The coordination of centralized and distributed electricity generation

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Our goals. Solution to the three problems above? Do the planner's suggestions coincide with the consumer/company's choices? Framework: McKean-Vlasov stochastic control problems.

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- For $\alpha < 0$ big, the consumer is trying to suddenly sell a large amount of panels, which is practically impossible, so that he actually loses money; hence, we ask $c(\alpha) > 0$ in $] \infty, -\bar{\alpha}[$.

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The simplest function with all these properties is $c(\alpha) = c\alpha + \gamma \alpha^2$.





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Consumer: Brownian motions. The production depends on W, the market price depends on W^0 . We assume $W \perp W^0$: why?

The production basically depends on the weather. Conversely, as we consider a big international company, the price is not influenced by local issues (like today's weather) but only by wider elements (fuels, status of power plants,...). So, the noises are independent.



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How to solve the problem? To characterize the optimal control, we use the following formulation of the verification theorem.



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Idea behind. As the expectation above is increasing, we have $w_0 \leq \mathbb{E}\left[e^{-\rho t}w_t^{\alpha} + \int_0^t e^{-\rho s}(c\alpha_s + \gamma\alpha_s^2 - P_s(D - X_s^{\alpha}) + \eta \operatorname{Var}[X_s^{\alpha}])ds\right],$ which leads $(t \to \infty)$ to $w_0 \leq J(\alpha)$, and then $w_0 \leq V_0$. Similarly, for $\hat{\alpha}$ we get $w_0 = J(\hat{\alpha})$ and then $w_0 \geq V_0$. Finally, $w_0 = V_0 = J(\hat{\alpha})$.



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Recall the goal: we want $\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{D}_t^{\alpha}]$ to be positive for each α ; in this form, it is complicated... Idea: completing the square.

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We can now apply the theorem, since we have

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{D}_t^{\alpha}] = \mathbb{E}\left[\gamma\left(\alpha_t + \xi_0(X_t^{\alpha}, K_t, \Lambda_t, Y_t, \Gamma_t)\right)^2\right],$$

which is always positive and equals zero for the (optimal) control $\hat{\alpha}_t = -\xi_0 \left(X_t^{\hat{\alpha}}, K_t, \Lambda_t, Y_t, \Gamma_t \right).$



$$\begin{split} \hat{\alpha}_t &= -\frac{bK}{\gamma} (\hat{X}_t - \mathbb{E}[\hat{X}_t]) \\ &+ \frac{b}{2\gamma} \int_t^\infty e^{-(\rho + b^2 K/\gamma)(s-t)} \mathbb{E}[P_s|\mathcal{F}_t^0] ds \\ &+ \frac{b}{2\gamma} \int_t^\infty \left(e^{-(\rho + b^2 \Lambda/\gamma)(s-t)} - e^{-(\rho + b^2 K/\gamma)(s-t)} \right) \bar{P}_s ds \\ &- \frac{b\Lambda}{\gamma} \mathbb{E}[\hat{X}_t] - \frac{\rho c\Lambda}{2\gamma \sigma^2 K}. \end{split}$$



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We here plot a sample trajectory (blue: $\hat{\alpha}_t$, orange: \hat{X}_t , green: P_t).



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Second term: (over)discounted energy expected to be sold in $[t,\infty[$.

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Hence, we have the following problem:

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 $dX_t^{\alpha} = b\alpha_t dt + \sigma X_t^{\alpha} dW_t, \qquad dQ_t^u = u_t dt, \qquad P \text{ stochastic.}$

Notice: optimization with respect to (α, u) , two-dimensional problem. Also recall that P is a generic stochastic process.

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Let $\beta^* = (\alpha^*, u^*)$ be the optimal control and $Z^* = (X^*, Q^*)$ be the corresponding optimal process. After some computations, we find

$$\beta_t^* = -\Xi_1(Z_t^* - \mathbb{E}[Z_t^*]) - \Xi_2 \mathbb{E}[Z_t^*] - \frac{1}{2}N^{-1}\int_t^\infty e^{-\Xi_3(s-t)} \mathbb{E}[M_s|\mathcal{F}_t^0]ds \\ - \frac{1}{2}N^{-1}\int_t^\infty \left(e^{-\Xi_4(s-t)} - e^{-\Xi_3(s-t)}\right)\bar{M}_sds - \xi_1.$$

Here, N, M are known matrices, whereas Ξ_i are solution to an algebraic matrix equation (easy numerical computations). Also, notice the mean-reverting term.

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Thank you!