Mean Field Games on networks

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

$$dX_t^i = -\alpha_t^i dt + \sqrt{2\nu} dW_t^i, \qquad X_0^i = x^i \in \mathbb{T}^n$$

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

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

The Nash equilibria are characterized by a system of 2*N* equations. As $N \rightarrow +\infty$, this system reduces to the following one:

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

•
$$H(x,p) := \sup_{q \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{-p \cdot q - L(x,q)\};$$

• "[*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*, *ρ*) to the above problem;

Assume

- either V is strictly monotone in m (i.e.
 - $\int_{\mathbb{T}^n} (V([m_1]) V([m_2])) (m_1 m_2) dx \le 0 \text{ implies } m_1 = m_2)$
- or *V* is monotone in *m* (i.e. $\int_{\mathbb{T}^n} (V([m_1]) V([m_2]))(m_1 m_2) dx \ge 0)$ and *H* is strictly convex in *p*.

Then the solution is unique.

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Network

A network is a connected set Γ consisting of vertices $V := \{v_i\}_{i \in I}$ and edges $E := \{e_j\}_{j \in J}$ 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 4

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- Any edge e_j is parametrized by a smooth function π_j : [0, l_j] → ℝⁿ. For a function u : Γ → ℝ we denote by u_j : [0, l_j] → ℝ its restriction to e_j, i.e. u(x) = u_j(y) for x ∈ e_j, y = π_j⁻¹(x).
- The derivative are considered w.r.t. the parametrization.
- The oriented derivative of a function u at a transition vertex v_i is

$$\partial_j u(v_i) := \begin{cases} \lim_{h \to 0^+} (u_j(h) - u_j(0))/h, & \text{if } v_i = \pi_j(0) \\ \lim_{h \to 0^+} (u_j(l_j - h) - u_j(l_j))/h, & \text{if } v_i = \pi_j(l_j). \end{cases}$$

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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 $u^j \in C^{q,\alpha}([0, l_j])$ for each $j \in J$. We set

$$\|u\|_{\Gamma}^{(q+\alpha)} = \max_{j\in J} \|u_j\|_{[0,l_j]}^{(q+\alpha)}.$$

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

$$\|u\|_{L^p} = (\sum_{j\in J} \|u_j\|_{L^p(e_j)}^p)^{1/p}.$$

• $u \in W^{k,p}(\Gamma)$, for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $k \ge 1$ and $p \ge 1$ if $u \in C^0(\Gamma)$ and $u^j \in W^{k,p}(0, I_j)$ for each $j \in J$. We set

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Formal derivation of MFG systems on networks

Dynamics of a generic player.

Inside each edge e_i , the dynamics of a generic player is

$$dX_t = -lpha_t dt + \sqrt{2
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where α is the control, $\nu_j > 0$ and W is an independent Brownian motions.

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 β_{ij} with

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• Rigorous definition of "enters in one of the incident edges..." For $\delta > 0$, consider $\theta_{\delta} := \inf\{t > 0 \mid dist(X_t, v_i) = \delta\}$. Then,

$$\lim_{\delta\to 0^+} P\{X_{\theta_{\delta}}\in e_j\} = \beta_{ij}.$$

- **Fattening interpretation.** Let M_{ε} be the set in \mathbb{R}^n obtained "enlarging" each edge e_j by a ball of radius $\varepsilon \beta_{ij}$. One can obtain these dynamics as the limit as $\varepsilon \to 0^+$ of a Brownian motion in M_{ε} with normal reflection at the boundary.
- Itô's formula still holds true.

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with domain

$$D(\mathcal{A}) := \left\{ u \in C^2(\Gamma) \mid \sum_{j \in \mathit{Inc}_i} \beta_{ij} \partial_j u(v_i) = 0 \right\}.$$

(weighted) Kirchhoff condition

• A generates on Γ the Markov process X_t described before.

• *A* fulfills the Maximum Principle.

Fattening interpretation. The solution of Au = 0 is the lim_{ε→0+} of u_ε, solution of a "similar" problem in M_ε with ∂u_ε/∂n = 0 on ∂M_ε.
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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

$$\begin{cases} -\nu_j \partial^2 u + H_j(x, \partial u) + \rho = V[m] & x \in e_j, \ j \in J \\ \sum_{j \in \mathit{Inc}_i} \beta_{ij} \partial_j u(v_i) = 0 & i \in I_T \\ u_j(v_i) = u_k(v_i) & j, k \in \mathit{Inc}_i. \end{cases}$$

The linearized equation is

$$\begin{cases} -\nu_j \partial^2 w + \partial_p H_j(x, \partial u) \partial w = 0 & x \in e_j, \ j \in J \\ \sum_{j \in \mathit{Inc}_i} \beta_{ij} \partial_j w(v_i) = 0 & i \in I_T \\ w_j(v_i) = w_k(v_i) & j, k \in \mathit{Inc}_i. \end{cases}$$

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

$$0 = \sum_{j \in J} \int_{e_j} \left(-\nu_j \partial^2 w + \partial_p H_j(x, \partial u) \partial w \right) m \, dx$$

$$= \sum_{j \in J} \int_{e_j} \left[-\nu_j \partial^2 m - \partial (m \partial_p H_j(x, \partial u)) \right] w \, dx$$

$$+ \sum_{i \in I_T} \sum_{j \in Inc_i} \left(\nu_j \partial_j m(v_i) + \partial_p H(v_i, \partial u) m_j(v_i) \right) w(v_i)$$

$$- \sum_{i \in I_T} \sum_{\substack{j \in Inc_i \\ i \in I_T}} \nu_j m_j(v_i) \partial_j w(v_i) .$$

By the integral term, we obtain

$$u_j\partial^2 m + \partial(m\partial_{\rho}H_j(x,\partial u)) = 0 \qquad x \in e_j, j \in J.$$

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$$\int_{\Gamma} u(x) dx = 0$$

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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) $\begin{cases} -\nu \partial^2 u + H(x,\partial u) + \rho = f(x), & x \in \Gamma \\ \sum_{j \in Inc_i} \nu_j \partial_j u(v_i) = 0 & i \in I_T \\ u_j(v_i) = u_k(v_i) & j, k \in Inc_i, i \in I_T \\ \int_{\Gamma} u(x) = 0. & u_i \in I_T \end{cases}$

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

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 $\lambda \to 0^+$, $\lambda u_{\lambda} \to \rho$ and $(u_{\lambda} - \min u_{\lambda}) \to u_{\Xi} \to \Xi \oplus \Xi \oplus \Xi \oplus \Xi \oplus \Xi$ C. Marchi (Univ. of Padova) Mean Field Games on networks Roma, June 14th, 2017 16/35

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

$$(\mathsf{FP}) \quad \begin{cases} \nu \partial^2 m + \partial(b(x) m) = 0 & x \in \Gamma \\ \sum_{j \in \mathit{Inc}_i} [b(v_i) m_j(v_i) + \nu_j \partial_j m(v_i)] = 0 & i \in I_T \\ m_j(v_i) = m_k(v_i) & j, k \in \mathit{Inc}_i, \quad i \in I_T \\ m \ge 0, \quad \int_{\Gamma} m(x) dx = 1. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, *m* is a classical solution with $||m||_{H^1} \leq C$, $0 < m(x) \leq C$ (for some C > 0 depending only on $||b||_{\infty}$ and ν).

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-d of the problem and Sobolev theorem.

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

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

as follows:

- given μ ∈ K, solve (HJB) with f(x) = V(μ(x)) for the unknowns u = u_μ and ρ, which are uniquely defined by Step 1;
- given u_μ, solve (FP) with b(x) = ∂_pH(x, ∂u_μ) 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.

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

$$\sum_{j \in J} \int_{e_j} \underbrace{(\underline{m_1 - m_2})(V(\underline{m_1}) - V(\underline{m_2}))dx}_{\geq 0 \text{ by monotonicity}} + \\ \sum_{j \in J} \int_{e_j} m_1 \underbrace{[H_j(x, \partial_j u_2) - H_j(x, \partial_j u_1) - \partial_p H_j(x, \partial_j u_1)\partial_j(u_2 - u_1)]}_{\geq 0 \text{ by convexity}} dx + \\ \sum_{j \in J} \int_{e_j} m_2 \underbrace{[(H_j(x, \partial_j u_1) - H_j(x, \partial_j u_2) - \partial_p H_j(x, \partial_j u_2)\partial_j(u_1 - u_2)]}_{\geq 0 \text{ by convexity}} dx = 0.$$

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

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A finite difference scheme for MFG on network

We introduce a grid on Γ. For the parametrization π_j : [0, l_j] → ℝⁿ of e_j, let y_{j,k} = kh_j (k = 0,..., N^h_j) be an uniform partition of [0, l_j]:

$$\mathcal{G}_h = \{x_{j,k} = \pi_j(y_{j,k}), j \in J, k = 0, \dots, N_j^h\}$$

Inc⁺_i := {*j* ∈ *Inc*_i : *v*_i = π_j(0)}, *Inc*⁻_i := {*j* ∈ *Inc*_i : *v*_i = π_j(*N*^h_j*h*_j)}.
We introduce the (1-dimensional) finite difference operators

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

• We introduce the inner product. For $U, W : \mathcal{G}_h \to \mathbb{R}$, set

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

• We introduce the numerical Hamiltonian $g_j : [0, I_j] \times \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$, s.t.:

(**G**₁) monotonicity: $g_j(x, q_1, q_2)$ is nonincreasing with respect to q_1 and nondecreasing with respect to q_2 .

 $(\mathbf{G_2}) \text{ consistency: } g_j(x,q,q) = H_j(x,q), \quad \forall x \in [0,l_j], \forall q \in \mathbb{R}.$

(**G**₃) differentiability: g_i is of class C^1 .

(**G**₄) superlinear growth : $g_j(x, q_1, q_2) \ge \alpha((q_1^-)^2 + (q_2^+)^2)^{\gamma/2} - C$ for some $\alpha > 0$, $C \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\gamma > 1$.

 $(\mathbf{G_5})$ convexity : $(q_1,q_2)
ightarrow g_j(x,q_1,q_2)$ is convex.

• We introduce a continuous numerical potential *V_h* such that ∃*C* independent of *h* such that

$$\max_{j,k} |(V_h[M])_{j,k}| \le C, \qquad |(V_h[M])_{j,k} - (V_h[M])_{j,\ell}| \le C|y_{j,k} - y_{j,\ell}|.$$

for all $M \in \mathcal{K}_h := \{M : M \text{ is continuous}, M_{j,k} \ge 0, (M, 1)_2 = 1\}.$

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

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(-\nu_{j}(D_{h}^{2}U)_{j,k} + g(x_{j,k}, [D_{h}U]_{j,k}) + R = V_{h}(M_{j,k}) \\ & \nu_{j}(D_{h}^{2}M)_{j,k} + \mathcal{B}^{h}(U, M)_{j,k} = 0, \\ & \sum_{j \in Inc_{i}^{+}} \left[\nu_{j}(D^{+}U)_{j,0} + \frac{h_{j}}{2}(V_{j,0} - R) \right] - \sum_{j \in Inc_{i}^{-}} \left[\nu_{j}(D^{+}U)_{j,N_{j}^{h}-1} - \frac{h_{j}}{2}(V_{j,N_{j}^{h}} - R) \right] = 0 \\ & \sum_{j \in Inc_{i}^{+}} \left[\nu_{j}(D^{+}M)_{j,0} + M_{j,1} \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_{2}}(x_{j,1}, [D_{h}U]_{j,1}) \right] - \\ & \sum_{j \in Inc_{i}^{-}} \left[\nu_{j}(D^{+}M)_{j,N_{j}^{h}-1} + M_{j,N_{j}^{h}-1} \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_{1}}(x_{j,N_{j}^{h}-1}, [D_{h}U]_{j,N_{j}^{h}-1}) \right] = 0 \\ & U, M \text{ continuous at } v_{i}, \quad i \in I, \\ & (M,1)_{2} = 1, \quad (U,1)_{2} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

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• The solution of the discrete MFG is the unique X^* s.t. $\mathcal{F}(X^*) = 0$.

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The system $\mathcal{F}(X^*) = 0$ is formally overdetermined $(2N^h + 2 \text{ equations})$ in $2N^h + 1$ 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

$$J_{\mathcal{F}}(X^k)\delta_X = -\mathcal{F}(X^k), \qquad X^{k+1} = X^k + \delta_X.$$

via the *QR* factorization of the Jacobian $J_{\mathcal{F}}(X^k)$.

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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 $(cos(2\pi i/3), sin(2\pi i/3))$ with i = 0, 1, 2.

Data: 0.5 • Uniform diffusion $\nu_i \equiv \nu$ • $H_i(x,p) = \frac{1}{2}|p|^2 + f(x)$ 0 $f(x) = s_j \left(1 + \cos(2\pi \left(x + \frac{1}{2} \right)) \right)$ $s_j \in \{0,1\}$ • $V[m] = m^2$ -0.5 -1 0.5

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

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Cost active on all edges

$$\nu = 0.1, \quad s_0 = 1, s_1 = 1, s_2 = 1, \quad V[m] = m^2$$



Computed
$$\rho = -1.066667$$

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Cost active on two edges

$$\nu = 0.1, \qquad s_0 = 1, \, s_1 = 1, \, s_2 = 0, \qquad V[m] = m^2$$



Computed $\rho = -0.741639$

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Small viscosity, cost active on all edges



Computed
$$\rho = -1.116603$$

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Small viscosity, cost active on two edges



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Computed \rho = -0.725463
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Numerical experiments

$$\nu = 0.1,$$
 $s_0 = 1, s_1 = 1, s_2 = 1,$ $V[m] = 1 - \frac{4}{\pi} arctan(m)$



Computed $\Lambda = -1.219979$

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Numerical experiments



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.

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