

Stochastic Target Problems with controlled Loss

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- **Cons:**

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- Dual problem in incomplete markets is a control problem: how to solve it ?
- Relies heavily on the duality between super-hedgeable claims and risk neutral measures.

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Boundary in time

$$v(T^-, s, p) = p g(s)$$

Example: Quantile Hedging in Black Scholes

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(see Boyle and Tian 07 for dual approach in complete market)

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where $\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{t,s,x}^{\bar{\ell}} := \left\{ \pi \in \mathcal{A} \text{ s.t. } \bar{\ell} \left(S_{t,s}^\pi(T), X_{t,x,s}^\pi(T) \right) \geq 0 \right\}$.

- Set $D := \{(t, s, x) : \bar{\mathcal{A}}_{t,s,x}^{\bar{\ell}} \neq \emptyset\}$ and $v(t, s) := \inf\{x \in \mathbb{R} : (t, s, x) \in D\}$.

- If $\bar{\ell}$ is non-decreasing in x , then

$$\text{cl}(D) = \text{int}_p D \cup \partial_p D \cup \partial_T D \quad \text{with}$$

$$\text{int}_p D := \{t < T, x > v^*(t, s)\},$$

$$\partial_p D := \{t < T, x \in [v_*(t, s), v^*(t, s)]\},$$

$$\partial_T D := \{t = T, x \geq v_*(T, s)\}.$$

PDE in the domain $\text{int}_p D$

- Recall that

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- $x > v^*(t, s) \Rightarrow X_{t,x,s}^\pi(\tau) > v^*(\tau, S_{t,s}^\pi(\tau))$ for $\tau > t$ well chosen and $\pi \in \mathcal{A}$ given.
- Locally can choose any control !
- Associated PDE

$$\inf_{\pi \in \mathcal{A}} \left(-\mathcal{L}_{(S,X)}^\pi V(t, s, x) \right) = 0$$

On the boundary $\partial_T D$

- Recall that

$$\partial_T D := \{t = T, x \geq v_*(t, s)\} \quad \text{with} \quad v(t, s) := \inf\{x \in \mathbb{R} : \bar{\mathcal{A}}_{t,s,x}^\ell \neq \emptyset\}$$

- We have the natural boundary condition: $V(T-, s, x) = F(s, x)$.

PDE on the spacial boundary $\partial_p D$

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- Assume v is smooth.

If $x = v(t, s)$, we should have $dX_{t,x,s}^\pi(t) \geq dv(t, S_{t,s}^\pi(t))$.

This implies that

$$\pi_t \in \mathcal{N}(t, s, x, v) := \left\{ \pi \in A : \begin{aligned} \beta(s, x, \pi) &= \sigma(s, \pi) Dv(t, s), \\ \rho(s, x, \pi) - \mathcal{L}_S^\pi v(t, s) &\geq 0 \end{aligned} \right\} .$$

- PDE on $\partial_p D$

$$\inf_{\pi \in \mathcal{N}(t,s,x,v)} \left(-\mathcal{L}_{(S,X)}^\pi V(t, s, x) \right) = 0 .$$

PDE formulation: sum up

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On $\text{int}_p D$ after relaxing the operator (A may be unbounded).

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- Already proved:

On $\partial_p D$ when v is continuous (need to express the constraint \mathcal{N} in terms of test functions for v).

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- Already proved:

On $\partial_p D$ when v is not continuous: the constraint does not appear in the subsolution property.

Remaining points to study

1. Comparison principle
2. Numerical schemes on PDE
3. Examples
4. Better understanding of what happens on the boundary $\partial_p D$