independent copy of (U, X, Y) on $(\tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{\mathcal{F}}, \tilde{\mathbb{P}})$.

→ Such function $\mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d) \times I \times \mathbb{R}^d \ni (\mu, \tilde{u}, \tilde{x}) \mapsto \frac{\delta}{\delta m} f(\mu)(\tilde{u}, \tilde{x}) \in \mathbb{R}$ is called linear functional derivative of f .

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Convexity on $\mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d)$

Let $f : I \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. f is said to be convex if for every $u \in I$, $x, x' \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\mu, \mu' \in L^2(\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}^d))$, we have :

$$\begin{aligned} f(u, x', \mu') - f(u, x, \mu) &\geq \partial_x f(u, x, \mu) \cdot (x' - x) \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E} \left[\partial_{\tilde{x}} \frac{\delta}{\delta m} f(u, x, \mu)(U, X) \cdot (X' - X) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where $(U, X') \sim \mu'$ and $(U, X) \sim \mu$.

The Pontryagin formulation

Definition of the Hamiltonian map H

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The Hamiltonian \mathbb{R} -valued function H of the stochastic optimization problem is defined as :

$$H(\textcolor{blue}{u}, x, \textcolor{red}{\mu}, y, z, a) = b(\textcolor{blue}{u}, x, \textcolor{red}{\mu}, a) \cdot y + \sigma(\textcolor{blue}{u}, x, \textcolor{red}{\mu}, a) : z + f(\textcolor{blue}{u}, x, \textcolor{red}{\mu}, a) \quad (8)$$

where $(\textcolor{blue}{u}, x, \textcolor{red}{\mu}, y, z, a) \in I \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d) \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^{d \times n} \times A$.

- Compute an optimality criterion involving the Hamiltonian H assuming differentiability and convexity as defined previously over the space $\mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d)$.
- In the following, A will denote a convex subset of \mathbb{R}^m for $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$.

Adjoint Equations to X

We call adjoint processes of X any pair (Y, Z) in $\mathbb{S}^2([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d) \times \mathbb{H}^2([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^{d \times n})$ such that (Y, Z) is solution to the adjoint equation

$$\begin{cases} dY_t = -\partial_x H(\mathbf{U}, X_t, \mathbb{P}_{(U, X_t)}, Y_t, Z_t, \alpha_t) dt + Z_t dW_t \\ \quad - \tilde{\mathbb{E}} \left[\partial_x \frac{\delta}{\delta m} H(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}, \tilde{X}_t, \mathbb{P}_{(U, X_t)}, \tilde{Y}_t, \tilde{Z}_t, \tilde{\alpha}_t)(\mathbf{U}, X_t) \right] dt, \quad t \in [0, T], \\ Y_T = \partial_x g(\mathbf{U}, X_T, \mathbb{P}_{(U, X_T)}) + \tilde{\mathbb{E}} \left[\partial_x \frac{\delta}{\delta m} g(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}, \tilde{X}_T, \mathbb{P}_{(U, X_T)})(\mathbf{U}, X_T) \right], \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

where $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}, \tilde{Z}, \tilde{\alpha})$ is an independent copy of (X, Y, Z, α) defined on $(\tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{\mathcal{F}}, \tilde{\mathbb{P}})$.

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→ We retrieve the adjoint equations of the standard Pontryagin formulation but here with the addition of the label randomization \mathcal{U} , i.e via $\mathbb{P}_{(\mathcal{U}, X_t)}$ and extension of Lions's derivative over $\mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d)$.

Derivation of a Pontryagin Optimality Condition

A necessary condition

We now state the main results which are obtained under some regularity assumptions on b , σ , f and g .

Gâteaux derivative of J

For $\beta \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $\alpha + \epsilon\beta \in \mathcal{A}$ for $\epsilon > 0$ small enough, we have :

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon} (J^W(\alpha + \epsilon\beta) - J^W(\alpha)) = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \left(\partial_\alpha H(\textcolor{blue}{U}, X_t, \mathbb{P}_{(\textcolor{red}{U}, X_t)}, \textcolor{yellow}{Y}_t, \textcolor{orange}{Z}_t, \alpha_t) \cdot \beta_t \right) dt \right]$$

where X is given by (3), (Y, Z) are given by (9) and the Hamiltonian function H is given by (8).

Necessary condition for optimality of α

Moreover, if we assume that H is convex in $a \in A$, that $\alpha = (\alpha_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ is optimal, that $X = (X_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ is the associated optimal control state given by (3) and that $(Y, Z) = (Y_t, Z_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ are the associated adjoint processes solving (9), then we have :

$$\forall a \in A, \quad H(\textcolor{blue}{U}, X_t, \mathbb{P}_{(\textcolor{red}{U}, X_t)}, \textcolor{yellow}{Y}_t, \textcolor{orange}{Z}_t, \alpha_t) \leq H(\textcolor{blue}{U}, X_t, \mathbb{P}_{(\textcolor{red}{U}, X_t)}, \textcolor{yellow}{Y}_t, \textcolor{orange}{Z}_t, a) \quad dt \otimes d\mathbb{P} \text{ a.e } (10)$$

Sufficient condition for optimality of α

A sufficient condition

Sufficient condition for optimality of α

Let $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$, $X = (X_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ the corresponding controlled state process and $(Y, Z) = (Y_t, Z_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ the corresponding adjoint processes.

- (1) $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d) \ni (x, \mu) \rightarrow g(\textcolor{blue}{U}, x, \mu)$ is convex $d\mathbb{P}$ a.e
- (2) $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d) \times A \ni (x, \mu, a) \rightarrow H(\textcolor{blue}{U}, x, \mu, \textcolor{yellow}{Y}_t, \textcolor{orange}{Z}_t, a)$ is convex $dt \otimes d\mathbb{P}$ a.e

If we assume also following the necessary condition for optimality :

$$H(\textcolor{blue}{U}, X_t, \mathbb{P}_{(U, X_t)}, \textcolor{yellow}{Y}_t, \textcolor{orange}{Z}_t, \alpha_t) = \inf_{\beta \in A} H(\textcolor{blue}{U}, X_t, \mathbb{P}_{(U, X_t)}, \textcolor{yellow}{Y}_t, \textcolor{orange}{Z}_t, \beta), \quad dt \otimes d\mathbb{P} \text{ a.e}$$

Then, α is an optimal control in the sense that $J(\alpha) = \inf_{\alpha' \in \mathcal{A}} J(\alpha')$

Linear quadratic control problem

The non exchangeable LQ model

Linear quadratic optimal control problem

We consider the following class of models (assuming for sake of simplicity σ constant and $A = \mathbb{R}^m$).

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where $\beta \in L^\infty(I; \mathbb{R}^d)$, $\gamma \in L^\infty(I; \mathbb{R}^d)$, $A \in L^\infty(I; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$, $B \in L^\infty(I; \mathbb{R}^{d \times m})$ and $G_A \in L^2(I \times I; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$.

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Quadratic cost functional

$$\begin{aligned} J(\alpha) = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T & \left[Q(\mathbf{U})(X_t - \tilde{\mathbb{E}}_{(\tilde{U}, \tilde{X}_t) \sim \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{U}, X_t)} [\tilde{G}_Q(\mathbf{U}, \tilde{U})\tilde{X}_t]) \cdot (X_t - \tilde{\mathbb{E}}_{(\tilde{U}, \tilde{X}_t) \sim \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{U}, X_t)} [\tilde{G}_Q(\mathbf{U}, \tilde{U})\tilde{X}_t]) \right. \right. \\ &+ \alpha_t \cdot R(\mathbf{U})\alpha_t + 2\alpha_t \cdot \Gamma(\mathbf{U})X_t + 2\alpha_t \cdot \tilde{\mathbb{E}}_{(\tilde{U}, \tilde{X}_t) \sim \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{U}, X_t)} [G_I(\mathbf{U}, \tilde{U})\tilde{X}_t] \Big] dt \\ &+ H(\mathbf{U})(X_T - \tilde{\mathbb{E}}_{(\tilde{U}, \tilde{X}_t) \sim \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{U}, X_t)} [\tilde{G}_H(\mathbf{U}, \tilde{U})\tilde{X}_t]) \cdot (X_T - \tilde{\mathbb{E}}_{(\tilde{U}, \tilde{X}_t) \sim \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{U}, X_t)} [\tilde{G}_H(\mathbf{U}, \tilde{U})\tilde{X}_t]) \Big] \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

A linear quadratic model

Characterization of optimal control

Proposition : Optimal control in the LQ case

In the Linear quadratic model, the unique optimal control $\hat{\alpha} = (\hat{\alpha}_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ is given by

$$\hat{\alpha}_t = S_t(U)X_t + \tilde{\mathbb{E}}_{(\tilde{U}, \tilde{X}_t) \sim \mathbb{P}(U, X_t)} [\bar{S}_t(U, \tilde{U})\tilde{X}_t] + \Gamma_t(U), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad (12)$$

where $X = (X_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ is the unique solution to the SDE obtained after replacing $\hat{\alpha}_t$ by (12) and where we denoted

$$\begin{cases} S_t(U) = -(R(U))^{-1}((B(U))^\top K_t(U) + \Gamma(U)), \\ \bar{S}_t(U, \tilde{U}) = -(R(U))^{-1}((B(U))^\top \bar{K}_t(U, \tilde{U}) + G_t(U, \tilde{U})) \\ \Gamma_t(U) = -(R(U))^{-1}(B(U))^\top \Lambda_t(U) \end{cases}$$

where $K \in C^1([0, T]; L^\infty(I; \mathbb{S}_+^d))$, $\bar{K} \in C^1([0, T], L^2(I \times I; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}))$ and $\Lambda \in C^1([0, T]; L^2(I; \mathbb{R}^d))$ are to be determined through **infinite dimensional Riccati equations**.

A linear quadratic model

Systemic risk model: Extension of Carmona, Fouque, Sun (2015)

Systemic risk model with heterogeneous banks

Dynamics of the controlled state processes:

$$\begin{cases} dX_t &= \left[\kappa(X_t - \tilde{\mathbb{E}}_{(\tilde{U}, \tilde{X}_t) \sim \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{X}_t)} [G_\kappa(\mathbf{U}, \tilde{U}) \tilde{X}_t] + \alpha_t \right] dt + \sigma dW_t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \\ X_0 &= \xi. \end{cases}$$

Cost Functional :

$$\begin{aligned} J(\alpha) = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \left\{ \eta(\mathbf{U}) \left(X_t - \tilde{\mathbb{E}}_{(\tilde{U}, \tilde{X}_t) \sim \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{X}_t)} [G_\eta(\mathbf{U}, \tilde{U}) \tilde{X}_t] \right)^2 \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + q(\mathbf{U}) \alpha_t \left(X_t - \tilde{\mathbb{E}}_{(\tilde{U}, \tilde{X}_t) \sim \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{X}_t)} [G_q(\mathbf{U}, \tilde{U}) \tilde{X}_t] \right) + \alpha_t^2 \right\} dt \right. \\ \left. + r(\mathbf{U}) \left(X_T - \tilde{\mathbb{E}}_{(\tilde{U}, \tilde{X}_T) \sim \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{X}_T)} [G_r(\mathbf{U}, \tilde{U}) \tilde{X}_T] \right)^2 \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

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- To learn functions defined over $\mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow$ **conditional moment neural network** where we approximate $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d)$ by its conditional moments.

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Deep BSDE Graphon :

- Optimal control learnt in view of (10) since

$$\hat{a}_t = a(U, t, X_t, \mathbb{P}_{(U, X_t)}, Y_t) = \arg \min_{a \in A} H(U, X_t, \mathbb{P}_{(U, X_t)}, Y_t, a).$$

→ Learn (X, Y) by exploiting the FBSDE equation.

- We use 2 neural networks $\mathcal{U}_\theta(\mu)(u, x)$ and $\mathcal{Z}_\theta(t, \mu)(u, x)$ to approximate initial value of Y and the Z component and we minimiser over θ the cost functional

$$\theta \mapsto L(\theta) = \mathbb{E} \left[|Y_T^\theta - G(X_T^\theta, \mathbb{P}_{(U, X_T^\theta)})|^2 \right],$$

Starting from $\mathcal{U}_\theta(\mathbb{P}_{(U, X_0)})(U, X_0)$, we diffuse

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for certains maps B, H depending on model coefficients.

Numerical methods for learning the optimal feedback control map \hat{a} .

Deep Graphon :

- Direct parametrization of the control via a Neural Network in **feedback form** in view of (12) solved by standard gradient descent algorithm.
- To learn functions defined over $\mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow$ **conditional moment neural network** where we approximate $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_2^\lambda(I \times \mathbb{R}^d)$ by its conditional moments.

Deep BSDE Graphon :

- Optimal control learnt in view of (10) since

$$\hat{a}_t = a(U, t, X_t, \mathbb{P}_{(U, X_t)}, Y_t) = \arg \min_{a \in A} H(U, X_t, \mathbb{P}_{(U, X_t)}, Y_t, a).$$

→ Learn (X, Y) by exploiting the FBSDE equation.

- We use 2 neural networks $\mathcal{U}_\theta(\mu)(u, x)$ and $\mathcal{Z}_\theta(t, \mu)(u, x)$ to approximate initial value of Y and the Z component and we minimiser over θ the cost functional

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A linear quadratic model

Numerical experiments

Application with $\sigma = 1$, $\eta = 0.73$, $q = 0.8$, $r = 0.22$ and $\kappa = 0.62$:

Method	Riccati	Deep Graphon	Deep BSDE Graphon
Value	0.58830	0.58826	0.58820

Table: Expected cost function using $M = 10000$ in simulation with $G(u, v) = e^{-uv}$.

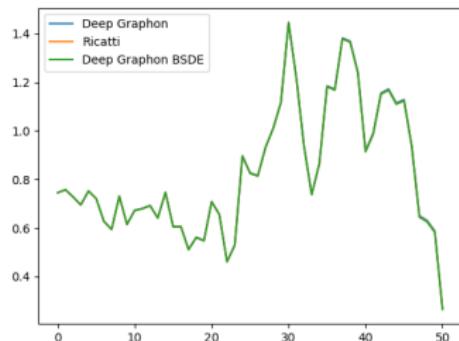


Figure: Optimal trajectory of X with $u = 0.708$

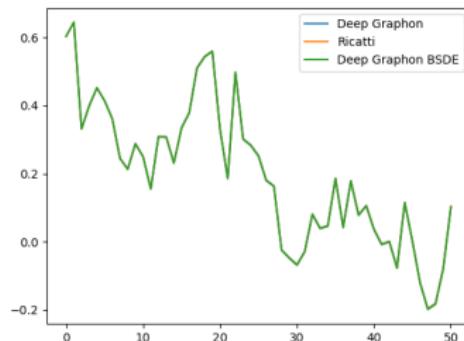


Figure: Optimal trajectory of X with $u = 0.599$

Figure: Comparison between NN solvers and the Riccati one with $G(u, v) = e^{-uv}$

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Future Works

- In the present setting, agents interact through a specified **graph/graphon** structure but it could be interesting to add a control perspective on the agent's interactions.
- Adding some randomness in the graph structure would lead to the study of dynamical systems with random interactions \implies Bridge with **Random Matrix Theory** and **Operator-Theory**.

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