# Mean Field Games on networks 

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- Brief introduction
- Definition of networks
- Formal derivation of the MFG system on networks
- Study of the MFG system on networks
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## Model example on the torus $\mathbb{T}^{n}$ [Lasry-Lions,'06]

Consider a game with $N$ rational and indistinguishable players. The $i$-th player's dynamics is

$$
d X_{t}^{i}=-\alpha_{t}^{i} d t+\sqrt{2 \nu} d W_{t}^{i}, \quad X_{0}^{i}=x^{i} \in \mathbb{T}^{n}
$$

where $\nu>0, W^{i}$ are independent Brownian motions and $\alpha^{i}$ is the control chosen so to minimize the cost functional

$$
\liminf _{T \rightarrow+\infty} \frac{1}{T} \mathbb{E}_{x}\left\{\int_{0}^{T}\left[L\left(X_{s}^{i}, \alpha_{s}^{i}\right)+V\left(\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{j \neq i} \delta_{X_{s}^{j}}\right)\right] d s\right\} .
$$

The Nash equilibria are characterized by a system of 2 N equations. As $N \rightarrow+\infty$, this system reduces to the following one:
(MFG-T ${ }^{n}$ )

$$
\begin{cases}-\nu \Delta u+H(x, D u)+\rho=V([m]) & \text { in } \mathbb{T}^{n} \\ \nu \Delta m+\operatorname{div}\left(m \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(x, D u)\right)=0 & \text { in } \mathbb{T}^{n} \\ \int_{\mathbb{T}^{n}} m d x=1, \quad m>0 & \\ \int_{\mathbb{T}^{n}} u d x=0 & \end{cases}
$$

- $H(x, p):=\sup _{q \in \mathbb{R}^{n}}\{-p \cdot q-L(x, q)\}$;
- " $[m]$ " means that $V$ depends on $m$ in a local or in a nonlocal way.


## Theorem [Lasry-Lions '06]

- There exists a smooth solution $(u, m, \rho)$ to the above problem;
- Assume
either $V$ is strictly monotone in $m$ (i.e.
$\int_{\mathbb{T}^{n}}\left(V\left(\left[m_{1}\right]\right)-V\left(\left[m_{2}\right]\right)\right)\left(m_{1}-m_{2}\right) d x \leq 0$ implies $\left.m_{1}=m_{2}\right)$
or $V$ is monotone in $m\left(\right.$ i.e. $\left.\int_{\mathbb{T}^{n}}\left(V\left(\left[m_{1}\right]\right)-V\left(\left[m_{2}\right]\right)\right)\left(m_{1}-m_{2}\right) d x \geq 0\right)$ and $H$ is strictly convex in $p$.
Then the solution is unique.

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## Network

A network is a connected set $\Gamma$ consisting of vertices $V:=\left\{v_{i}\right\}_{i \in I}$ and edges $E:=\left\{e_{j}\right\}_{j \in J}$ connecting the vertices. We assume that the network is embedded in the Euclidian space $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ and that any two edges can only have intersection at a vertex.

(a) An example of network

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- The oriented derivative of a function $u$ at a transition vertex $v_{i}$ is

$$
\partial_{j} u\left(v_{i}\right):= \begin{cases}\lim _{h \rightarrow 0^{+}}\left(u_{j}(h)-u_{j}(0)\right) / h, & \text { if } v_{i}=\pi_{j}(0) \\ \lim _{h \rightarrow 0^{+}}\left(u_{j}\left(I_{j}-h\right)-u_{j}\left(I_{j}\right)\right) / h, & \text { if } v_{i}=\pi_{j}\left(I_{j}\right) .\end{cases}
$$

## Some functional spaces

- $u \in C^{q, \alpha}(\Gamma)$, for $q \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\alpha \in(0,1]$, when $u \in C^{0}(\Gamma)$ and $u^{j} \in C^{q, \alpha}\left(\left[0, l_{j}\right]\right)$ for each $j \in J$. We set

$$
\|u\|_{\Gamma}^{(q+\alpha)}=\max _{j \in J}\left\|u_{j}\right\|_{\left[0, l_{j}\right]}^{(q+\alpha)} .
$$

- $u \in L^{p}(\Gamma), p \geq 1$ if $u^{j} \in L^{p}\left(0, I_{j}\right)$ for each $j \in J$. We set

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At any internal vertex $v_{i}$, the player spends zero time a.s. at $v_{i}$ and it enters in one of the incident edges, say $e_{j}$, with probability $\beta_{i j}$ with

$$
\beta_{i j}>0, \quad \sum_{j \in \ln c_{i}} \beta_{i j}=1 .
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- Rigorous definition of "enters in one of the incident edges..." For $\delta>0$, consider $\theta_{\delta}:=\inf \left\{t>0 \mid \operatorname{dist}\left(X_{t}, v_{i}\right)=\delta\right\}$. Then,

$$
\lim _{\delta \rightarrow 0^{+}} P\left\{X_{\theta_{\delta}} \in e_{j}\right\}=\beta_{i j} .
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with domain

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## Formal derivation of the MFG system on the network

We formally derive the MFG system on the network: the HJB equation is obtained through the dynamic programming principle while the FP equation is obtained as adjoint of the linearized HJB one.

Hence, the HJB equation is

$$
\begin{cases}-\nu_{j} \partial^{2} u+H_{j}(x, \partial u)+\rho=V[m] & x \in e_{j}, j \in J \\ \sum_{j \in \ln c_{i}} \beta_{i j} \partial_{j} u\left(v_{i}\right)=0 & i \in I_{T} \\ u_{j}\left(v_{i}\right)=u_{k}\left(v_{i}\right) & j, k \in \operatorname{Inc} c_{i} .\end{cases}
$$

The linearized equation is

$$
\begin{cases}-\nu_{j} \partial^{2} w+\partial_{\rho} H_{j}(x, \partial u) \partial w=0 & x \in e_{j}, j \in J \\ \sum_{j \in \operatorname{In} c_{i}}^{\beta_{i j} \partial_{j} w\left(v_{i}\right)=0} & i \in I_{T} \\ w_{j}\left(v_{i}\right)=w_{k}\left(v_{i}\right) & j, k \in \operatorname{In} c_{i} .\end{cases}
$$

Writing the weak formulation for a test function $m$, we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
0= & \sum_{j \in J} \int_{e_{j}}\left(-\nu_{j} \partial^{2} w+\partial_{p} H_{j}(x, \partial u) \partial w\right) m d x \\
= & \sum_{j \in J} \int_{e_{j}}\left[-\nu_{j} \partial^{2} m-\partial\left(m \partial_{p} H_{j}(x, \partial u)\right)\right] w d x \\
& +\sum_{i \in I_{T}} \sum_{j \in \ln c_{i}}\left(\nu_{j} \partial_{j} m\left(v_{i}\right)+\partial_{p} H\left(v_{i}, \partial u\right) m_{j}\left(v_{i}\right)\right) w\left(v_{i}\right) \\
& -\sum_{i \in I_{T}} \underbrace{}_{=0 \quad \text { if } \frac{m_{j}\left(v_{i} \nu_{j}\right.}{\beta_{j}}=\frac{m_{k}\left(v_{i j}\right) v_{k}}{\beta_{\beta_{k}}}} \nu_{j} m_{j}\left(v_{i}\right) \partial_{j} w\left(v_{i}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

By the integral term, we obtain

$$
\nu_{j} \partial^{2} m+\partial\left(m \partial_{p} H_{j}(x, \partial u)\right)=0 \quad x \in e_{j}, j \in J .
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## Theorem (Camilli-M., SJCO '16)

We assume

- $H_{j} \in C^{2}\left(e_{j} \times \mathbb{R}\right)$, convex, with $\delta|p|^{2}-C \leq H_{j}(x, p) \leq \delta|p|^{2}+C$,
- $\nu_{j}>0$,
- $V \in C^{1}([0,+\infty))$.

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## The MFG systems on networks

## Theorem (Camilli-M., SJCO '16)

We assume

- $H_{j} \in C^{2}\left(e_{j} \times \mathbb{R}\right)$, convex, with $\delta|p|^{2}-C \leq H_{j}(x, p) \leq \delta|p|^{2}+C$,
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## Sketch of the proof

## Step 1: On the HJB equation.

For $f \in C^{0, \alpha}(\Gamma), \exists!(u, \rho) \in C^{2}(\Gamma) \times \mathbb{R}$ solution to
(HJB) $\begin{cases}-\nu \partial^{2} u+H(x, \partial u)+\rho=f(x), & x \in \Gamma \\ \sum_{j \in \ln c_{i} \nu_{j} \partial_{j} u\left(v_{i}\right)=0} & i \in I_{T} \\ u_{j}\left(v_{i}\right)=u_{k}\left(v_{i}\right) & j, k \in \operatorname{Inc} c_{i}, \quad i \in I_{T}\end{cases}$

Moreover $u \in C^{2, \alpha}(\Gamma)$ and: $\|u\|_{C^{2, \alpha}(\Gamma)} \leq C,|\rho| \leq \max _{\Gamma}|H(\cdot, 0)-f(\cdot)|$.
The proof is based on

- $\exists u_{\lambda} \in W^{1,2}(\Gamma)$, weak solution to the discounted approximation

$$
-\nu \partial^{2} u_{\lambda}+H\left(x, \partial u_{\lambda}\right)+\lambda u_{\lambda}=f(x) \quad x \in \Gamma
$$

as in [Boccardo-Murat-Puel,'83]; the Comparison Principle applies;

- $u_{\lambda} \in C^{2, \alpha}(\Gamma)$ by the $1-d$ of the problem and Sobolev theorem;
- as $\lambda \rightarrow 0^{+}, \lambda u_{\lambda} \rightarrow \rho$ and $\left(u_{\lambda}-\min u_{\lambda}\right) \rightarrow u$.


## Step 2: On the FP equation.

For $b \in C^{1}(\Gamma)$, there exists a unique weak solution $m \in W^{1,2}(\Gamma)$ to
(FP)

$$
\begin{cases}\nu \partial^{2} m+\partial(b(x) m)=0 & x \in \Gamma \\ \sum_{j \in \ln c_{i}}\left[b\left(v_{i}\right) m_{j}\left(v_{i}\right)+\nu_{j} \partial_{j} m\left(v_{i}\right)\right]=0 & i \in I_{T} \\ m_{j}\left(v_{i}\right)=m_{k}\left(v_{i}\right) \\ m \geq 0, \quad \int_{\Gamma} m(x) d x=1 . & j, k \in \operatorname{Inc} c_{i}, \quad i \in I_{T}\end{cases}
$$

Moreover, $m$ is a classical solution with $\|m\|_{H^{\prime}} \leq C, 0<m(x) \leq C$ (for some $C>0$ depending only on $\|b\|_{\infty}$ and $\nu$ ).

The proof is based on

- the existence of a weak solution is based on the theory of bilinear forms;
- the adjoint problem (both equation and transition condition) fulfills the Maximum Principle;
- $m \in C^{2}(\Gamma)$ by the $1-\mathrm{d}$ of the problem and Sobolev theorem.


## Step 3: Fixed point argument.

We set $\mathcal{K}:=\left\{\mu \in C^{0, \alpha}(\Gamma): \mu \geq 0, \int_{\Gamma} \mu d x=1\right\}$ and we define an operator $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ according to the scheme

$$
\mu \rightarrow u \rightarrow m
$$

as follows:

- given $\mu \in \mathcal{K}$, solve (HJB) with $f(x)=V(\mu(x))$ for the unknowns $u=u_{\mu}$ and $\rho$, which are uniquely defined by Step 1 ;
- given $u_{\mu}$, solve (FP) with $b(x)=\partial_{p} H\left(x, \partial u_{\mu}\right)$ for the unknown $m$ which is uniquely defined by Step 2;
- set $T(\mu):=m$.

Since $T$ is continuous with compact image, Schauder's fixed point theorem ensures the existence of a solution.

## Step 4: Uniqueness.

Cross-testing the equations in $\left(\mathrm{MFG}_{\Gamma}\right)$, by the transition conditions, we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j \in J} \int_{e_{j}} \underbrace{\left(m_{1}-m_{2}\right)\left(V\left(m_{1}\right)-V\left(m_{2}\right)\right) d x}_{\geq 0 \text { by monotonicity }}+ \\
& \sum_{j \in J} \int_{e_{j}} m_{1} \underbrace{\left[H_{j}\left(x, \partial_{j} u_{2}\right)-H_{j}\left(x, \partial_{j} u_{1}\right)-\partial_{p} H_{j}\left(x, \partial_{j} u_{1}\right) \partial_{j}\left(u_{2}-u_{1}\right)\right]}_{\geq 0 \text { by convexity }} d x+ \\
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\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore, each one of these three lines must vanish and we conclude as in [Lasry-Lions '06].

## A finite difference scheme for MFG on network

- We introduce a grid on $\Gamma$. For the parametrization $\pi_{j}:\left[0, l_{j}\right] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n}$ of $e_{j}$, let $y_{j, k}=k h_{j}\left(k=0, \ldots, N_{j}^{h}\right)$ be an uniform partition of $\left[0, l_{j}\right]$ :

$$
\mathcal{G}_{h}=\left\{x_{j, k}=\pi_{j}\left(y_{j, k}\right), j \in J, k=0, \ldots, N_{j}^{h}\right\} .
$$

- Inc $c_{i}^{+}:=\left\{j \in \operatorname{Inc} c_{i}: v_{i}=\pi_{j}(0)\right\}, \quad \operatorname{Inc} c_{i}^{-}:=\left\{j \in \operatorname{Inc} c_{i}: v_{i}=\pi_{j}\left(N_{j}^{h} h_{j}\right)\right\}$.
- We introduce the (1-dimensional) finite difference operators

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(D^{+} U\right)_{j, k} & =\frac{U_{j, k+1}-U_{j, k}}{h_{j}}, \quad\left[D_{h} U\right]_{j, k}=\left(\left(D^{+} U\right)_{j, k},\left(D^{+} U\right)_{j, k-1}\right)^{T} \\
\left(D_{h}^{2} U\right)_{j, k} & =\frac{U_{j, k+1}+U_{j, k-1}-2 U_{j, k}}{h_{j}^{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

- We introduce the inner product. For $U, W: \mathcal{G}_{h} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, set

$$
(U, W)_{2}=\sum_{j \in J} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{j}^{h}-1} h_{j} U_{j, k} W_{j, k}+\sum_{i \in I}\left(\sum_{j \in \ln c_{i}^{+}} \frac{h_{j}}{2} U_{j, 0} W_{j, 0}+\sum_{j \in \ln c_{i}^{-}} \frac{h_{j}}{2} U_{j, N_{j}^{h}} W_{j, N_{j}^{h}}\right) .
$$

- We introduce the numerical Hamiltonian $g_{j}:\left[0, l_{j}\right] \times \mathbb{R}^{2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, s.t.: $\left(\mathbf{G}_{1}\right)$ monotonicity: $g_{j}\left(x, q_{1}, q_{2}\right)$ is nonincreasing with respect to $q_{1}$ and nondecreasing with respect to $q_{2}$.
$\left(\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{2}}\right)$ consistency: $g_{j}(x, q, q)=H_{j}(x, q), \quad \forall x \in\left[0, I_{j}\right], \forall q \in \mathbb{R}$.
$\left(\mathbf{G}_{3}\right)$ differentiability: $g_{j}$ is of class $C^{1}$.
$\left(\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{4}}\right)$ superlinear growth: $g_{j}\left(x, q_{1}, q_{2}\right) \geq \alpha\left(\left(q_{1}^{-}\right)^{2}+\left(q_{2}^{+}\right)^{2}\right)^{\gamma / 2}-C$ for some $\alpha>0, C \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\gamma>1$.
$\left(\mathbf{G}_{5}\right)$ convexity: $\left(q_{1}, q_{2}\right) \rightarrow g_{j}\left(x, q_{1}, q_{2}\right)$ is convex.
- We introduce a continuous numerical potential $V_{h}$ such that $\exists C$ independent of $h$ such that

$$
\max _{j, k}\left|\left(V_{h}[M]\right)_{j, k}\right| \leq C, \quad\left|\left(V_{h}[M]\right)_{j, k}-\left(V_{h}[M]\right)_{j, \ell}\right| \leq C\left|y_{j, k}-y_{j, \ell}\right| .
$$

for all $M \in \mathcal{K}_{h}:=\left\{M: M\right.$ is continuous, $\left.M_{j, k} \geq 0,(M, 1)_{2}=1\right\}$.

We get the following system in the unknown $(U, M, R)$

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
-\nu_{j}\left(D_{h}^{2} U\right)_{j, k}+g\left(x_{j, k},\left[D_{h} U\right]_{j, k}\right)+R=V_{h}\left(M_{j, k}\right) \\
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\sum_{j \in \ln c_{i}^{+}}\left[\nu_{j}\left(D^{+} U\right)_{j, 0}+\frac{h_{j}}{2}\left(V_{j, 0}-R\right)\right]-\sum_{j \in \ln c_{i}^{-}}\left[\nu_{j}\left(D^{+} U\right)_{j, N_{j}^{h}-1}-\frac{h_{j}}{2}\left(V_{j, N_{j}^{h}}-R\right)\right]=0 \\
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\quad \sum_{j \in \operatorname{lnc} c_{i}^{-}}\left[\nu_{j}\left(D^{+} M\right)_{j, N_{j}^{h-1}}+M_{j, N_{j}^{h}-1} \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_{1}}\left(x_{j, N_{j}^{h}-1},\left[D_{h} U\right]_{j, N_{j}^{h}-1}\right)\right]=0 \\
U, M \text { continuous at } v_{i}, \quad i \in I, \\
(M, 1)_{2}=1, \quad(U, 1)_{2}=0,
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- The solution of the discrete MFG is the unique $X^{\star}$ s.t. $\mathcal{F}\left(X^{\star}\right)=0$.

The system $\mathcal{F}\left(X^{\star}\right)=0$ is formally overdetermined ( $2 N^{h}+2$ equations in $2 N^{h}+1$ unknowns), hence the solution is meant in the following nonlinear-least-squares sense:

$$
X^{\star}=\arg \min _{X} \frac{1}{2}\|\mathcal{F}(X)\|_{2}^{2}
$$

The previous optimization problem is solved by means of the Gauss-Newton method

$$
J_{\mathcal{F}}\left(X^{k}\right) \delta_{X}=-\mathcal{F}\left(X^{k}\right), \quad X^{k+1}=X^{k}+\delta_{X}
$$

via the $Q R$ factorization of the Jacobian $J_{\mathcal{F}}\left(X^{k}\right)$.

## Numerical experiments

We consider a network with 2 vertices and 3 edges (boundary vertices are identified!). Each edge has unit length and connects $(0,0)$ to $(\cos (2 \pi j / 3), \sin (2 \pi j / 3))$ with $j=0,1,2$.

Data:

- Uniform diffusion $\nu_{j} \equiv \nu$
- $H_{j}(x, p)=\frac{1}{2}|p|^{2}+f(x)$ $f(x)=s_{j}\left(1+\cos \left(2 \pi\left(x+\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)\right)$
$s_{j} \in\{0,1\}$
- $V[m]=m^{2}$


Computational time for $N^{h} \sim 5000$ is of the order of seconds!

## Cost active on all edges

$$
\nu=0.1, \quad s_{0}=1, s_{1}=1, s_{2}=1, \quad V[m]=m^{2}
$$




Computed $\rho=-1.066667$

## Cost active on two edges

$$
\nu=0.1, \quad s_{0}=1, s_{1}=1, s_{2}=0, \quad V[m]=m^{2}
$$




Computed $\rho=-0.741639$

## Small viscosity, cost active on all edges

$$
\nu=10^{-4}, \quad s_{0}=1, s_{1}=1, s_{2}=1, \quad V[m]=m^{2}
$$




Computed $\rho=-1.116603$

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$$
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$$




Computed $\rho=-0.725463$

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$$
\nu=0.1, \quad s_{0}=1, s_{1}=1, s_{2}=1, \quad V[m]=1-\frac{4}{\pi} \arctan (m)
$$




Computed $\Lambda=-1.219979$

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$$
\nu=10^{-3}, \quad s_{0}=1, s_{1}=1, s_{2}=1, \quad V[m]=1-\frac{4}{\pi} \arctan (m)
$$




Computed $\Lambda=-2.832411$

## More complex networks



## Comments and Remarks:

- rigorous derivation of the system starting from the game with $N$ players.
- more general transitions conditions (arbitrary weights for the edges, controlled weights...) and/or lack of continuity condition.
- first order MFG systems on networks.


## Thank You!

