

# Mean Field Games Project

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## 1 Introduction to Mean Field Games

The theory of mean field games (MFGs in short), has been introduced in the pioneering works of J-M. Lasry and P-L. Lions [3, 4, 5], and aims at studying deterministic or stochastic differential games (Nash equilibria) as the number of players tends to infinity

In game theory, a Nash equilibrium is a situation where:

- Each player correctly anticipates the choices of the others;
- Each player maximizes their payoff, given this anticipation.

In other words, a strategy profile  $s^* = ((s_i^*)_{i \in 1, n})$  is a Nash equilibrium if each player  $i$  plays an optimal strategy  $s_i^*$  (which maximizes their payoff  $\pi$ ) given the strategies of the other players  $s_j^*$ , where  $j \in 1, n$ :

$$\forall (i, j) \in 1, n^2, \forall s_i \in ((s_i^*)_{i \in 1, n}), \pi(s_i^*, s_j^*) \geq \pi(s_i, s_j^*)$$

Thus, the Nash equilibrium is such that no player regrets their choice (they could not have done better) given the choices of others, with choices being, as always in game theory, simultaneous.

We consider the following MFG: find a flow of probability densities  $\hat{m} : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a feedback control  $\hat{v} : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  satisfying the following two conditions:

1.  $\hat{v}$  minimizes  $J_{\hat{m}} : v \mapsto J_{\hat{m}}(v) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^T f(X_v^t, \hat{m}(t, X_v^t), v(t, X_v^t)) dt + \varphi(X_v^T, \hat{m}(T, X_v^T)) \right]$  subject to the constraint that the process  $X_v = (X_v^t)_{t \geq 0}$  solves the stochastic differential equation (SDE)

$$dX_v^t = b(X_v^t, \hat{m}(t, X_v^t), v(t, X_v^t)) dt + \sigma dW_t, \quad t \geq 0, \quad (1)$$

where  $\sigma$  is the volatility,  $b$  is a given function from  $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d$  with values in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $X_v^0$  is an independent random variable in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , distributed according to the law  $m_0$ ;

2. For all  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $\hat{m}(t, \cdot)$  is the law of  $X_v^t$ .

It is useful to note that for a given feedback control  $v$ , the density  $m_v^t$  of the law of  $X_v^t$  following (1) solves the Kolmogorov-Fokker-Planck (KFP) equation:

$$\frac{\partial m_v}{\partial t}(t, x) - \nu \Delta m_v(t, x) + \operatorname{div} (m_v(t, \cdot) b(\cdot, \hat{m}(t, \cdot), v(t, \cdot))) (x) = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \quad (1)$$

$$m_v(0, x) = m_0(x), \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d, \quad (2)$$

where  $\nu = \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$ .

Let  $H : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d \ni (x, m, p) \mapsto H(x, m, p) \in \mathbb{R}$  be the Hamiltonian of the control problem faced by an infinitesimal player. It is defined by

$$H(x, m, p) = \max_{\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^d} (-f(x, m, \gamma) - \langle b(x, m, \gamma), p \rangle) \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (3)$$

From standard optimal control theory, one can characterize the best strategy through the value function  $u$  of the above optimal control problem for a typical player, which satisfies a Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman (HJB) equation. Together with the equilibrium condition on the distribution, we obtain that the equilibrium best response  $\hat{v}$  is characterized by

$$\hat{v}(t, x) = \arg \max_{a \in \mathbb{R}^d} (-f(x, m(t, x), a) - \langle b(x, m(t, x), a), \nabla u(t, x) \rangle), \quad (4)$$

and, denoting  $H_p$  the gradient of  $H$  with respect to  $p$ , that the drift at equilibrium is

$$b(x, m(t, x), \hat{v}(t, x)) = -H_p(x, m(t, x), \nabla u(t, x)). \quad (5)$$

$(u, m)$  solves the following forward-backward PDE system:

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, x) - \nu \Delta u(t, x) + H(x, m(t, x), \nabla u(t, x)) = 0, & \text{in } [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \\ \frac{\partial m}{\partial t}(t, x) - \nu \Delta m(t, x) - \operatorname{div}(m(t, \cdot) H_p(\cdot, m(t, \cdot), \nabla u(t, \cdot))) (x) = 0, & \text{in } (0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \\ u(T, x) = \varphi(x, m(T, x)), \quad m(0, x) = m_0(x), & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d. \end{cases} \quad (3a, 3b, 3c)$$

**Remark** The Hamilton-Jacobi equation (3a) is a backward parabolic nonlinear equation and is supplemented with a terminal condition, the left part of (3c). The Komogorov-Fokker-Planck equation (3b) is a forward parabolic linear equation and is supplemented with an initial condition, the right part of (3c).

## 2 Implementation of the Mean Field Game

### 2.1 Simulation Data

The parameters and functions are defined as follows:

- $\Omega = ]0, 1[, T = 1$
- $\sigma = 0.2$
- The Hamiltonian  $H_0(x, p) = \frac{1}{\beta} |p|^\beta - g(x)$  with  $g(x) = -\exp(-40(x - \frac{1}{2})^2)$ . Try  $\beta = 2, \beta = 1.1, \beta = 4$ .
- The Discrete Hamiltonian  $\tilde{H}(x, p_1, p_2) = \frac{1}{\beta} ((p_1^-)^2 + (p_2^+)^2)^{\frac{\beta}{2}} - g(x)$
- $\tilde{f}(m(x)) = \frac{m(x)}{10}$
- $\varphi(x, m) = -\exp(-40(x - 0.7)^2)$

- $m_0(x) = \exp(-3000(x - 0.2)^2)$  (this is not a probability law because the integral is not 1, but this does not matter).
- $N_h = 201$ ,  $N_T = 100$ ,  $\theta = 0.01$
- Stopping criteria in the Newton method:  $10^{-12}$
- Stopping criteria in the Picard fixed-point method:  $10^{-6}$  (with norms normalized so that  $\|(1, \dots, 1)\| = 1$ )

### Python Code

```

1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 # Parameters
5 T = 1.0
6 N_h = 201
7 N_T = 100
8 sigma = 0.2
9 beta_values = [2, 1.1, 4]
10 theta = 0.01
11 tol_newton = 1e-12
12 tol_picard = 1e-6
13
14 # Functions
15 g = lambda x: -np.exp(-40 * (x - 0.5)**2)
16 f_tilde = lambda m: m / 10
17 phi = lambda x, m: -np.exp(-40 * (x - 0.7)**2)
18 m0 = lambda x: np.exp(-3000 * (x - 0.2)**2)

```

## 2.2 Discretization

Let  $N_T$  and  $N_h$  be two positive integers. We consider  $N_T + 1$  and  $N_h$  points in time and space respectively. Set  $\Delta t = \frac{T}{N_T}$ ,  $h = \frac{1}{N_h - 1}$ , and  $t_n = n \times \Delta t$ ,  $x_i = i \times h$  for  $(n, i) \in \{0, \dots, N_T\} \times \{0, \dots, N_h - 1\}$ .

### Python Code

```

1 def discretize_space_time(T, N_T, N_h):
2     # Calculate increments
3     delta_t = T / N_T
4     h = 1 / (N_h - 1)
5
6     # Generate time points
7     t_n = np.linspace(0, T, N_T + 1)
8
9     # Generate space points
10    x_i = np.linspace(0, 1, N_h)
11
12    return t_n, x_i
13
14 t_n, x_i = discretize_space_time(T, N_T, N_h)

```

```

Time points (t_n): [0. 0.01 0.02 0.03 0.04 0.05 0.06 0.07 0.08 0.09 0.1 0.11 0.12 0.13
0.14 0.15 0.16 0.17 0.18 0.19 0.2 0.21 0.22 0.23 0.24 0.25 0.26 0.27
0.28 0.29 0.3 0.31 0.32 0.33 0.34 0.35 0.36 0.37 0.38 0.39 0.4 0.41
0.42 0.43 0.44 0.45 0.46 0.47 0.48 0.49 0.5 0.51 0.52 0.53 0.54 0.55
0.56 0.57 0.58 0.59 0.6 0.61 0.62 0.63 0.64 0.65 0.66 0.67 0.68 0.69
0.7 0.71 0.72 0.73 0.74 0.75 0.76 0.77 0.78 0.79 0.8 0.81 0.82 0.83
0.84 0.85 0.86 0.87 0.88 0.89 0.9 0.91 0.92 0.93 0.94 0.95 0.96 0.97
0.98 0.99 1. ]
Space points (x_i): [0. 0.005 0.01 0.015 0.02 0.025 0.03 0.035 0.04 0.045 0.05 0.055
0.06 0.065 0.07 0.075 0.08 0.085 0.09 0.095 0.1 0.105 0.11 0.115
0.12 0.125 0.13 0.135 0.14 0.145 0.15 0.155 0.16 0.165 0.17 0.175
0.18 0.185 0.19 0.195 0.2 0.205 0.21 0.215 0.22 0.225 0.23 0.235
0.24 0.245 0.25 0.255 0.26 0.265 0.27 0.275 0.28 0.285 0.29 0.295
0.3 0.305 0.31 0.315 0.32 0.325 0.33 0.335 0.34 0.345 0.35 0.355
0.36 0.365 0.37 0.375 0.38 0.385 0.39 0.395 0.4 0.405 0.41 0.415
0.42 0.425 0.43 0.435 0.44 0.445 0.45 0.455 0.46 0.465 0.47 0.475
0.48 0.485 0.49 0.495 0.5 0.505 0.51 0.515 0.52 0.525 0.53 0.535
0.54 0.545 0.55 0.555 0.56 0.565 0.57 0.575 0.58 0.585 0.59 0.595
0.6 0.605 0.61 0.615 0.62 0.625 0.63 0.635 0.64 0.645 0.65 0.655
0.66 0.665 0.67 0.675 0.68 0.685 0.69 0.695 0.7 0.705 0.71 0.715
0.72 0.725 0.73 0.735 0.74 0.745 0.75 0.755 0.76 0.765 0.77 0.775
0.78 0.785 0.79 0.795 0.8 0.805 0.81 0.815 0.82 0.825 0.83 0.835
0.84 0.845 0.85 0.855 0.86 0.865 0.87 0.875 0.88 0.885 0.89 0.895
0.9 0.905 0.91 0.915 0.92 0.925 0.93 0.935 0.94 0.945 0.95 0.955
0.96 0.965 0.97 0.975 0.98 0.985 0.99 0.995 1. ]

```

Figure 1: Discretization in time and space

## 2.3 Ghost Nodes

We approximate  $u$  and  $m$  respectively by vectors  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{(N_T+1) \times N_h}$ , that is,  $u(t_n, x_i) \approx U_n^i$  and  $m(t_n, x_i) \approx M_n^i$  for each  $(n, i) \in \{0, \dots, N_T\} \times \{0, \dots, N_h - 1\}$ . We use a superscript and a subscript respectively for the time and space indices.

## Python Code

```

1 # Adjust x_i to include ghost nodes
2 # We prepend and append the ghost nodes to the spatial points array
3 x_ghost = np.hstack(([x_i[0] - h], x_i, [x_i[-1] + h]))
4
5 # Initialize U and M matrices with zeros for simplicity
6 # Now we have N_h + 2 columns due to the two ghost nodes
7 U = np.zeros((N_T + 1, N_h + 2))
8 M = np.zeros((N_T + 1, N_h + 2))
9
10 print(f"Spatial points with ghost nodes (x_ghost): {x_ghost}")

```

## 2.4 Discrete Neumann boundary conditions

To take into account Neumann boundary conditions, we introduce ghost nodes  $x_{-1} = -h$ ,  $x_{N_h} = 1 + h$ , and set

$$U_n^{-1} = U_n^0, \quad U_n^{N_h} = U_n^{N_h-1}, \quad M_n^{-1} = M_n^0, \quad M_n^{N_h} = M_n^{N_h-1}. \quad (6)$$

## Python Code

```

1 for n in range(N_T + 1):
2     # Set ghost node values equal to the nearest interior node
3     # values
4     U[n, 0] = U[n, 1] # U_n,-1 = U_n,0 in our indexing, ghost node
5     # at start
6     U[n, -1] = U[n, -2] # U_n,N_h = U_n,N_h-1, ghost node at end

```

```

5 M[n, 0] = M[n, 1] # M_n,-1 = M_n,0, same for M
6
7 M[n, -1] = M[n, -2] # M_n,N_h = M_n,N_h-1

```

## 2.5 Finite Difference Operators

To implement the finite difference operators as described, let's define each operator and then show how they can be implemented in Python. These operators are essential for discretizing derivatives in both time and space, which is a fundamental step in solving partial differential equations numerically.

### 1. Time Derivative Operator ( $D_t W$ )

The time derivative operator is defined as:

$$D_t W_n = \frac{1}{\Delta t} (W_{n+1} - W_n), \quad n \in \{0, \dots, N_T - 1\}, \quad W \in \mathbb{R}^{N_T+1}$$

### 2. Space Derivative Operator ( $DW$ )

The space derivative operator is defined as:

$$DW_i = \frac{1}{h} (W_{i+1} - W_i), \quad i \in \{0, \dots, N_h - 1\}, \quad W \in \mathbb{R}^{N_h}$$

### 3. Discrete Laplacian Operator ( $\Delta_h W$ )

The discrete Laplacian operator is defined as:

$$\Delta_h W_i = -\frac{1}{h^2} (2W_i - W_{i+1} - W_{i-1}), \quad i \in \{0, \dots, N_h - 1\}, \quad W \in \mathbb{R}^{N_h}$$

### 4. Discrete Gradient Operator ( $\nabla_h W$ )

The discrete gradient operator is defined as:

$$[\nabla_h W]_i = ((DW)_i, (DW)_{i-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad i \in \{0, \dots, N_h - 1\}, \quad W \in \mathbb{R}^{N_h}$$

In which the special cases  $i = 0$  and  $i = N_h - 1$  can be written thanks to the above mentioned discrete version of the Neumann boundary conditions.

#### Python Code

```

1 def Dt(W, Delta_t):
2     """
3     Time derivative operator.
4
5     Args:
6     - W: np.array, vector in R^(N_T+1) representing a quantity over
       time.

```

```

7     - Delta_t: float, time step size.
8
9     Returns:
10    - np.array of time derivatives of W.
11    """
12    return (W[1:] - W[:-1]) / Delta_t
13
14 def D(W, h):
15     """
16     Spatial derivative operator.
17
18     Args:
19     - W: np.array, vector in  $\mathbb{R}^N_h$  representing a spatial quantity.
20     - h: float, spatial step size.
21
22     Returns:
23     - np.array of spatial derivatives of W.
24     """
25     # Use np.pad to handle Neumann boundary conditions implicitly
26     W_padded = np.pad(W, (1, 1), 'edge')
27     return (W_padded[2:] - W_padded[:-2]) / (2*h)
28
29 def Delta_h(W, h):
30     """
31     Laplacian operator using central differences.
32
33     Args:
34     - W: np.array, vector in  $\mathbb{R}^N_h$ .
35     - h: float, spatial step size.
36
37     Returns:
38     - np.array, Laplacian of W.
39     """
40     W_padded = np.pad(W, (1, 1), 'edge')
41     return (2*W - W_padded[2:] - W_padded[:-2]) / h**2
42
43 def nabla_h(W, h):
44     """
45     Gradient operator returning forward and backward spatial
46     derivatives.
47
48     Args:
49     - W: np.array, vector in  $\mathbb{R}^N_h$ .
50     - h: float, spatial step size.
51
52     Returns:
53     - np.array of shape (N_h, 2), gradients of W.
54     """
55     forward = np.pad(W, (0, 1), 'edge')[1:] - W
56     backward = W - np.pad(W, (1, 0), 'edge')[:-1]
57     return np.vstack((forward[:-1] / h, backward[1:] / h)).T
58
59 # Apply operators
60 time_derivative = D_tW(W_time, t)
61 space_derivative = DW(W_space, h)
62 laplacian = hW(W_space, h)
63 gradient = nabla_hW(W_space, h)

```

```

Time Derivative: [1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.]
Space Derivative: [1. 1. 1. 1. 1.]
Laplacian: [ 4. -0. -0. -0. -4.]
Gradient: [[1. 1. 1. 1.]
           [1. 1. 1. 1.]]

```

Figure 2: Finite difference operators with example  $N_h = 5$  and  $N_T = 10$

## 2.6 Discrete Hamiltonian

Let  $\tilde{H} : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(x, p_1, p_2) \mapsto \tilde{H}(x, p_1, p_2)$  be a discrete Hamiltonian, assumed to satisfy the following properties:

- ( $\tilde{H}_1$ ) Monotonicity: for every  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $\tilde{H}$  is nonincreasing in  $p_1$  and nondecreasing in  $p_2$ .
- ( $\tilde{H}_2$ ) Consistency: for every  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\tilde{H}(x, p, p) = H_0(x, p)$ .
- ( $\tilde{H}_3$ ) Differentiability: for every  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $\tilde{H}$  is of class  $C^1$  in  $p_1, p_2$ .
- ( $\tilde{H}_4$ ) Convexity: for every  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $(p_1, p_2) \mapsto \tilde{H}(x, p_1, p_2)$  is convex.

We will consider if  $H_0(x, p) = \frac{1}{\beta}|p|^\beta - g(x)$ , then we can take  $\tilde{H}(x, p_1, p_2) = \frac{1}{\beta}((p_1^-)^2 + (p_2^+)^2)^{\frac{\beta}{2}} - g(x)$ , where  $X^+$ , resp.  $X^-$  stand for the positive (resp. negative) part of  $X$ :  $X = X^+ - X^-$  and  $|X| = X^+ + X^-$  for the simulation of the mean field game.

$$\tilde{H}_{p_1}(x, p_1, p_2, \beta, g) = p_1^- \left( ((p_1^-)^2 + (p_2^+)^2)^{\left(\frac{\beta}{2}-1\right)} \right)$$

$$\tilde{H}_{p_2}(x, p_1, p_2, \beta, g) = p_2^+ \left( ((p_1^-)^2 + (p_2^+)^2)^{\left(\frac{\beta}{2}-1\right)} \right)$$

### Python Code

```

1 def positive_part(x):
2     return np.maximum(x, 0)
3
4 def negative_part(x):
5     return np.maximum(-x, 0)
6
7 def discrete_hamiltonian(x, p1, p2, beta, g):
8     """
9     Calculate the discrete Hamiltonian as per Example 2.1.
10
11     Args:
12     - x: np.array, spatial domain.
13     - p1: float or np.array, momentum component 1.
14     - p2: float or np.array, momentum component 2.
15     - beta: float, a parameter of the Hamiltonian.
16     - g: function, a function g(x) representing the potential.

```



```

17
18     Returns:
19     - np.array, the discrete Hamiltonian evaluated at (x, p1, p2).
20     """
21
22     return ((negative_part(p1) ** 2 + positive_part(p2) ** 2) ** (
23         beta / 2)) / beta - g(x)
24
25 def H_p1(x, p1, p2, beta, g):
26     if p1 <= 0 :
27         H_tilde_p1 = p1 * ((negative_part(p1) ** 2 + positive_part(
28             p2) ** 2)**((beta / 2)-1))
29     else :
30         H_tilde_p1 = 0
31     return H_tilde_p1
32
33 def H_p2(x, p1, p2, beta, g):
34     if p2 >= 0 :
35         H_tilde_p2 = p2 * ((negative_part(p1) ** 2 + positive_part(
36             p2) ** 2)**((beta / 2)-1))
37     else :
38         H_tilde_p2 = 0
39     return H_tilde_p2
40
41 def H0(x,p,beta,g):
42     """Compute the original Hamiltonian."""
43     return (abs(p) ** beta) / beta - g(x)
44
45
46 g = lambda x: -np.exp(-40 * (x - 0.5)**2)
47
48 # Example
49 x = 0.5
50 p1 = 1
51 p2 = 1
52 beta = 2
53 p = 1
54
55 H_tilde_value = discrete_hamiltonian(x, p1, p2, beta, g)
56 Htilde_p1 = H_p1(x, p1, p2, beta, g) # derivative / p1
57 Htilde_p2 = H_p2(x, p1, p2, beta, g) # derivative / p2
58 print("H~(x, p1, p2) =", H_tilde_value)
59 print("H~ derivate p1 =", Htilde_p1)
60 print("H~ derivative p2 =", Htilde_p2)
61 print(H0(x,p,beta,g), H_tilde_value, H0(x,p,beta,g) ==
62       H_tilde_value)
63 print(H0(x,p,beta,g))

```

```

H~(x, p1, p2) = 1.5
H~ derivate p1 = 0
H~ derivative p2 = 1.0
H~(x, p1, p2) = H0(x,p,beta,g) => True

```

Figure 3: Case  $p_1=p_2=p=1$  and  $\beta = 2$

Hypothesis  $(\tilde{H}_1)$  Monotonicity: for every  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $\tilde{H}$  is nonincreasing in  $p_1$  and nondecreasing in  $p_2$ . is verified since the derivate according to  $p_1$  is always negative or nul and the derivate according to  $p_2$  is always positive or nul

Furthermore, hypothesis  $(\tilde{H}_2)$  Consistency: for every  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\tilde{H}(x, p, p) = H_0(x, p)$ . is also verified for the example Discrete Hamiltonian

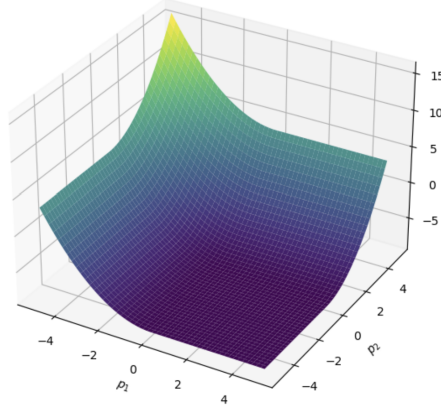


Figure 4:  $(p_1, p_2) \mapsto \tilde{H}(x, p_1, p_2)$

## Python Code

```

1
2 from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
3
4 # Define the meshgrid for p1 and p2
5 p1 = np.linspace(-5, 5, 400)
6 p2 = np.linspace(-5, 5, 400)
7 p1, p2 = np.meshgrid(p1, p2)
8
9 # Calculate H_tilde for each pair of (p1, p2)
10 H_tilde_values = H_tilde(x_example, p1, p2, beta_example, g_example)
11
12 # Plot
13 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))
14 ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
15 ax.plot_surface(p1, p2, H_tilde_values, cmap='viridis')
16
17 ax.set_xlabel('$p_1$')
18 ax.set_ylabel('$p_2$')
19 ax.set_zlabel('$\tilde{H}(x, p_1, p_2)$')
20 ax.set_title('Plot of $\tilde{H}(x, p_1, p_2)$')
21
22 plt.show()

```

### 3 Solving the discrete HJB equation

The implementation of the discrete Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman (HJB) equation involves dealing with a backward differential equation in time with Neumann boundary conditions. Given the complexity of the problem, we will break down the implementation into stages and focus on a Python implementation that addresses each part of the HJB equation, as indicated.

The discrete HJB equation is given by:

$$-(D_t U_i)^n - \nu(\Delta_h U^n)_i + \tilde{H}(x_i, [\nabla_h U^n]_i) = \tilde{f}_0(M_i^{n+1}), \quad 0 \leq i < N_h, \quad 0 \leq n < N_T, \quad (7)$$

$$U_{-1}^n = U_0^n, \quad 0 \leq n < N_T, \quad (8)$$

$$U_{N_h}^n = U_{N_h-1}^n, \quad 0 \leq n < N_T, \quad (9)$$

$$U_i^{N_T} = \phi(M_i^{N_T}), \quad 0 \leq i < N_h. \quad (10)$$

### Discrete HJB Equation Components

Implementing the discrete Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman (HJB) equation involves addressing a backward differential equation in time with Neumann boundary conditions. We break down the implementation into discrete components as follows.

#### Temporal Derivative

The backward difference in time for  $U$  at time  $n$  and space  $i$  is represented as:

$(-D_t U_i)^n$  : The backward difference in time for  $U$  at time  $n$  and space  $i$ .

#### Laplacian Term

Represents diffusion in space for  $U$  at time  $n$  and space  $i$ , scaled by a factor  $\nu$ :

$\nu(\Delta_h U^n)_i$  : The Laplacian term, representing diffusion in space for  $U$  at time  $n$  and space  $i$ , scaled by  $\nu$ .

#### Hamiltonian Term

The discrete Hamiltonian evaluated at space  $i$  and time  $n$ , taking into account the gradient of  $U$  at that point:

$H(\tilde{x}_i, [\nabla_h U^n]_i)$  : The Hamiltonian term, evaluated at space  $i$  and time  $n$ , incorporating the gradient of  $U$  at time  $n$ .

#### Source Term

Represents a source term or a function of the state variable  $M$  at the next time step  $n + 1$  and space  $i$ :

$\tilde{f}_0(M_i^{n+1})$  : The source term, representing a function of the state variable  $M$  at the next time step  $n + 1$  and space  $i$ .

## Terminal and Neumann Boundary Conditions

The value of  $U$  at the final time step  $N_T$  and the conditions at the spatial boundaries are critical for solving the HJB equation. Terminal condition is given by  $U$  at the final time step, and Neumann boundary conditions are applied at the spatial boundaries to ensure no flux across them.

### Definition of $F$

The function  $F$  is defined as:

$$F(U^n, U^{n+1}, M^{n+1}) = -(D_t U)^n - \nu(\Delta_h U^n) + H(x, [\nabla_h U^n]) - \tilde{f}_0(M_i^{n+1}).$$

This function  $F$  represents the discrepancy between the two sides of the equation for each point in space at a given time step  $n$ .

### Implementation of $F$

To implement  $F$ , we consider the components of the discrete HJB equation including the temporal derivative, the Laplacian term, the Hamiltonian term, and the source term. The implementation involves calculating these components at each spatial point and time step, ensuring the equation  $F(U^n, U^{n+1}, M^{n+1}) = 0$  is satisfied.

### Python Code

#### 3.1 Computation of F

```
1 def compute_F(U_n, U_np1, M_np1, nu, h, t, x, beta, g):
2     """
3     Compute the function F for the HJB equation.
4
5     Parameters:
6     - U_n: The current estimate of U at time step n.
7     - U_np1: U at the next time step (n+1).
8     - M_np1: M at the next time step (n+1).
9     - nu: The diffusion coefficient.
10    - h: The spatial discretization step.
11    - t : The temporal discretization step.
12    - x: The spatial domain.
13    - beta: A parameter for the Hamiltonian.
14    - g: The function g(x) used in the Hamiltonian.
15
16    Returns:
17    - The value of F for each point in space at time step n.
18    """
19    D_tU_n = D_tW(U_n, t) # Assuming D_tW implements the
20    hU_n = hW(U_n, h) # Laplacian of U at time n
21    grad_U_n = nabla_hW(U_n, h) # Gradient of U at time n
22
```

```

23 # Hamiltonian term. Note: This requires appropriate handling of
24   grad_U_n to extract p1, p2
25   H_tilde_terms = np.array([discrete_hamiltonian(xi, p1, p2, beta
26   , g(xi)) for xi, (p1, p2) in zip(x, grad_U_n.T)])
27
28 # Source term
29   f_tilde_terms = f_tilde_0(M_np1)
30
31 # F(U^n, U^{n+1}, M^{n+1})
32   F_values = -D_tU_n - nu * hU_n + H_tilde_terms -
33   f_tilde_terms
34
35   return F_values

```

To solve the nonlinear system  $F(U^n, U^{n+1}, M^{n+1}) = 0$  for the discrete Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman (HJB) equation with Neumann boundary conditions, we apply the Newton-Raphson method. This section outlines the computational approach to solving  $F(U^n, U^{n+1}, M^{n+1}) = 0$  at a specific timestep  $n$ .

The Newton-Raphson method is an iterative method used for finding successively better approximations to the roots (or zeroes) of a real-valued function. To solve the equation  $F(U^n, U^{n+1}, M^{n+1}) = 0$ , the method is applied as follows:

First, we compute the Jacobian  $J$  of  $F$  with respect to  $U^n$ , which involves partial derivatives of  $F$  with respect to each element of  $U^n$ .

The  $U^n$  value is updated iteratively according to the formula:

$$U^{n,k+1} = U^{n,k} - J^{-1}(U^{n,k}, U^{n+1}, M^{n+1})F(U^{n,k}, U^{n+1}, M^{n+1})$$

where  $U^{n,k}$  is the approximation of  $U^n$  at the  $k$ -th iteration. This process involves:

- Computing the Jacobian matrix  $J$ .
- Inverting  $J$  (or solving the corresponding linear system).
- Iteratively updating  $U^n$  until convergence is achieved.

The Newton-Raphson method offers a powerful tool for solving the nonlinear system  $F(U^n, U^{n+1}, M^{n+1}) = 0$ , integral to the backward time-marching solution of the discrete HJB equation. By iteratively updating  $U^n$  with respect to  $J$  and  $F$ , we approach the solution with increasing accuracy until convergence.

### 3.2 Computation of the Jacobian Matrix

Computing the Jacobian of the map  $\mathbb{R}^{N_h} \ni U \mapsto (H(\tilde{x}_i, [\nabla_h U]_i))_{0 \leq i < N_h}$  involves understanding how small changes in the vector  $U$  affect the values of the discrete Hamiltonian  $H$  at each point in the spatial discretization. The Jacobian matrix  $J$  will have dimensions  $N_h \times N_h$ , with each element defined as:

$$J_{ij} = \frac{\partial H(\tilde{x}_i, [\nabla_h U]_i)}{\partial U_j}$$

Given the functions  $H_{p1}$  and  $H_{p2}$  for computing the partial derivatives of the discrete Hamiltonian  $\tilde{H}$  with respect to  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ , we can now fully implement the computation of the Jacobian matrix  $J$ . This implementation will incorporate the derivatives obtained from  $H_{p1}$  and  $H_{p2}$  and will handle the dependencies between the spatial points in  $U$  through the gradient  $[\nabla_h U]$ .

The Jacobian matrix  $J$  at a given time step is crucial for solving the discrete HJB equation using the Newton-Raphson method. It represents how the discretized nonlinear system  $F(U^n, U^{n+1}, M^{n+1}) = 0$  changes with small variations in  $U^n$  and is defined as:

$$J_{ij} = \frac{\partial F(U^n)}{\partial U_j^n}$$

Considering the spatial derivatives  $[\nabla_h U]_i = ((DW)_i, (DW)_{i-1})$  involves computing  $DW$ , which represents the discrete spatial derivative of  $U$  with respect to the space. We integrate the provided partial derivatives  $H_{p1}$  and  $H_{p2}$  into the computation.

Implementing the Jacobian Matrix  $J$

## Python Code

```

1 def compute_gradient(U, h):
2     # Compute forward and backward differences
3     forward_diff = np.diff(U) / h
4     backward_diff = np.roll(forward_diff, 1)
5     # Handle boundary conditions (Neumann)
6     backward_diff[0] = 0 # Assuming symmetric boundary at the
    start
7     forward_diff = np.append(forward_diff, forward_diff[-1]) #
    Extend to maintain size
8     return forward_diff, backward_diff
9
10 def compute_jacobian(U, h, x, beta, g, N_h):
11     """
12     Compute the Jacobian matrix of the map U -> H~(xi, [nabla_h U]i
13     ).
14
15     Parameters:
16     - U: The current estimate of U.
17     - h: The spatial discretization step.
18     - x: The spatial domain.
19     - beta: A parameter for the Hamiltonian.
20     - g: The function g(x).
21     - N_h: Number of spatial discretization points.
22
23     Returns:
24     - J: The Jacobian matrix of dimensions N_h x N_h.
25     """
26     J = np.zeros((N_h, N_h)) # Initialize the Jacobian matrix
27
28     p1_forward, p1_backward = compute_gradient(U, h)
29     p2_forward, p2_backward = p1_forward, p1_backward # For this
    Hamiltonian, p1 and p2 gradients are computed the same way

```

```

29
30     for i in range(N_h):
31         for j in range(max(0, i-1), min(i+2, N_h)):
32             if j == i: # Diagonal elements
33                 J[i, j] += H_p1(x[i], p1_forward[i], p2_forward[i],
34                     beta, g(x[i]))
35                 J[i, j] += H_p2(x[i], p1_backward[i], p2_backward[i],
36                     beta, g(x[i]))
37             elif j == i-1: # Elements to the left of diagonal
38                 J[i, j] += H_p2(x[i], p1_backward[i], p2_backward[i],
39                     beta, g(x[i]))
40             elif j == i+1: # Elements to the right of diagonal
41                 J[i, j] += H_p1(x[i], p1_forward[i], p2_forward[i],
42                     beta, g(x[i]))
43
44     return J

```

## Python Code

```

1 def compute_jacobian(U_n, U_np1, M_np1, x, h, Delta_t, beta, nu, g)
2 :
3     N_h = len(x)
4     J = np.zeros((N_h, N_h)) # Initialize Jacobian matrix
5
6     epsilon = 1e-5 # Small perturbation for numerical
7     differentiation
8
9     for i in range(N_h):
10         # Perturb U_n at the i-th position
11         U_n_perturbed = U_n.copy()
12         U_n_perturbed[i] += epsilon
13
14         # Compute F with and without perturbation
15         F_original = F(U_n, U_np1, M_np1, x, h, Delta_t, beta, nu,
16             g)
17         F_perturbed = F(U_n_perturbed, U_np1, M_np1, x, h, Delta_t,
18             beta, nu, g)
19         print(F_original)
20         print(F_perturbed)
21         # Numerical derivative (partial derivative of F with
22         # respect to U_n[i])
23         J[:, i] = (F_perturbed - F_original) / epsilon
24         print(J)
25
26     return J

```

23 This implementation computes the Jacobian matrix  $J$  based on the spatial discretization of  $U$  and incorporates the partial derivatives of the discrete Hamiltonian as provided by  $H_{p1}$  and  $H_{p2}$ . Note that this implementation assumes that  $g(x)$  is defined elsewhere in your code and is accessible within this function.

24 The `compute_gradient` function calculates the forward and backward differences to approximate the spatial derivatives, accounting for Neumann boundary conditions at the domain

boundaries. The Jacobian matrix is then assembled by filling in the appropriate partial derivatives for each spatial point, considering the relationships between adjacent points in the discretized spatial domain.

### 3.3 Newton-Raphson iterations to solve HJB Equation

To solve the discrete Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman (HJB) equation using the functions we've implemented, we'll follow the backward time-marching procedure outlined previously. This involves starting from the terminal time step  $N_T$  and iteratively solving the equation backward in time using the Newton-Raphson method at each step.

Given that we already have:

- The functions for computing the Hamiltonian derivatives  $H_{p1}$  and  $H_{p2}$ .
- A function `compute_jacobian` for the Jacobian matrix  $J$ .
- The functions `positive_part` and `negative_part`.

We'll now implement the procedure to solve the discrete HJB equation. This solution requires an iterative process at each time step, solving the nonlinear system  $F(U^n, U^{n+1}, M^{n+1}) = 0$  using Newton-Raphson iterations.

#### Python Code

```

1 def newton_raphson_for_hjb(U_n_plus_1, M_n_plus_1, x, beta, sigma,
2   Nh, h, delta_t, tol=1e-12, max_iter=100):
3   """
4   Solve the HJB equation for U_n using the Newton-Raphson method.
5
6   Parameters:
7   - U_n_plus_1: Approximation of U at time step n+1.
8   - M_n_plus_1: M at time step n+1.
9   - x, beta, sigma, Nh, h, delta_t: Parameters and discretization
10    variables.
11   - tol: Tolerance for the stopping criterion.
12   - max_iter: Maximum number of iterations for the Newton-Raphson
13    method.
14
15   Returns:
16   - U_n: Solution for U at time step n.
17   """
18   U_n = U_n_plus_1.copy()
19
20   for iteration in range(max_iter):
21     print(iteration)
22     # Compute F and the Jacobian J at the current approximation
23     F_val = compute_F(U_n, U_n_plus_1, M_n_plus_1, x, beta,
24                       sigma, Nh, h, delta_t)
25     J_val = compute_Jacobian(U_n, U_n_plus_1, M_n_plus_1, x,
26                              beta, sigma, Nh, h, delta_t)

```



```

22
23     # Solve the linear system  $J * \text{delta} = -F$  to find the update
    delta
24     delta = np.linalg.solve(J_val, -F_val)
25
26     # Update U_n
27     U_n += delta
28     print(np.linalg.norm(delta, np.inf))
29     print(tol)
30     # Check for convergence
31     if np.linalg.norm(delta, np.inf) < tol:
32         break
33
34     return U_n

```

### 3.4 Solving HJB backward

#### Python Code

```

1 def solve_hjb_backward_with_newton(U, M, x, beta, sigma, Nh, NT, h,
    delta_t):
2     """
3     Solve the HJB equation backward in time using the Newton-
    Raphson method.
4
5     Parameters:
6     - U: Initial matrix for U, with terminal condition set.
7     - M: Matrix for M.
8     - x, beta, sigma, Nh, NT, h, delta_t: Problem parameters and
    discretization variables.
9
10    Returns:
11    - The updated matrix U after solving the HJB equation.
12    """
13    for n in reversed(range(NT)):
14        U_n_plus_1 = U[:, n+1]
15        M_n_plus_1 = M[:, n+1]
16        U[:, n] = newton_raphson_for_hjb(U_n_plus_1, M_n_plus_1, x,
    beta, sigma, Nh, h, delta_t)
17        print(U_n_plus_1)
18        print(M_n_plus_1)
19    # Neumann boundary conditions as per the problem statement
20    U[0, :] = U[1, :]
21    U[-1, :] = U[-2, :]
22
23    return U

```

## 4 Solving the discrete Fokker-Planck equation

### 4.1 Discrete transport operator

$T_i$  is the discrete transport operator defined as :

$$T_i(U, M) = \frac{1}{h} (M_i \tilde{H}_{p_1}(x_i, [\nabla_h U]_i) - M_{i-1} \tilde{H}_{p_1}(x_{i-1}, [\nabla_h U]_{i-1}) \\ + M_{i+1} \tilde{H}_{p_2}(x_{i+1}, [\nabla_h U]_{i+1}) - M_i \tilde{H}_{p_2}(x_i, [\nabla_h U]_i))$$

#### Python Code

```
1 def T_i(U, M, i, h, beta):
2     """
3     Compute the discrete transport operator Ti for a given spatial
4     index i.
5
6     Parameters:
7     - U: The U matrix for all time steps and spatial points.
8     - M: The M matrix for all time steps and spatial points.
9     - i: The current spatial index.
10    - h: The spatial discretization step.
11    - beta: The beta parameter for the Hamiltonian.
12
13    Returns:
14    - The value of the discrete transport operator Ti at spatial
15      index i.
16    """
17    # Ensure i is within valid range
18    if i == 0 or i == len(M) - 1:
19        return 0
20
21    # Gradient of U at i, using central difference
22    grad_h_U_i = [(U[i+1] - U[i-1]) / (2 * h), (U[i+1] - U[i-1]) /
23                  (2 * h)] # Assuming symmetric for simplicity
24
25    # Compute H_p1 and H_p2
26    H_p1_i = H_tilde_p1(x[i], grad_h_U_i, beta)
27    H_p2_i_plus_1 = H_tilde_p2(x[i+1], grad_h_U_i, beta) #
28    Assuming H_p2 depends on the gradient at i for simplicity
29
30    # Compute Ti using the provided formula
31    Ti_value = (1/h) * (
32        M[i] * H_p1_i - M[i-1] * H_p1_i +
33        M[i+1] * H_p2_i_plus_1 - M[i] * H_p2_i_plus_1
34    )
35
36    return Ti_value
```

## 4.2 Resolution

The discrete KFP equation is given by:

$$(D_t M_i)^n - \nu(\Delta_h M_{n+1})_i - T_i(U^n, M_{n+1}) = 0, \quad 0 \leq i < N_h, \quad 0 \leq n < N_T, \quad (11)$$

$$M_{-1}^n = M_0^n, \quad 0 < n \leq N_T, \quad (12)$$

$$M_{N_h}^n = M_{N_h-1}^n, \quad 0 < n \leq N_T, \quad (13)$$

$$M_i^0 = \bar{m}_0(x_i), \quad 0 \leq i < N_h. \quad (14)$$

The discrete Kolmogorov-Forward (KFP) equation involves a time derivative of the distribution  $M$ , a diffusion term with Laplacian  $\Delta_h M$ , and a transport term  $T_i(U, M)$ , with Neumann boundary conditions. Solving this equation requires iteratively updating  $M$  forward in time, starting from an initial condition  $M_0$ .

Given:

- $(D_t M_i)^n$  represents the forward difference in time for  $M$  at time  $n$  and space  $i$ .
- $\nu(\Delta_h M^{n+1})_i$  is the diffusion term for  $M$  at the next time step  $n+1$  and space  $i$ , scaled by a diffusion coefficient  $\nu$ .
- $T_i(U^n, M^{n+1})$  is the discrete transport operator at space  $i$ , given  $U$  at time  $n$  and  $M$  at the next time step  $n+1$ .
- The initial condition  $M_i^0 = \bar{m}_0(x_i)$ , where  $\bar{m}_0(x_i) = m_0(x_i)$  and  $m_0(x) = \exp(-3000(x - 0.2)^2)$ .

### Python Code

```

1 from scipy.sparse import diags
2 from scipy.sparse.linalg import spsolve
3
4 def solve_fp_forward(U, M, sigma, Nh, NT, h, delta_t, beta):
5     """
6     Solve the FP equation forward in time using an implicit scheme.
7     """
8     # Precompute constants for the diagonal matrix construction
9     diffusion_term = sigma / h**2
10    main_diag = 1 + 2 * diffusion_term * delta_t # Main diagonal
11    off_diag = -diffusion_term * delta_t # Off diagonal
12
13    # Construct the sparse matrix A (implicit scheme)
14    diagonals = [main_diag * np.ones(Nh), off_diag * np.ones(Nh-1),
15                off_diag * np.ones(Nh-1)]
16    A = diags(diagonals, [0, -1, 1], format="csr")
17
18    for n in range(NT):
19        U_n_plus_1 = U[:, n+1]
```

```

20     # Compute the right-hand side b
21     b = M[:, n]
22
23     # Modify b based on the transport effect (Ti)
24     # This is a simplified representation; adjust based on
    actual Ti implementation
25     for i in range(1, Nh-1):
26         transport_effect = T_i(U_n_plus_1, M[:, n], i, h, beta)
27         b[i] -= transport_effect * delta_t
28
29     # Solve the linear system A * M_{n+1} = b
30     M[:, n+1] = spsolve(A, b)
31
32     # Apply Neumann boundary conditions
33     M[0, n+1] = M[1, n+1]
34     M[-1, n+1] = M[-2, n+1]
35
36     return M

```

## 5 Fixed point iterations for the whole forward-backward system

### 5.1 Picard fixed point iterations

Let  $M$  stand for the collection  $(M_n)_{n=0,\dots,N_T}$  and  $U$  stand for the collection  $(U_n)_{n=0,\dots,N_T}$ . The program consists of approximating  $(M, U)$  by Picard fixed point iterations. Let  $\theta$  be a parameter,  $0 < \theta < 1$ ,  $\theta = 0.01$  is often a sensible choice. Let  $(M^{(k)}, U^{(k)})$  be the running approximation of  $(M, U)$ . The next approximation  $(M^{(k+1)}, U^{(k+1)})$  is computed as follows:

1. Solve the discrete HJB equation given  $M^{(k)}$ . The solution is named  $U^{(k+1)}$ .
2. Solve the discrete FP equation given  $U^{(k+1)}$ . The solution is named  $M^{(k+1)}$ .
3. Set  $(M^{(k+1)}, U^{(k+1)}) = (1 - \theta)(M^{(k)}, U^{(k)}) + \theta(M^{(k+1)}, U^{(k+1)})$ .

These iterations are stopped when the norm of the increment  $(M^{(k+1)}, U^{(k+1)}) - (M^{(k)}, U^{(k)})$  becomes smaller than a given threshold, say  $10^{-7}$ .

#### Python Code

```

1 import numpy as np
2 import numpy.linalg as la
3
4 def picard_iteration(M_initial, U_initial, x, Nh, NT, h, delta_t,
    sigma, beta, theta=0.01, tol=1e-7, max_iter=100):
5     """
6     Perform Picard fixed point iterations to approximate (M, U).
7

```

```

8 Parameters:
9 - M_initial, U_initial: Initial guesses for M and U.
10 - x, Nh, NT, h, delta_t, sigma, beta: Parameters and
    discretization variables.
11 - theta: Mixing parameter for the Picard iteration.
12 - tol: Tolerance for convergence.
13 - max_iter: Maximum number of iterations.
14
15 Returns:
16 - M, U: Approximations of M and U after convergence.
17 """
18 M = M_initial.copy()
19 U = U_initial.copy()
20
21 for k in range(max_iter):
22     # Step 1: Solve the HJB equation for Ub given current M
23     Ub = solve_hjb_backward_with_newton(U, M, x, beta, sigma,
24     Nh, NT, h, delta_t)
25     print(Ub)
26
27     # Step 2: Solve the FP equation for Mc given updated Ub
28     Mc = solve_fp_forward(Ub, M, sigma, Nh, NT, h, delta_t,
29     beta)
30     print(Mc)
31
32     # Step 3: Update (M, U) using the mixing parameter theta
33     M_next = (1 - theta) * M + theta * Mc
34     U_next = (1 - theta) * U + theta * Ub
35
36     # Check for convergence based on the norm of the increment
37     delta_M = la.norm(M_next - M, np.inf)
38     delta_U = la.norm(U_next - U, np.inf)
39
40     if delta_M < tol and delta_U < tol:
41         print(f"Convergence achieved after {k+1} iterations.")
42         break
43
44     M, U = M_next, U_next
45
46 return M, U

```

## 5.2 Outputs

### 5.2.1 The contour lines of u and m in the plane (x,t)

#### Python Code

```

1 for beta in beta_values:
2     # Solve the MFG using Picard iterations
3     M, U = picard_iteration(M_initial, U_initial, x, Nh, NT, h,
4     delta_t, sigma, beta, theta, tol_picard)
5     # Plot contour lines of u and m
6     plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
7     plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
8     plt.contourf(x, np.linspace(0, T, NT+1), U.T, levels=50)

```

```

8 plt.colorbar()
9 plt.title(f"Contour of u for beta={beta}")
10 plt.xlabel('x')
11 plt.ylabel('t')
12
13 plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
14 plt.contourf(x, np.linspace(0, T, NT+1), M.T, levels=50)
15 plt.colorbar()
16 plt.title(f"Contour of m for beta={beta}")
17 plt.xlabel('x')
18 plt.ylabel('t')
19
20 plt.tight_layout()
21 plt.show()

```

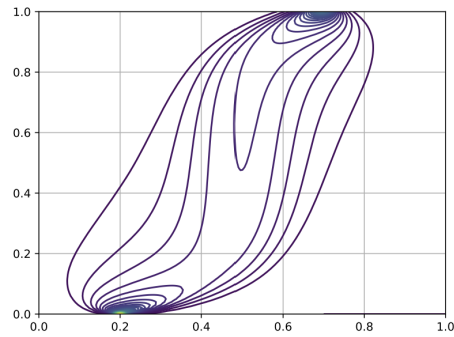


Figure 5: Figure 1: Contour lines of  $m$  in the example described above with  $g(x) = -\exp(-40(x - \frac{1}{2})^2)$  and  $\beta = 2$  ( $x$  in abscissa,  $t$  in ordinate).

## 5.2.2 Animations (in the mp4 format) showing the evolution of $u$ and $m$ with respect to $t$

### Python Code

```

1 from matplotlib.animation import FuncAnimation
2 from matplotlib.animation import FFMpegWriter
3
4 Nh, NT = U.shape
5 x = np.linspace(0, 1, Nh) # Update according to your actual
   spatial domain
6
7 fig, ax = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(10, 8))
8
9 ax[0].set_xlim((0, 1))
10 ax[0].set_ylim((np.min(U), np.max(U)))
11 ax[1].set_xlim((0, 1))
12 ax[1].set_ylim((np.min(M), np.max(M)))
13
14 line1, = ax[0].plot([], [], lw=2)

```

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15 line2, = ax[1].plot([], [], lw=2)
16
17 ax[0].set_title('Evolution of u over Time')
18 ax[1].set_title('Evolution of m over Time')
19
20 ax[0].set_xlabel('x')
21 ax[0].set_ylabel('u')
22
23 ax[1].set_xlabel('x')
24 ax[1].set_ylabel('m')
25
26 def init():
27     line1.set_data([], [])
28     line2.set_data([], [])
29     return line1, line2
30
31 def animate(i):
32     line1.set_data(x, U[:, i])
33     line2.set_data(x, M[:, i])
34     return line1, line2
35
36 writer = FFMpegWriter(fps=30, extra_args=['-vcodec', 'libx264'])
37
38 anim = FuncAnimation(fig, animate, init_func=init, frames=NT,
39                     interval=100, blit=True)
40 anim.save('mfg_evolution.mp4', writer=writer)
41
42 plt.show()

```

### 5.3 Second Case of function g

$$g(x) = -\exp\left(-40\left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right)^2\right) - \exp\left(-40\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2\right)$$

```

1 def g(x):
2     return -np.exp(-40 * (x - 1/3)**2) - np.exp(-40 * (x - 2/3)**2)

```

## 6 Conservation of the total mass of m

### Introduction

The mass of  $M_n$ , defined as

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N_h-1} M_n^i,$$

remaining constant and not depending on  $n$  in the context of Mean Field Games (MFGs) can be understood through the properties of the Fokker-Planck (FP) equation which governs the evolution of  $M$ . The FP equation describes the

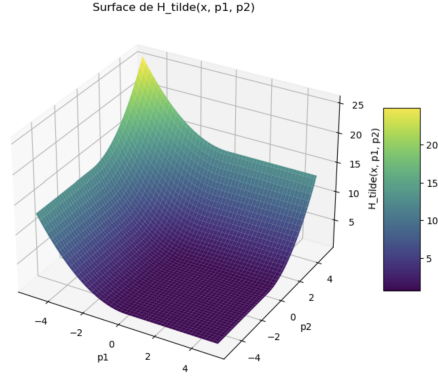


Figure 6:  $(p_1, p_2) \mapsto \tilde{H}(x, p_1, p_2)$

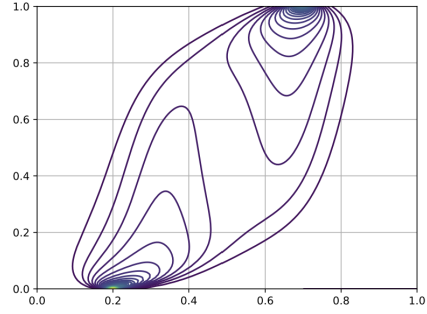


Figure 7: Figure 2: Contour lines of  $m$  in the example described above with  $g(x) = -\exp(-40(x - \frac{1}{3})^2) - \exp(-40(x - \frac{2}{3})^2)$  and  $\beta = 2$  ( $x$  in abscissa,  $t$  in ordinate).

density evolution of agents in the game over time and space, accounting for both diffusion (spread) and drift (directed motion).

## Key Points for Constant Mass

### Conservation Law

The FP equation, in its continuous form, represents a conservation law. It implies that the total mass (or the total number of agents) in the system is conserved over time if there are no sources or sinks within the domain. This conservation is inherent in the equation's structure, reflecting the physical principle that agents can move or spread out but cannot magically appear or disappear.



## Neumann Boundary Conditions

The imposition of Neumann boundary conditions further ensures mass conservation. These boundary conditions imply that there is no flux of agents across the domain's boundaries; agents are neither entering nor leaving the domain, thus preserving the total number within the domain over time.

## Implicit Scheme and Linearity

The solution approach for the FP equation, especially when using implicit time-stepping schemes, maintains this conservation property at each time step. The linearity of the FP equation (assuming the drift and diffusion coefficients do not depend on  $M$ ) under the specified boundary conditions ensures that any initial mass of  $M_0$  is propagated through each subsequent time step without change.

## Numerical Discretization

The numerical discretization and solution of the FP equation (e.g., finite difference methods), when correctly implemented with the conservation law and boundary conditions in mind, inherently preserves the total mass. The discretized equations, solved at each time step, account for the redistribution of  $M$  across the spatial domain without adding to or subtracting from the total.

## Mathematical Insight

The conservation of mass in the FP equation can be seen from its integral form over the spatial domain. When integrated, the diffusion term (second spatial derivative) becomes a boundary term due to the divergence theorem, which is nullified by Neumann boundary conditions. The drift term (first spatial derivative), when integrated, also becomes a boundary term, which again is nullified by the boundary conditions. Hence, the integral of  $M$  over space, representing the total mass, does not change over time.

## Conclusion

The constancy of the mass of  $M_n$  across time steps  $n$  is a fundamental property stemming from the physical principles of conservation, the mathematical structure of the FP equation, and the specific boundary conditions applied. This ensures that the numerical simulation of the system accurately reflects the expected behavior of the underlying physical or theoretical model being represented.

## 7 Uniqueness in Discrete HJB Equation

*Proof.* Pour prouver l'unicité de la solution à l'équation discrète de Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman (HJB) compte tenu des conditions énoncées, nous utiliserons un

argument de contradiction en exploitant la propriété de monotonie du Hamiltonien discret ( $\tilde{H}$ ). Nous supposons qu'il existe deux solutions différentes  $U$  et  $V$  à l'équation discrète HJB et démontrerons que cela conduit à une contradiction, prouvant ainsi que la solution doit être unique.

Soit  $\tilde{U}$  et  $\tilde{V}$  deux solutions de l'équation discrète HJB. Cela signifie que les deux satisfont :

$$\begin{aligned} -(D_t U)_n - \nu(\Delta_h U)_n + \tilde{H}(x_i, [\nabla_h U]_n) &= \tilde{f}_0(M_{n+1}) \\ -(D_t V)_n - \nu(\Delta_h V)_n + \tilde{H}(x_i, [\nabla_h V]_n) &= \tilde{f}_0(M_{n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

pour tout  $0 \leq i < N_h$ ,  $0 \leq n < N_T$ , avec les conditions aux limites données.

Considérons la différence  $W_n = U_n - V_n$ . Nous sommes intéressés par le maximum de cette différence sur tous les  $n$  et  $i$ . Par l'hypothèse d'avoir deux solutions, il existe au moins une paire  $(n_0, i_0)$  telle que  $W_{n_0 i_0} = \max_{n,i} (U_{ni} - V_{ni})$  est positif (autrement, si la différence maximale est zéro, les solutions ne sont pas différentes).

À  $(n_0, i_0)$ , les deux solutions  $U$  et  $V$  satisfont à l'équation discrète HJB, donc nous pouvons soustraire les équations pour  $V$  de  $U$  pour obtenir une équation pour  $W$ . Cependant, pour exploiter la monotonie de  $\tilde{H}$ , nous observons que puisque  $\tilde{H}$  est monotone dans ses arguments :

$$\tilde{H}(x_{i_0}, [\nabla_h U]_{n_0}) - \tilde{H}(x_{i_0}, [\nabla_h V]_{n_0})$$

Le signe de cette expression est déterminé par la monotonie de  $\tilde{H}$  par rapport à ses arguments. Si  $U_{n_0, i_0} > V_{n_0, i_0}$ , alors les termes de gradient  $[\nabla_h U]_{n_0}$  et  $[\nabla_h V]_{n_0}$  conduisent à une contradiction avec la maximalité supposée de  $W_{n_0 i_0}$  si  $\tilde{H}$  devait croître, en raison de ses propriétés de monotonie.

La contradiction apparaît parce que, si  $W_{n_0 i_0}$  est en effet la différence strictement positive maximale, alors l'équation discrète HJB obligerait  $W$  à être non positive en ce point en raison des propriétés de  $\tilde{H}$ . Cela signifie que  $U_{n_0 i_0}$  ne peut pas être strictement supérieur à  $V_{n_0 i_0}$ , contredisant l'hypothèse que  $W_{n_0 i_0}$  est positif.

Le cas  $U_{n_0, i_0} < V_{n_0, i_0}$  est obtenue par symétrie.

□

## 8 Uniqueness in Discrete KFP equation

On suppose que  $U_i^{M_T} = \phi(M_i^{M_T})$

d'après l'équation de KFP discrète :

$$(\Delta_t M_i)^n - V(\Delta_h M^{n+1})_i - \gamma_i(U^n; M^{n+1}) = 0$$

$$M_i^0 = \bar{m}_0(x_i) = m_0(x_i)$$

$$M_i^1 = m(x_i) = \bar{m}(x_i)$$

Soit  $i \in [0, N_h]$

Soit  $n \in [0, N_T]$

On cherche  $M$  tel que

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} (M_i^{n+1} - M_i^n) - V(\Delta_h M^{n+1})_i - \gamma_i(U^n; M^{n+1}) = 0$$

$$\text{avec } \gamma_i(U, M) = \frac{1}{h} (M_i \tilde{H}_{p_1}(x_i, [\nabla_h U]_i) - M_{i-1} \tilde{H}_{p_1}(x_{i-1}, [\nabla_h U]_{i-1}) \\ + M_{i+1} \tilde{H}_{p_2}(x_{i+1}, [\nabla_h U]_{i+1}) - M_i \tilde{H}_{p_2}(x_i, [\nabla_h U]_i))$$

$$\text{et } (\Delta_h M)_i = -\frac{1}{h^2} (2M_i - M_{i+1} - M_{i-1})$$

donc cela revient à écrire

$$\frac{M_i^{n+1}}{\Delta t} - V(\Delta_h M^{n+1})_i - \gamma_i(U^n; M^{n+1}) = \frac{M_i^n}{\Delta t}$$

ce problème linéaire peut se réécrire :  $\mu \cdot M + A M = \mu \cdot M^n$

où  $A$  est un opérateur linéaire dépendant de  $U$   
Les hypothèses de monotonie de  $\tilde{H}$  implique  $\frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial p_1}(x_i, p_1, p_2) \leq 0$  et  $\frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial p_2}(x_i, p_1, p_2) \geq 0$

ce qui implique que la matrice correspondant à  $A$  a des coefficients diagonaux positifs et des coefficients non diagonaux négatifs.

De plus, comme  $\tilde{H} \in C^1$  de  $\|D_h U\|_\infty \leq C h$  implique  
qu'il existe une constante  $C$  indépendante de  $M$  (mais possible de  $h$ )  
tel que  $\forall p \in \mathbb{R}^2, \left| \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial p_p}(x_i, [D_h U]) \right| \leq C$

$\mu = \frac{1}{\Delta t} = \frac{M_T}{T} = 100$  (dans le cas de la simulation)

donc pour  $\mu$  qui dépend de  $h$  mais pas de  $M$ , la matrice correspondant à  $\mu \cdot I_d + A$  est une  $M$ -matrice (càd une matrice de la forme  $s \cdot I_d - B$  où  $B \geq 0_d$  et  $s > \rho(B)$  avec  $\rho$  le rayon spectral de  $B$ )

et donc (par un th. pour les  $M$ -matrices)  $\mu \cdot I_d + A$  est inversible

donc le système d'équations linéaires dans l'équation de KFP discrète admet une unique solution  $M$  étant donné  $U$ .

□

## 9 Positivity of $M_n$ for all $n$

Montrons par récurrence la propriété  $P_n$ : " $\forall n, M^n$  est positive"

$P_0$ :  $M^0$  est positive (par hypothèse) ok

Supposons  $P_n$ , Montrons  $P_{n+1}$

comme  $\gamma > 0$  et  $L = \gamma \cdot I_d + A$  est inversible d'après la question précédente et  $-A \geq 0_d$

$L^{-1}$  est positive car c'est l'inverse d'une matrice avec des coefficients non diagonaux négatifs (par def d'une M-matrice)

et  $M^n$  est positive d'après l'hypothèse de récurrence

donc en isolant  $M^{n+1}$ , on conclut que  $M^{n+1}$  est positive

donc  $P_{n+1}$  est vraie

donc si  $M^0$  est positive  $\forall n, M^n$  est positive.

□

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