

# Application on Stochastic Control

## (1) Setting:

Consider state of system at time  $t$ :

$$dX_t = b(t, X_t, u_t)dt + \sigma(t, X_t, u_t)d\beta_t.$$

Remark:  $u_t$  is  $\mathcal{F}_t^{(m)}$ -adapted. chosen to control the process  $X_t$ .  $u_t \in U \subset \mathbb{R}^k_{\text{real}}$ .

where  $X_t \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .  $b: \mathbb{R}^{2n} \times \mathbb{R}^n \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .  $\sigma: \mathbb{R}^{2n} \times \mathbb{R}^n \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

Set:  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . profit rate func.

$g: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . request func.

st. they're conti.

$h \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ . fixed.  $\hat{T} := \inf \{ r > s | cr. X_r \geq h \}$ .

Performance func.  $J^u(s, x) := \mathbb{E}_{s,x}^{\int_s^{\hat{T}} f(u_r, X_r) dr + g(\hat{T}, X_{\hat{T}})} I_{\{\hat{T} < \infty\}}$

To simplify as usual:

Set  $Y_t := (s+t, X_{s+t})$ .  $t \geq 0$ . Then:

$$J^u(s, x) = \mathbb{E}_{s,x}^{\int_s^{\hat{T}} f(Y_t, u_t) dt + g(Y_{\hat{T}}, I_{\{\hat{T} < \infty\}})}.$$

Next, we want to find control  $u^* \in A$ .

Some admissible family and  $\bar{\Phi}^{c_{\eta}}$ . St.

$$\bar{\Phi}^{c_{\eta}} = \sup_{u \in A} J^u c_{\eta}, = J^{u^* c_{\eta}}. \text{ optimal.}$$

Def: i) When  $u(t, w) = u(t)$ , it's called deterministic control.

ii) When  $u(t, w)$  is  $M_t$ -adapted.  $M_t := \sigma(x_r^u, r \leq t)$ , it's called feedback control.

iii) When  $u(t, w) = u(t, X_t(w))$ , it's called Markov control since it's Markov process.

(2) HJB equations:

Thm. Def:  $\bar{\Phi}^{c_{\eta}} = \sup \{ J^u c_{\eta} \mid u = u(Y) \}$ . Markov control.

If  $\bar{\Phi} \in C^2(\mathbb{R}) \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$ .  $E^{\eta}[\bar{\Phi}(Y_T) + \int_0^T L^V \bar{\Phi}(Y_t) dt] < \infty$ .

for all stopping time  $\tau \leq T$ . and  $L^V$  is generator of  $Y_t^{\eta}$ . Besides, the optimal control  $u^*$  exists, and  $\partial u$  is regular. Then:

i)  $\sup_{v \in A} \{ f^{c_{\eta}} + c L^V \bar{\Phi}(c_{\eta}) \} = 0$ .  $\forall \eta \in \mathcal{H}$  and

$$\bar{\Phi}(c_{\eta}) = g(c_{\eta}). \quad \forall \eta \in \mathcal{H}.$$

ii)  $f^{u^* c_{\eta}}(c_{\eta}) + c L^{u^* c_{\eta}} \bar{\Phi}(c_{\eta}) = 0$ . obtain supran.

Pf: i) The second assert is from Dirichlet prob.

To prove the first one:

i) Check:  $\mathbb{E}^n, J^n(Y_\tau)) = J^n(\eta) - \mathbb{E}^n \int_0^\tau f(Y_s) ds$   
by Smp.  $\forall \eta \in \mathcal{H}, \alpha \in \mathcal{Z}_n$ .

2<sup>o</sup>) Set  $W = \{(s, z, \epsilon) \in \mathcal{H} \mid s < t\}$ .  $\eta = zw$ .

$$u(s, z) = \begin{cases} v, & (s, z) \in W, \\ u^*, & (s, z) \notin W. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So: } \Phi(Y_\tau) = J^{u^*}(Y_\tau) = J^n(Y_\tau).$$

Note:  $\Phi(\eta) \stackrel{(A)}{\geq} J^n(\eta)$ .  $\forall n$ . M. control.

$$= \mathbb{E}^n(J^n(Y_\tau)) + \mathbb{E}^n \int_0^\tau f(Y_s) ds$$

Apply Dynkin's on  $\mathbb{E}^n(\Phi(Y_\tau))$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}^n \int_0^\tau f(Y_s) ds + \Phi(Y_\tau) \mathbb{P}(Y_\tau \in \cdot) / \mathbb{P}(Y_\tau) \leq 0.$$

Set  $\tau \rightarrow 0$  i.e.  $t_1 \rightarrow s$ .

3<sup>o</sup>) Note when  $u = u^*$ . (A) will be "=".

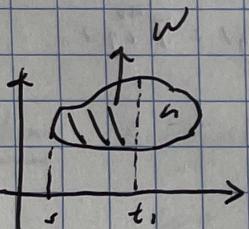
ii) By Poisson problem.

Rmk: If claim: If  $u^*$  exists. Then.

it's necessary to be optimal

for the function  $v \mapsto f^*(v) +$

$(L^v \Phi)(\eta)$ . at  $v = u^*(\eta)$ .  $\forall \eta \in \mathcal{H}$ .



Thm. (Sufficient)

For  $\bar{\Phi} \in C^2(\mathbb{H}) \cap C(\bar{\mathbb{H}})$ . If:

i)  $f'(y_j) + L^{\bar{\Phi}}(y_j) \leq 0$ .  $\forall j \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\forall u$ .

ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{\Phi}(Y_{n_k}) = \bar{\Phi}(Y_{\infty})$ ,  $I$  is a.s.

iii)  $(\bar{\Phi}(Y_n))_{n \leq n_k}$  is a.i. Then:

i)  $\bar{\Phi}(y_j) \geq J^n(y_j)$ .  $\forall$  Markov control  $n$ .

ii) If  $\forall j \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\exists n_0(j)$ . St.

$$f^{(n_0(j))}(y_j) + L^{(n_0(j))}\bar{\Phi}(y_j) = 0 \text{ and}$$

$(\bar{\Phi}(Y_n^{n_0(j)}))_{n \leq n_k}$  is a.i. Then:

$n_0$  is the Markov control. St.  $\bar{\Phi}(y_j) = J^{n_0(j)}$ .

Rank:  $n_0$  won't always exist:

Only when b.r. f.g. & h. satisfy  
some certain conditions.

Pf: By Dynkin's formulae on  $E^r(\bar{\Phi}(Y_{n_k}))$ .

where  $\tau_R = R \cap Z_n$

and apply Fatou's Lemma

Thm. (For other controls)

$\bar{\Phi}_m(y_j) := \sup \{ J^n(y_j) \mid n \text{ is Markov control} \}$ .

$\bar{\Phi}_x(y_j) := \sup \{ J^n(y_j) \mid n \in \mathcal{P}_t^{\infty} - \text{adapted} \}$

If  $\exists u_0 = u_0(\gamma)$ , optimal Markov control.

St.  $u_t$  is regular w.r.t  $Y_t^n$ .  $\Phi_m \in C_B^2$

(a)  $\cap C(\bar{A})$ . satisfies:

$$\overline{E}^n \left[ |\Phi_m(Y_t)| + \int_0^T |L^n \Phi_m(Y_{t+s})| ds \right] < \infty.$$

for  $\forall$  adapted control  $u$ .  $\Phi_m \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Then:  $\Phi_m(\gamma) = \Phi_n(\gamma)$  on  $\mathbb{A}$ .

Pf: If  $u_t$  is  $\mathcal{F}_t^{(n)}$ -adapted.  $\Rightarrow Y_t$  is  $J^{(n)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{E}^n [\Phi_m(Y_{T_n})] &= \Phi_m(\gamma) + \overline{E}^n \left[ \int_0^{T_n} c L^{u_t} \Phi_m(Y_t) dt \right] \\ &\leq \Phi_m(\gamma) - \overline{E}^n \left[ \int_0^{T_n} f(Y_t, u_t) dt \right] \end{aligned}$$

Set  $R \rightarrow \infty$ . So:  $\Phi_m(\gamma) \geq J^{(n)}(\gamma)$ .

Thm (Minimal case)

set  $\mathcal{C}(\gamma) = \inf_n J^{(n)}(\gamma) = J^{(n^*)}(\gamma)$ . Then all the claims above hold for reversal case.

Pf:  $\mathcal{C}(\gamma) = -\sup_n (-J^{(n)}(\gamma))$ . Then.

We can set  $f = -f$ .  $\mathcal{J} = -\mathcal{J}$ .

(3) Terminal Condition:

Consider  $\lambda = [u_t \text{ is Markov control} \mid \overline{E}^n[\mathcal{M}_t(Y_{T_n}^n)] = 0]$ .  $1 \leq i \leq l$ .  $\beta$  where  $M = (m_1, \dots, m_l) \in C(C^{(n)}, \mathbb{R}^l)$  is given function.

We want to find  $\bar{\Phi}(\gamma) = \sup_{u \in \mathcal{U}} J^u(\gamma)$ .

Denote:  $\bar{\Phi}_\lambda(\gamma) = \sup_n J_\lambda^n(\gamma)$ .  $n$  is Markov control.

where  $J_\lambda^n(\gamma) = \mathbb{E}^{\gamma} \left[ \int_0^{T_n} f(Y_t) dt + g(Y_{T_n}) \right]$   
 $\rightarrow \lambda \cdot M(Y_{T_n})$ .

Thm: If  $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda$ , we have  $\bar{\Phi}_\lambda$  and  $u_\lambda^*$  solve  
the optimal problem for  $J_\lambda^n(\gamma)$  and  
 $\exists \lambda_0 \in \Lambda$ , s.t.  $\mathbb{E}^{\gamma} M(Y_{T_{\lambda_0}}^{u_{\lambda_0}^*}) = 0$ .  $\forall i$ .

Thm:  $\bar{\Phi}(\gamma) = \bar{\Phi}_{\lambda_0}(\gamma)$ .  $u^* = u_{\lambda_0}^*$ .

Rmk: First find  $u_\lambda^*$  for  $\forall \lambda$ . Then  
find  $\lambda_0$  satisfies boundary cond.

Pf: By def:  $J_{\lambda_0}^{u_{\lambda_0}^*} = J^{u_{\lambda_0}^*} \geq J^n$ .

for  $\forall n \in \mathcal{K}$ .