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Machine learning architectures for mean-field games models of price formation

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Goal: determine the price ϖ of a commodity with supply Q (known):

$$\varpi = F(Q).$$

Two cases:

- Q is deterministic (standard energy production),

$$dQ(t) = b^s(Q(t), t)dt, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

- Q is stochastic (renewable energy production)

$$dQ(t) = b^s(Q(t), t)dt + \sigma^s(Q(t), t)dW(t), \quad t \in [0, T].$$

$\varpi = F(Q)$, F given:

- Shen and Basar (2011) Stackelberg games.
- Djehiche et al. (2020) Cournot models for stochastic dynamics.
- Alasseur et al. (2020) mean-field equilibria. Alasseur et al. (2021) random jumps.
- Aïd et al. (2021) MFG of optimal stopping.
- MFG for intraday electricity markets Féron et al. (2020), Féron et al. (2021).

Price formation:

- Basar and Srikant (2002) Stackelberg games.
- Market clearing conditions Shrivats et al. (2020).
- Fujii and Takahashi (2020) market clearing conditions. Fujii and Takahashi (2021) major players.
- Aid et al. (2020) Noisy demand forecast.

Gomes and Saúde (2021): Find (u, m, ϖ) solving, on $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{cases} -u_t + H(x, \varpi(t) + u_x) = 0, & u(T, x) = u_T(x) \\ m_t - (H_p(x, \varpi(t) + u_x)m(t, x))_x = 0, & m(0, x) = m_0(x) \\ \int_{\mathbb{R}} -H_p(x, \varpi(t) + u_x)m(t, x)dx = Q(t). \end{cases}$$

Here,

u_T , the terminal cost,

$m_0 \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$, the initial distribution,

Q , the supply,

H , the Hamiltonian, $H(x, p) = \sup_v (-pv - L(x, v))$,

are given.

Optimal control derivation: Take ϖ . Control $d\mathbf{x}(t) = v(t)dt$ so as to minimize

$$\int_0^T (L(\mathbf{x}, v) + \varpi v) ds + u_T(\mathbf{x}(T)).$$

The value function

$$u(t, x) = \inf_v \int_t^T (L(\mathbf{x}, v) + \varpi v) ds + u_T(\mathbf{x}(T))$$

solves $-u_t + H(x, \varpi(t) + u_x) = 0$, and provides the optimal control

$$v^*(t, x) = -H_p(x, \varpi(t) + u_x(t, x)).$$

m_0 evolves under v^* (push-forward) according to m in the transport equation

$$m_t - (H_p(x, \varpi(t) + u_x)m(t, x))_x = 0.$$

Check the balance condition

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} -H_p(x, \varpi(t) + u_x) dm(t, x) = Q(t), \quad t \in [0, T].$$

Existence of a solution (u, m, ϖ) by a fixed point argument: Update

$$\frac{d}{dt} \tilde{\varpi} = f(\tilde{\varpi}, u(\tilde{\varpi}), m(\tilde{\varpi})).$$

Then,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \varpi = f(\varpi, u, m).$$

The Euler-Lagrange equation of a representative player is

$$\begin{cases} L_x(X(t), v(t)) - \frac{d}{dt} (L_v(X(t), v(t)) + \varpi(t)) = 0 & t \in [0, T], \\ L_v(X(T), v(T)) + \varpi(T) + u'_T(X(T)) = 0, \end{cases}$$

which characterizes v^* trajectory-wise.

The balance condition characterizes ϖ .

Remark: Equivalently, for $P(t) := -(L_v(X(t), v(t)) + \varpi(t))$,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} P(t) = H_x(X(t), P(t) + \varpi(t)) & t \in [0, T], \\ P(T) = u'_T(X(T)), \\ \frac{d}{dt} X(t) = -H_p(X(t), P(t) + \varpi(t)) & t \in [0, T], \\ X_0 = x_0. \end{cases}$$

The Hamiltonian system is an optimal criteria even for stochastic processes.

To solve $\inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x)$ subject to $g(x) = 0$, let

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = f(x) + \lambda \cdot g(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^m.$$

Then, x^* and λ^* are characterized by the problems

$$\inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^m} \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^m} \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda).$$

Dual ascent method:

$$x^{j+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda^j), \quad \lambda^{j+1} = \lambda^j + h_j g(x^{j+1}), \quad h_j > 0.$$

Arrow-Hurwicz-Uzawa method (Ryu and Boyd (2015)):

$$x^{j+1} = x^j - h_j (f_x(x^j) + \lambda^j g_x(x^j)), \quad \lambda^{j+1} = \lambda^j + h_j g(x^{j+1}).$$

Consider $v = v(t, x)$.

Given $\tilde{\omega} : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\tilde{v} : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, let $\tilde{m} : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ solve

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{m}_t + (\tilde{v}(t, x)\tilde{m})_x = 0 & [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}, \\ \tilde{m}(0, x) = m_0(x) & x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{cases}$$

Let

$$\mathcal{I}(t) = \tilde{\omega}(t) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \tilde{v}(t, x)\tilde{m}(t, x)dx - Q(t) \right), \quad t \in [0, T].$$

$\mathcal{I} \equiv 0$ for (u, m, ϖ) .

Notice: We encode (u, m, ϖ) using (ϖ, v^*) .

For N players,

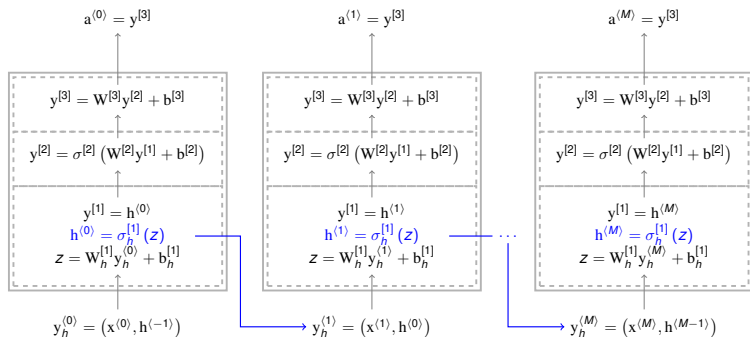
$$\tilde{m}^N(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{X^i(t)}(\mathbf{x}), \quad t \in [0, T], \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$\mathcal{I}^N(t) = \tilde{\omega}^N(t) \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N v^i(t, X^i(t)) - Q(t) \right), \quad t \in [0, T].$$

We consider

$$\sup_{\tilde{\omega}^N} \inf_{\mathbf{v}} \underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^T (L(X^i(t), v^i(t)) + \tilde{\omega}^N(t) (v^i(t) - Q(t))) dt + u_T(X^i(T))}_{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{v}, \tilde{\omega}^N)},$$

Recurrent neural networks:



Input $x = (x^{(0)}, \dots, x^{(M)})$. Output $a = (a^{(0)}, \dots, a^{(M)})$.

$\Theta = (W^{[1]}, b^{[1]}, \dots, W^{[L]}, b^{[L]})$. Training = Optimize $\mathcal{L}(\Theta)$.

Why recurrent networks?

Consider,

$$\bar{X}(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} xm(t, x) dx, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

where m is the push-forward of m_0 under v^* . Then, $\frac{d}{dt}\bar{X} = Q$; that is,

$$\bar{X}(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} xm_0(x) dx + \int_0^t Q(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, T].$$

Although m is infinite-dimensional, we recover its mean from the path of Q .

Adversarial-like training:

$$v(\Theta_v) \quad \text{and} \quad \varpi(\Theta_\varpi).$$

Hyper-parameters:

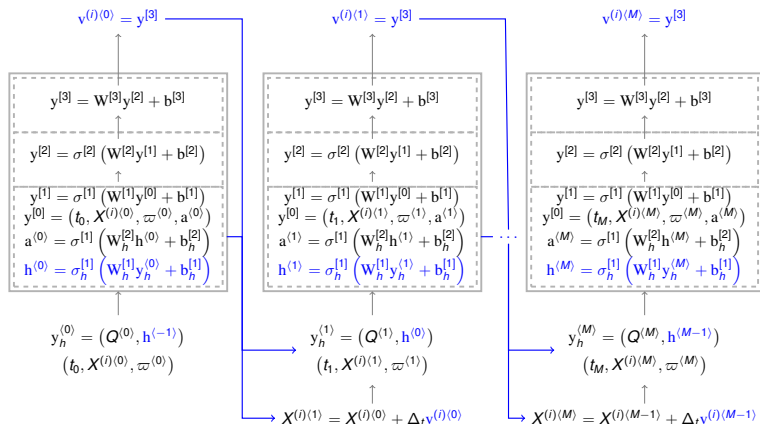
$$L_\varpi = L_v = 3 \text{ (shallow),}$$

$$\sigma^{[1]} = \sigma^{[2]} = \text{sigmoid}, \sigma^{[3]} = \text{Id.}$$

The dimension of y is 32 and that of h is 16.

$$\mathcal{L}(\Theta_v, \Theta_\varpi) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\sum_{k=0}^{M-1} h \left(L(X^{(i)\langle k \rangle}, v^{(i)\langle k \rangle}(\Theta_v)) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \varpi^{\langle k \rangle}(\Theta_\varpi) \left(v^{(i)\langle k \rangle}(\Theta_v) - Q^{\langle k \rangle} \right) \right) + u_T(X^{(i)\langle M \rangle}) \right)$$

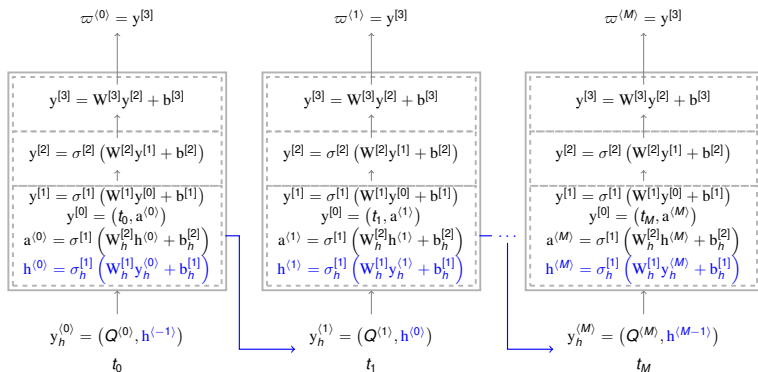
Neural networks approach



Iteration of the recurrent neural network $v(\Theta_v)$.

Inputs $t = (t_0, \dots, t_M)$, $\mathbf{X}^{(i)(0)}$, $\varpi = (\varpi^{(0)}, \dots, \varpi^{(M)})$, $Q = (Q^{(0)}, \dots, Q^{(M)})$.
 Outputs $v^{(i)} = (v^{(i)(0)}, \dots, v^{(i)(M)})$.

Neural networks approach

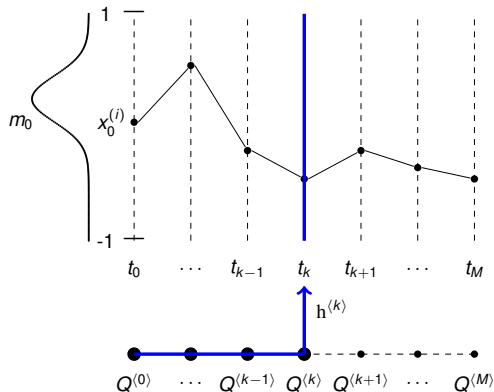


Iteration of the recurrent neural network $\varpi(\Theta_\varpi)$.

Inputs $t = (t_0, \dots, t_M)$, $Q = (Q^{(0)}, \dots, Q^{(M)})$.

Outputs $\varpi = (\varpi^{(0)}, \dots, \varpi^{(M)})$.

Neural networks approach



Space-time grid computation diagram.

Notice: The time grid is discrete, while the state grid is continuous.

Input : initial density m_0 , number of samples N , number of time steps M ,
supply $Q = (Q(t_k))_{k=0}^M$, training steps J

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1 Initialize  $\Theta_v^1, \Theta_{\varpi}^1$ ;
2 for  $j = 1, \dots, J$  do
3   sample  $x_0^1, \dots, x_0^N$  according to  $m_0$ ;
4   compute  $(\varpi^{(0)}, \dots, \varpi^{(M)})$  using  $\varpi(\Theta_{\varpi}^j)$ ;
5   for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  do
6     compute  $(v^{(i)(0)}, \dots, v^{(i)(M)})$  using  $v(\Theta_v^j)$ ;
7   end
8   compute  $\mathcal{L}(\Theta_v^j, \Theta_{\varpi}^j)$ ;
9   compute  $\Theta_v^{j+1}$  by updating  $\Theta_v^j$  in the descent direction  $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_v}(\Theta_v^j, \Theta_{\varpi}^j)$ ;
10  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  do
11    compute  $(v^{(i)(0)}, \dots, v^{(i)(M)})$  using  $v(\Theta_v^{j+1})$ ;
12  end
13  compute  $\mathcal{L}(\Theta_v^{j+1}, \Theta_{\varpi}^j)$ ;
14  compute  $\Theta_{\varpi}^{j+1}$  by updating  $\Theta_{\varpi}^j$  in the ascent direction  $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta_{\varpi}}(\Theta_v^{j+1}, \Theta_{\varpi}^j)$ ;
15 end
Output:  $\Theta_{\varpi}^J, \Theta_v^J$ 

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$$L(x, v) = \frac{\eta}{2} (x - \kappa)^2 + \frac{c}{2} v^2, \quad \text{and} \quad u_T(x) = \frac{\gamma}{2} (x - \zeta)^2,$$

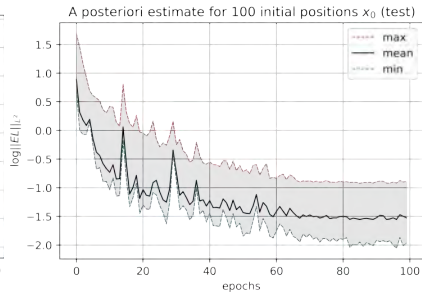
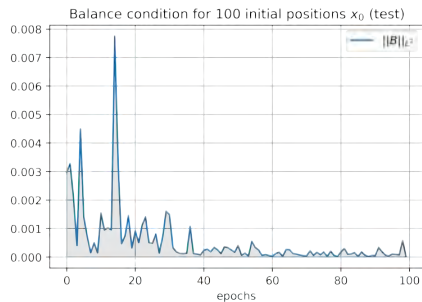
where $\kappa, \zeta \in \mathbb{R}$, $\eta, \gamma \geq 0$, and $c > 0$. We set $T = 1$, $M = 30$,

$$Q'(t) = \left(\bar{Q}(t) - Q(t) \right), \quad Q(0) = q_0, \quad \bar{Q}(t) = 7e^{-t} \sin(3\pi t),$$

$N = 10$, $m_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0.4)$.

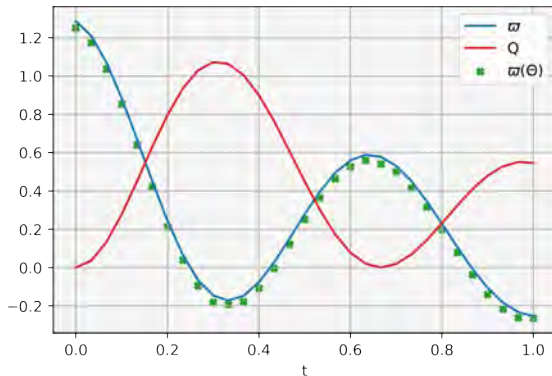
Euler-Lagrange is tested over 100 trajectories every epoch (500 iterations).
Training for 50.000 steps.

Numerical results



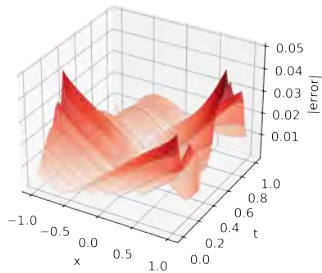
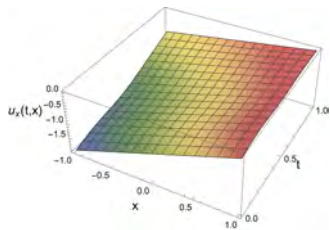
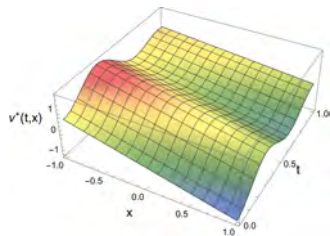
Balance condition and Euler-Lagrange residual.

Numerical results

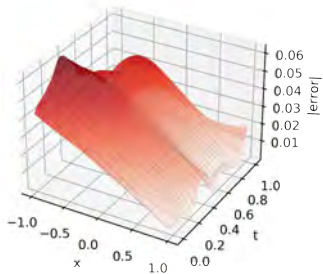


Supply and price.

Numerical results

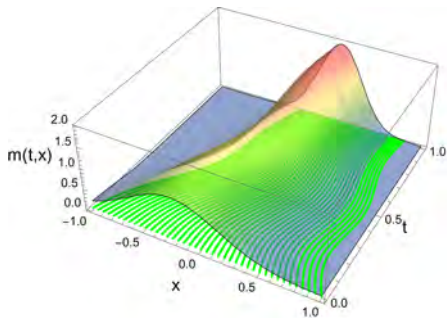


v^* and error.

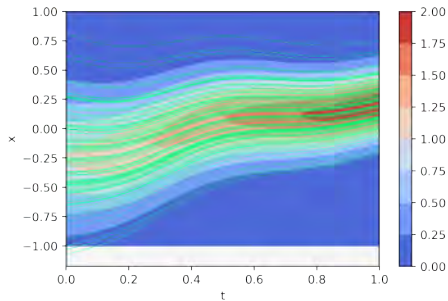


u_x and error.

Numerical results

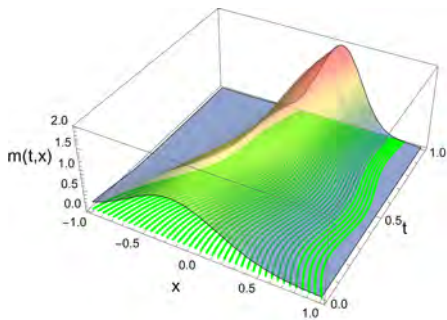


m and v^* trajectories.

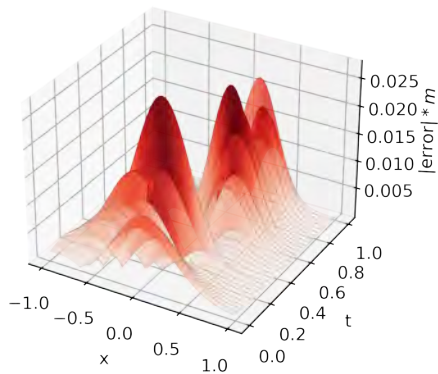


m and $v(\Theta)$ trajectories.

Numerical results



m and v^* trajectories.



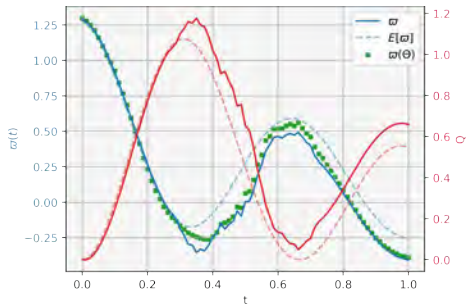
m -weighted error (v^*).

MFG price-formation model with common noise

(Gomes et al. (2021)) We consider $dQ(t) = b^s(Q, \varpi)dt + \sigma^s(Q, \varpi)dW(t)$.
Solution: assume

$$d\varpi(t) = b^p(Q, \varpi)dt + \sigma^p(Q, \varpi)dW(t).$$

The balance condition determines b^p and σ^p from b^s and σ^s .



Exact price and approximation (one realization).

Contributions:

- Lagrange multiplier formulation
- Optimization framework (min-max problem)
- Use of neural networks in an optimization setting
- Optimality conditions as a tool to assess convergence of training.
- Decoupling the mean-field games system enables numerical schemes both for the Hamilton-Jacobi and transport equations.

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