

Stochastic differential game of mean-field type

Let $\mathcal{I} := \{1, \dots, I\}$ be decision-makers interacting through the following SDE:

$$dx(t) = \beta(t, x(t), \mu(t, \cdot), u(t))dt + \sigma(t, x(t), \mu(t, \cdot), u(t))dB(t), \quad x(0) = x_0 \sim \mu_0, \quad (1)$$

where $u(t) := (u_1(t), \dots, u_I(t))$. The accumulative cost for $i \in \mathcal{I}$ is as follows:

$$J_i(u_i, u_{-i}) = \psi_i(T, x(T), \mu(T, \cdot)) + \int_0^T l_i(t, x(t), \mu(t, \cdot), u(t))dt$$

The non-cooperative stochastic differential game of mean-field type consists of

$$\forall i \in \mathcal{I} : \inf_{u_i(\cdot) \in \mathcal{U}_i} \mathbb{E}[J_i(u_i, u_{-i})], \text{ s. t. (1)}$$

Best-response strategy

For some given actions $u_{-i}(\cdot)$ made by decision-makers $\mathcal{I} \setminus \{i\}$:

$$\inf_{u_i(\cdot) \in \mathcal{U}_i} \mathbb{E}[J_i(u_i, u_{-i}) | x_0 \sim \mu_0, u_{-i}(\cdot) \in \mathcal{U}_{-i}], \text{ s. t. (1)}. \quad (2)$$

A strategy $u_i^*(\cdot)$ that solves Problem (2) is called a best-response of decision-maker $i \in \mathcal{I}$ and the set of best-response strategies is denoted by $\text{BR}_i(u_{-i}(\cdot))$.

Nash equilibria

A strategic profile $u^*(\cdot) := (u_1^*(\cdot), \dots, u_I^*(\cdot)) \in \mathcal{U}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{U}_I$ is a Nash equilibrium if

$$u_i^*(\cdot) \in \text{BR}_i(u_{-i}^*(\cdot)), \text{ for all } i \in \mathcal{I}.$$

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If there exists a function v_i , for all $i \in \mathcal{I}$, such that

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v_i = - \inf_{u_i \in \mathcal{U}_i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[l_i(t, x, \mu, u) + \left\langle \beta(t, x, \mu, u), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} v_i \right\rangle \right. \\ \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} v_i, \sigma(t, x, \mu, u), \sigma(t, x, \mu, u) \right\rangle \right] \mu(t, dx), \\ v_i(T, x(T), \mu(T)) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi_i(T, x(T), \mu(T, \cdot)) \mu(T, dx) \end{cases}$$

Then $v_i(0, x_0, \mu_0)$ is the equilibrium cost and u_i^* is the optimal strategy for decision-maker $i \in \mathcal{I}$.

$$H_i(t, x, \mu, p, S) := \inf_{u_i \in \mathcal{U}_i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[l_i(t, x, \mu, u) + \langle \beta(t, x, \mu, u), p \rangle + \frac{\langle S \sigma(t, x, \mu, u), \sigma(t, x, \mu, u) \rangle}{2} \right] \mu(t, dx)$$

The PIDE can be re-written as:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v_i = -H_i \left(t, x, \mu, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} v_i, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} v_i \right), \\ v_i(T, x(T), \mu(T)) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi_i(T, x(T), \mu(T, \cdot)) \mu(T, dx). \end{cases}$$

Fokker-Plank-Kolmogorov equation: $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mu + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [\beta \mu] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} [\sigma^2 \mu] = 0, \mu(0, \cdot) = \mu_0.$



Non-cooperative LQ case

Consider the following SDE with state-and-input-independent diffusion term:

$$dx(t) = \beta(t, x(t), \mathbb{E}[x(t)], u(t), \mathbb{E}[u(t)])dt + \sigma(t)dB(t), \quad x(0) := x_0, \quad \mathbb{E}[x(0)] := \mathbb{E}[x_0], \quad (3)$$

and with linear drift term:

$$\beta(t, \cdot) = b_0(t) + b_1(t)x + \bar{b}_1(t)\mathbb{E}[x(t)] + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}} b_{2j}(t)u_j(t) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}} \bar{b}_{2j}(t)\mathbb{E}[u_j(t)]$$

Each decision-maker pursues to minimize the following cost functional:

$$J_i(u_i, u_{-i}) = \frac{1}{2}q_i(T)x(T)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\bar{q}_i(T)\mathbb{E}[x(T)]^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T (q_i(t)x(t)^2 + \bar{q}_i(t)\mathbb{E}[x(t)]^2 + r_i(t)u_i(t)^2 + \bar{r}_i(t)\mathbb{E}[u_i(t)]^2) dt.$$

The non-cooperative LQ stochastic differential game of mean-field type is

$$\forall i \in \mathcal{I} : \inf_{u_i(\cdot) \in \mathcal{U}_i} \mathbb{E}[J_i(u_i, u_{-i})], \quad \text{s. t. (3)}$$

It can be solved semi-explicitly using an appropriate ansatz (**implementation interests**).



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Application: Evacuation problems

Objective: Study large-number of decision-makers. Optimal policies for evacuation.

Evacuation Procedure



From initial distribution to the exits (**minimize evacuation time**)

Traffic Systems



From origin to destination (**minimize travel time**)



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Crowd evacuation problem: Main considerations

Evacuation problems

- 1 Optimizing time horizon
- 2 Considering fixed-time horizon and optimizing a running cost

Two main approaches within fixed-time horizon problem

Local Congestion Terms

Only agents in a neighborhood
Prevent the formation of agglomeration by means of velocity penalty

Global Congestion Terms

All agents in the problem
Crowd aversion (spread of agents)



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Evacuation preliminaries

Decision-makers $\mathcal{I} := \{1, \dots, I\}$ pursue to evacuate $\mathbb{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ with exits $\mathbb{S} \subset \text{bd}(\mathbb{D})$.

$$dx_i(t) = u_i(t)dt + \sigma_i(t)dB_i(t), \text{ for all } t \in [0, T], x_i(0) \in \mathbb{D},$$

where $x_i(t)$, $u_i(t)$, and $B_i(t)$ are the position, strategy, and Brownian motion for $i \in \mathcal{I}$.

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &:= (u_1(t), \dots, u_I(t)), \\ u_{-i}(t) &:= (u_1(t), \dots, u_{i-1}(t), u_{i+1}(t), \dots, u_I(t)), \\ x(t) &:= (x_1(t), \dots, x_I(t)). \end{aligned}$$

The decision-makers can identify the crowd within a radius $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$

$$\mathcal{B}(x_i(t), \varepsilon) = \{y \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \text{bd}(\mathbb{D}) : d(x_i(t), y) \leq \varepsilon\}.$$

The nearest exit that the decision-maker $i \in \mathcal{I}$ knows (or can identify)

$$\xi_i(t) \in \arg \min_{y \in \mathbb{S}} d(x_i(t), y), \forall i \in \mathcal{I}.$$



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Receding-horizon philosophy

Let $N \in \mathbb{N}$ time intervals in receding-horizon control. Every $\Delta t = T/N$ decision-makers design a new evacuation planning.

$$G_{i|k}(u_k, \xi_{i|k}) = \psi_{i|k}(x(T|k), \bar{x}(T|k), \xi_{i|k}) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_0(k)}^T \gamma_{i|k}(x(t_0(k)), \varepsilon) \langle u_i(t|k), u_i(t|k) \rangle + f_{i|k}(x(t|k), \bar{x}(t|k), \xi_{i|k}) dt,$$

where $k \in [0..N]$, $\xi_{i|k} = \xi_i(t_0(k))$ and $t_0(k) = k\Delta t$.

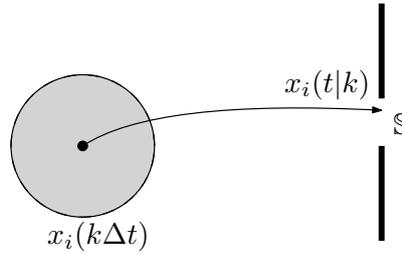


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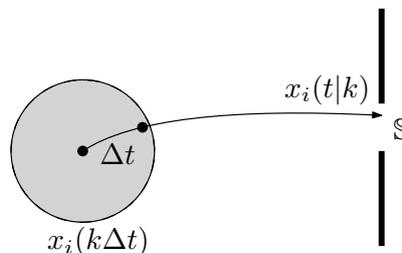


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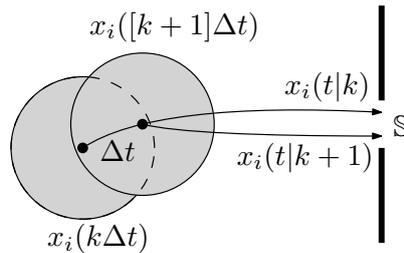


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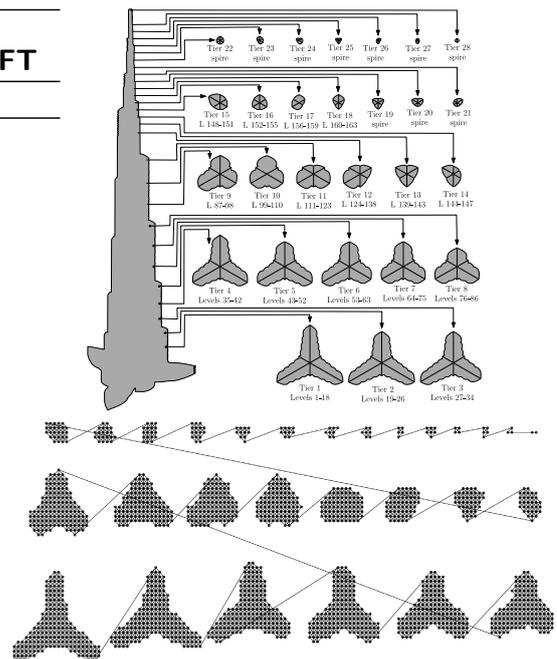
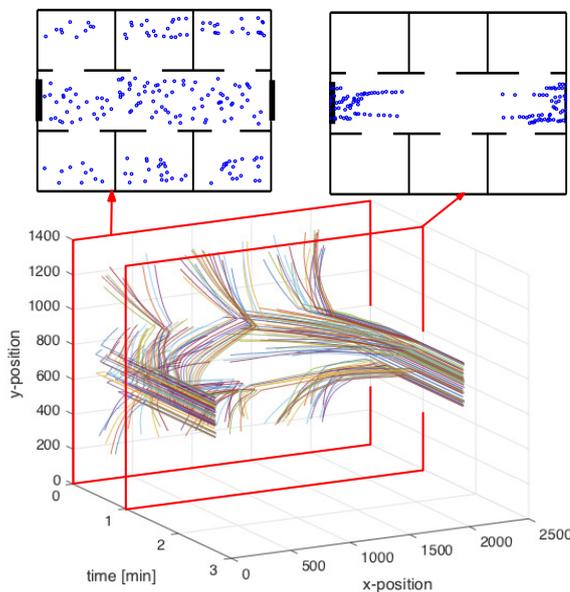
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Results: Illustrative example

Total crowd of $\text{card}(\mathcal{I}) = 200$.

Table: Summary of evacuation times for the two scenarios and both evacuation strategies.

Scenario	Evacuation Time	
	Local MFT	Local/Global MFT
Multiple exits	2[min]	1.5[min]



Some important considerations. Decision-makers:

- do **not** have **knowledge** about the **model**
- **only** have access to **data** of the system behavior
- can **interact** with the system to “**learn**” from it

This leads to the need of AI techniques

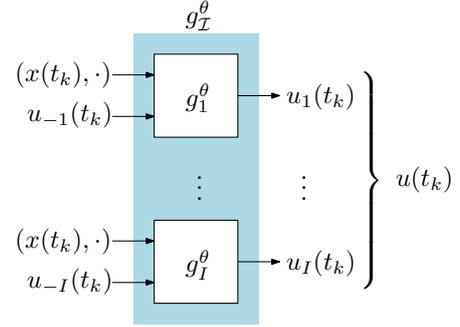


Figure: Computation architecture.

Layer functions, input dim d_1 , output dim d_2 , and activation func $h_j : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $j \in \{0, \dots, n\}$, by

$$\mathbb{L}_{d_1, d_2}^{h_j} = \left\{ \phi : \mathbb{R}^{d_1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_2} \mid \exists b \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2}, \exists W \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2 \times d_1}, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, d_2\}, \phi(z)_i = h_j \left(b_i + \sum_{k=1}^{d_1} W_{ik} z_k \right) \right\}$$

where $z := (z_1, \dots, z_{d_1})$ input vector.



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Neural network differential games of mean-field type

Set of NNs with n hidden layers and one output

$$\mathcal{U}_i^{\text{NN}} = \left\{ g_i^\theta : \mathbb{R}^{d_0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_{n+1}} \mid \forall j \in \{0, \dots, n\}, \exists \phi_j^i \in \mathbb{L}_{d_j, d_{j+1}}^{h_j}, g_i^\theta = \phi_i^{n-1} \circ \phi_i^n \circ \dots \circ \phi_i^0 \right\},$$

for all $i \in \mathcal{I}$. Parameters to be trained $\theta_i := \left\{ W_i^{(0)}, b_i^{(0)}, W_i^{(1)}, b_i^{(1)}, \dots, W_i^{(n-1)}, b_i^{(n-1)} \right\}$, and

$$g_{\mathcal{I}}^\theta := (g_1^\theta, \dots, g_I^\theta) \in \mathcal{U}_1^{\text{NN}} \times \dots \times \mathcal{U}_I^{\text{NN}}.$$

For a finite $T > 0$ and $N_T \in \mathbb{N}^+$, let $\Delta t = T/N_T$ and $t_k = k\Delta t$, $k \in \{0, \dots, N_T - 1\}$.

$$J_i^N(u_i, u_{-i}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \left(\psi_i(x^j(t_{N_T}), \mu_x(t_{N_T})) + \sum_{k=0}^{N_T-1} \ell_i(t_k, x^j(t_k), \mu_x(t_k), u_i^j(t_k), \mu_{u_i}(t_k)) \Delta t \right),$$

where,

$$\mu_x(t_k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N x^j(t_k), \quad \mu_{u_i}(t_k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N u_i^j(t_k), \text{ for all } i \in \mathcal{I}$$

and $\mu_u(t_k) := (\mu_{u_1}(t_k), \dots, \mu_{u_I}(t_k))$.



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Discretized Stochastic Differential Game Problem

The non-cooperative problem:

$$\forall i \in \mathcal{I} : \inf_{u_i(\cdot) \in \mathcal{U}_i} J_i^N(u_i, u_{-i}), \text{ s. t. } x^j(t_{k+1}) = x^j(t_k) + f(t_k, x^j(t_k), \mu(t_k), u^j(t_k), \mu_u(t_k))\Delta t + \sigma B_k^j, \\ x_0^j \sim \mu_0, B_k^j \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Delta t), k \in \{0, \dots, N_T - 1\}, j \in \{1, \dots, N\}, \text{ and } x_0^j \sim \mu_0.$$

Neural network as best-response functions:

$$L_i^N(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=0}^{N_T-1} \left\| g_i^\theta(\cdot, u_{-i}^{j*}(t_k)) - u_i^{j*}(t_k) \right\|, \text{ for all } i \in \mathcal{I},$$

Minimize $L_i^N(\theta)$ by suitable NNs $g_{\mathcal{I}}^\theta(z) \in \mathcal{U}_1^{\text{NN}} \times \dots \times \mathcal{U}_I^{\text{NN}}$

$$\forall i \in \mathcal{I} : \inf_{\theta_i} L_i^N(\theta_i), \text{ s. t. } : \text{ compatible architecture } g_{\mathcal{I}}^\theta, \text{ and } u_i^{j*}, j = 1, \dots, N, \text{ given.}$$

The optimal weight and bias parameters are obtained as

$$\theta_i^* \in \arg \min_{\theta_i} L_i^N(\theta_i).$$



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Toy LQ Example

Let us consider the following two-decision-maker $\mathcal{I} = \{1, 2\}$ discrete-time dynamics:

$$x(t_{k+1}) = b_1 x(t_k) + \bar{b}_1 \mathbb{E}[x(t_k)] + b_{21} u_1(t_k) + \bar{b}_{21} \mathbb{E}[u_1(t_k)] + b_{22} u_2(t_k) + \bar{b}_{22} \mathbb{E}[u_2(t_k)] + \sigma B_k,$$

and the cost functional for the i -th decision-maker:

$$J_i(u_i, u_{-i}) = q_i(t_{N_T})(x(t_{N_T}) - \mathbb{E}[x(t_{N_T})])^2 + \bar{q}_i(t_{N_T})\mathbb{E}[x(t_{N_T})]^2 \\ + \sum_{k=0}^{N_T-1} \left(q_i(t_k)(x(t_k) - \mathbb{E}[x(t_k)])^2 + \bar{q}_i(t_k)\mathbb{E}[x(t_k)]^2 + r_i(t_k)(u_i(t_k) - \mathbb{E}[u_i(t_k)])^2 + \bar{r}_i(t_k)\mathbb{E}[u_i(t_k)]^2 \right)$$

Parameters: $b_1 = 1, \bar{b}_1 = 0.5, b_{21} = 1, \bar{b}_{21} = 1.5, b_{22} = 2, \bar{b}_{22} = 2.5, \sigma = 1, q_1 = 5, \bar{q}_1 = 5, q_2 = 10, \bar{q}_2 = 10, r_1 = 1, \bar{r}_1 = 1, r_2 = 2, \bar{r}_2 = 2$, for all $k = 0, \dots, N_T$.

Table: Considered neural network architectures

	Non-cooperative computation	
	Decision-maker 1: g_1^θ	Decision-maker 2: g_2^θ
Layers	3	5
Neurons per layer	{3, 10, 2}	{3, 10, 10, 10, 2}
Total number of neurons	14	34
Activation functions	{lin, tanh, lin}	{lin, tanh, tanh, tanh, lin}

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Stability: Closed-loop using the NN

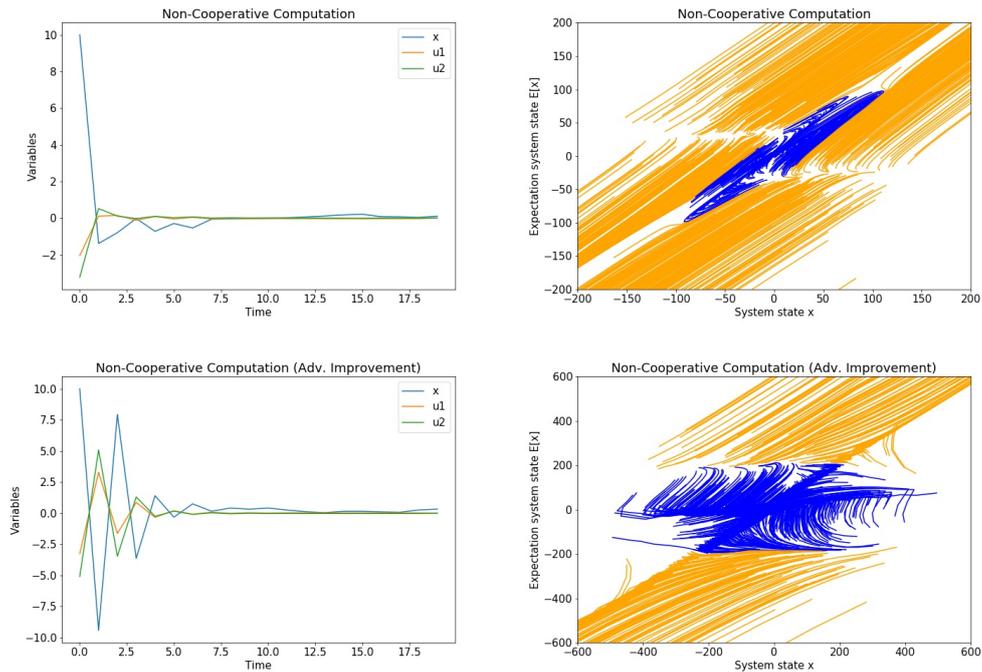


Figure: Closed-loop behavior using the trained neural network, and stability characterization.

Other SITE Applications

Water distribution network



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Price dynamics for smart grids



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Leadership design



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