

# Mean-field SDE driven by a fractional BM. A related stochastic control problem

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## Introduction

**Our objective:** Study of the control problem with the dynamics driven by a fBM  $B^H$  with Hurst parameter  $H \in (1/2, 1)$

$$X_t^u = x + \int_0^t \sigma(P_{X_s^u}) dB_s^H + \int_0^t b(P_{(X_s^u, u_s)}, X_s^u, u_s) ds,$$

where  $x \in R$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{U}(0, T)$  - adapted control process with values in a convex open set  $U \subset R^m$ , and with the cost functional:

$$J(u) = E \left[ \int_0^T f(P_{(X_t^u, u_t)}, X_t^u, u_t) dt + g(X_T^u, P_{X_T^u}) \right];$$

characterisation of an optimal control  $u^* \in \mathcal{U}(0, T)$  s.t.  $J$  takes its minimum over  $\mathcal{U}(0, T)$  at  $u^*$ .

### Short state-of-art:

- Several recent works on Pontryagin's maximum principle for mean-field control problems driven by a BM: + Carmona, Delarue (2015),..., + Buckdahn, Li, Ma (Pontryagin's principle for a mean-field control problem with partial observation, 2016);
- Several recent works on Peng's maximum principle (using spike control) for mean-field control problems driven by a BM: + Buckdahn, Djehiche, Li (2011), + Buckdahn, Li, Ma (2016);
- The fBM is not a semimartingale which makes the analysis much more subtle; much less works on maximum principle for control problems driven by a fBM: + Biagini, Hu, Oksendal, Sulem (2002), Hu, Zhou (linear control system, Riccati equation is a linear BSDE driven by a BM and a fBM, 2005), Han, Hu, Song

(2013) (Pontryagin's maximum principle with regularity assumptions -as Malliavin differentiability- on the optimal control process; adjoint equation is a linear BSDE driven by a BM and a fBM);

+ Buckdahn, Jing: Peng's maximum principle for control problem driven by a BM and a fBM (2014). With Shuai Jing we try to avoid regularity conditions on the optimal control.

### Preliminaries

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  complete probability space;

#### 1. Fractional BM. A minimalist overview:

- fBM with Hurst parameter  $H \in (0, 1)$ : centered Gaussian process  $B^H$  with

$$\text{cov}(B_t^H, B_s^H) = \frac{1}{2}(t^{2H} + s^{2H} - |t - s|^{2H}), \quad s, t \geq 0.$$

For  $H \in (1/2, 1)$ ,  $\exists$  BM  $W$  s.t.  $B_t^H = \int_0^t K_H(t, s) dW_s$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , with kernel

$$K_H(t, s) = c_H s^{1/2-H} \int_s^t (u-s)^{H-3/2} u^{H-1/2} du, \quad t > s,$$

with constant  $c_H = [H(2H-1)/\beta(2-2H, H-1/2)]^{1/2}$ ,

where  $\beta(\alpha, \gamma) = \Gamma(\alpha + \gamma)/(\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\gamma))$  (Beta function),  $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx$  (Gamma function).

- Stochastic integral w.r.t. fBM: Let  $f \in L^2([0, T] \times \Omega)$ ;  $f \in \text{Dom}(\delta_H)$ , if  $\exists \delta_H(f) \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  s.t., for all  $G \in \mathbf{D}_{1,2}^H$ ,

$$E[G\delta_H(f)] = \int_0^T E[f(t)\mathbf{D}_t^H G] dt.$$

If  $fI_{[s,t]} \in \text{Dom}(\delta_H)$ ,  $\int_s^t f(r)dB_r^H := \delta_H(fI_{[s,t]})$ .

Fractional calculus:

- Malliavin derivatives.  $D_t^H$  - classical Malliavin derivative but now w.r.t.  $B^H$  instead of a BM;

$$\mathbf{D}_s^H G = \int_0^T H(2H-1)|s-r|^{2H-2} D_r^H G dr = (K_H K_H^* D \cdot^H G)(s), \quad G \in \mathcal{S},$$

where  $K_H$  is an operator on  $\mathcal{H} := \left\{ \left( \int_0^t K_H(t,s) \hat{f}(s) ds \right)_{t \in [0,T]}, \hat{f} \in L^2([0,T]) \right\}$  defined by

$$(K_H \psi)(s) = c_H \Gamma(H-1/2) s^{1/2-H} I_{0+}^{H-1/2} (u^{H-1/2} \psi(u))(s)$$

with  $I_{0+}^\alpha(f)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x \frac{f(u)}{(x-u)^{1-\alpha}} du$ , for almost all  $x \in [0,T]$ , and  $K_H^*$  is its adjoint operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Important: for all  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ ,

$$\int_0^T \psi(t) dB^H(t) = \int_0^T (K_H^* \psi)(t) dW(t), \quad \int_0^T \psi(t) dW(t) = \int_0^T (K_H^{*-1} \psi)(t) dB^H(t).$$

Therefore,  $\mathbf{F} := \mathbf{F}^W = \mathbf{F}^{B^H}$ .

- $L^2$ -norm of stochastic integral: For all  $f \in \text{Dom}(\delta_H)$ ,

$$E\left[\left|\int_0^T f(t)dB_t^H\right|^2\right] = E\left[\int_0^T |K_H^* f(t)|^2 dt\right] + 2E\left[\int_0^T \int_0^s \mathbf{D}_s^H f(r) \mathbf{D}_r^H f(s) dr ds\right].$$



## Mean-field SDE driven by a fBM

Given  $\xi \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_0, P)$ ,  $\Theta \in L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; R^m)$ , we consider the SDE:

$$(1) \quad X_t = \xi + \int_0^t (\gamma_s X_s + \sigma(s, P_{(X_s, \Theta_s)})) dB_s^H + \int_0^t b(s, P_{(X_s, \Theta_s)}, X_s) ds,$$

where  $\sigma : [0, T] \times \mathcal{P}_2(R \times R^m) \rightarrow R$  and  $b : \Omega \times [0, T] \times \mathcal{P}_2(R \times R^m) \times R \rightarrow R$  satisfy the following conditions:

**(H1)** For any  $s \in [0, T]$ ,  $x, x' \in R$ ,  $\eta, \eta' \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and  $\Theta \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P; R^m)$ , there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} |\sigma(s, P_{(\eta, \Theta)})| &\leq C, \quad |b(s, P_{(\eta, \Theta)}, x)| \leq C(1 + W_2(P_{(\eta, \Theta)}, P_{(0, \Theta)}) + |x|), \\ |\sigma(s, P_{(\eta, \Theta)}) - \sigma(s, P_{(\eta', \Theta)})| &\leq W_2(P_{(\eta, \Theta)}, P_{(\eta', \Theta)}), \\ |b(s, P_{(\eta, \Theta)}, x) - b(s, P_{(\eta', \Theta)}, x')| &\leq C(W_2(P_{(\eta, \Theta)}, P_{(\eta', \Theta)}) + |x - x'|). \end{aligned}$$

The SDE will be solved using Girsanov transformation: For  $\gamma \in L^\infty([0, T]) \subset \mathcal{H}$ ,

$$\mathcal{T}_t(\omega) = \omega + \int_0^{t \wedge \cdot} K_H^*(\gamma I_{[0,t]})(s) ds,$$

$$\mathcal{A}_t(\omega) = \omega - \int_0^{t \wedge \cdot} K_H^*(\gamma I_{[0,t]})(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, T], \omega \in \Omega,$$

Clearly,  $\mathcal{A}_t \mathcal{T}_t(\omega) = \mathcal{T}_t \mathcal{A}_t(\omega) = \omega$ . Moreover, for any  $F \in \mathcal{S}$ , from the Girsanov theorem

$$E[F] = E[F(\mathcal{T}_t) \varepsilon_t^{-1}(\mathcal{T}_t)] = E[F(\mathcal{A}_t) \varepsilon_t],$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_t &= \exp \left\{ \int_0^t \gamma_s dB_s^H - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (K_H^*(\gamma I_{[0,t]}))^2(s) ds \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ \int_0^t K_H^*(\gamma I_{[0,t]})(s) dW_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (K_H^*(\gamma I_{[0,t]}))^2(s) ds \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$E \left[ \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \varepsilon_t^p \right] < +\infty \quad \text{and} \quad E \left[ \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \varepsilon_t^p(\mathcal{T}_t) \right] < +\infty, \quad \text{for all } p \in R.$$

Let  $L^{2,*}([0, T]; R)$  be the Banach space of  $\mathbf{F}$ -adapted processes  $\{\varphi(t), t \in [0, T]\}$  such that

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} E [|\varphi(t)|^2 \varepsilon_t^{-1}] < +\infty.$$

**Theorem.** The above SDE (1) has a unique solution  $X \in L^{2,*}([0, T]; R)$ .

Remark. Proof is based on the following statement with rather technical proof:

Proposition. 1)  $X \in L^{2,*}([0, T]; R)$  is a solution of our SDE iff it solves equ. (2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & X_t(\mathcal{T}_t)\varepsilon_t^{-1}(\mathcal{T}_t) \\
 = & \xi + \int_0^t \sigma(s, P_{(X_s, \Theta_s)})\varepsilon_s^{-1}(\mathcal{T}_s)dB_s^H + \int_0^t b(s, \mathcal{T}_s, P_{(X_s, \Theta_s)}, X_s(\mathcal{T}_s))\varepsilon_s^{-1}(\mathcal{T}_s)ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

2) For all deterministic  $\Theta \in L^\infty([0, T])$ ,  $(\Theta_s \varepsilon_s^{-1}(\mathcal{T}_s))_{s \in [0, T]} \in \text{Dom}(\delta_H)$ .

3) The above SDE (2) has a unique solution  $X \in L^{2,*}([0, T]; R)$

Proof. Main tools:

+ The method of Girsanov transformation;

+ The formula for  $E[|\int_0^T f(t)dB_t^H|^2]$  (involving  $f$  and its Malliavin derivative  $\mathbf{D}f$ );

+ Picard's iteration with the distance function  $(E[|X_t - X'_t|^2 \varepsilon_t^{-1}])^{1/2}$ .

## The mean-field control problem

Recall:  $B^H$  fBM with Hurst parameter  $H \in (1/2, 1)$ ; control state space  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  nonempty, convex, bounded;  $\mathcal{U}([0, T]) := L_{\mathbf{F}}^{\infty}([0, T]; U)$ .

Given  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{U}([0, T])$  we consider the control problem with dynamics

$$(3) \quad X_t^u = x + \int_0^t \sigma(P_{X_s^u}) dB_s^H + \int_0^t b(P_{(X_s^u, u_s)}, X_s^u, u_s) ds,$$

with the cost functional

$$(4) \quad J(u) = E \left[ \int_0^T f(P_{(X_t^u, u_t)}, X_t^u, u_t) dt + g(X_T^u, P_{X_T^u}) \right].$$

Assumptions: (H2)  $\sigma : \mathcal{P}_2(R) \rightarrow R$ ,  $b : \mathcal{P}_2(R \times U) \times R \times U \rightarrow R$ ,  $g : R \times \mathcal{P}_2(R) \rightarrow R$  and  $f : \mathcal{P}_2(R \times U) \times R \times U \rightarrow U$  are bounded and Lipschitz (in all variables);

(H3)  $\sigma, b, f$  and  $g$  are  $C^1$  in  $(x, \mu, u)$  (with  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_2(R)$  and  $\mathcal{P}_2(R \times U)$ , respectively), and all first order derivatives are bounded and Lipschitz. This means, e.g., that, for some  $C \in R$ , for any  $(\mu, y), (\mu', y') \in \mathcal{P}_2(R) \times R$ ,

$$|\partial_\mu \sigma(\mu, y) - \partial_\mu \sigma(\mu', y')| \leq C(W_2(\mu, \mu') + |y - y'|).$$

Under the above assumptions we have seen the existence and the uniqueness for every  $u \in \mathcal{U}([0, T])$ .

Assume that there is a  $u^* \in \mathcal{U}([0, T])$  minimising  $J : \mathcal{U}([0, T]) \rightarrow R$ ;  $X^* := X^{u^*}$ .

Objective: Characterisation of  $u^*$  by convex perturbation: For  $u \in \mathcal{U}([0, T])$ ,  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ , put  $u^\varepsilon := u^* + \varepsilon(u - u^*) \in \mathcal{U}([0, T])$ ,  $X^\varepsilon := X^{u^\varepsilon}$ .

**Lemma** The following SDE obtained by formal differentiation of (3) for  $u = u^\varepsilon$  w.r.t.  $\varepsilon$  at  $\varepsilon = 0$ , for  $t \in [0, T]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_t = & \int_0^t \tilde{E} \left[ \partial_\mu \sigma \left( P_{X_s^*}, \tilde{X}_s^* \right) \tilde{Y}_s \right] dB_s^H \\
 & + \int_0^t \tilde{E} \left[ \left\langle \partial_\mu b \left( P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^* \right), \left( \tilde{Y}_s, \tilde{u}_s - \tilde{u}_s^* \right) \right\rangle \right] ds \\
 & + \int_0^t \partial_x b \left( P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^* \right) Y_s ds + \int_0^t \partial_u b \left( P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^* \right) (u_s - u_s^*) ds,
 \end{aligned}$$

has a unique solution  $Y \in L_{\mathbf{F}}^2([0, T])$ . Moreover,

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \searrow 0} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} E \left[ \left| Y_t - \frac{X_t^\varepsilon - X_t^*}{\varepsilon} \right|^2 \right] = 0.$$

Above,  $(\tilde{X}^*, \tilde{Y}, \tilde{u}, \tilde{u}^*)$  is an independent copy of  $(X^*, Y, u, u^*)$  defined on a probability space  $(\tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{\mathcal{F}}, \tilde{P})$ . The expectation  $\tilde{E}[\cdot]$  under  $\tilde{P}$  only concerns  $(\tilde{X}^*, \tilde{Y}, \tilde{u}, \tilde{u}^*)$  but not  $(X^*, Y, u, u^*)$ .

As  $(X^*, u^*)$  is optimal,  $J(u^\varepsilon) \geq J(u^*)$ ,  $\varepsilon \in [0, 1]$ . Thus,

$$\left. \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} J(u^\varepsilon) \right|_{\varepsilon=0} := \lim_{0 < \varepsilon \searrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (J(u^\varepsilon) - J(u^*)) \geq 0, \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \left. \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} J(u^\varepsilon) \right|_{\varepsilon=0} &= E [\partial_x g(X_T^*, P_{X_T^*}) Y_T] + E \left[ \tilde{E} \left[ \partial_\mu g(X_T^*, P_{X_T^*}, \tilde{X}_T^*) \tilde{Y}_T \right] \right] \\ &+ E \left[ \int_0^T \partial_x f(P_{(X_t^*, u_t^*)}, X_t^*, u_t^*) Y_t dt \right] \\ &+ E \left[ \int_0^T \tilde{E} \left[ (\partial_\mu f)_1(P_{(X_t^*, u_t^*)}, X_t^*, u_t^*, \tilde{X}_t^*, \tilde{u}_t^*) \tilde{Y}_t \right] dt \right] \\ &+ E \left[ \int_0^T \tilde{E} \left[ (\partial_\mu f)_2(P_{(X_t^*, u_t^*)}, X_t^*, u_t^*, \tilde{X}_t^*, \tilde{u}_t^*) (\tilde{u}_t - \tilde{u}_t^*) \right] dt \right] \\ &+ E \left[ \int_0^T \partial_u f(P_{(X_t^*, u_t^*)}, X_t^*, u_t^*) (u_t - u_t^*) dt \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$



We introduce the adjoint BSDE with its  $\mathbf{F}$ -adapted solution  $(P, \beta)$ :

$$P_t = P_T - \int_t^T \alpha_s ds - \int_t^T \beta_s dW_s, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

$$P_T = \partial_x g(X_T^*, P_{X_T^*}) + \tilde{E} \left[ \partial_\mu g(\tilde{X}_T^*, P_{X_T^*}, X_T^*) \right],$$

where  $\alpha \in L^2_{\mathcal{F}}([0, T])$  will be specified later. Applying Itô's formula (with  $B^H$ ) taking the expectation and rearranging terms, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & E[Y_T P_T] \\ = & \int_0^T E \left[ Y_s \left\{ \tilde{E} \left[ \tilde{P}_s (\partial_\mu b)_1 (P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^*, X_s^*) \right] + P_s \partial_x b (P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \alpha_s + \partial_\mu \sigma (P_{X_s^*}, X_s^*) E[\mathbf{D}_s^H P_s] \right\} \right] ds \\ & + \int_0^T E \left[ \left( \tilde{E} \left[ \tilde{P}_s (\partial_\mu b)_2 (P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^*, u_s^*) \right] \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + P_s \partial_u b (P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) \right) (u_s - u_s^*) \right] ds. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Combining (5) with (6) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \leq & \int_0^T E[Y_s \{ \tilde{E}[\tilde{P}_s(\partial_\mu b)_1(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^*, X_s^*)] + P_s \partial_x b(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) \\
 & + \partial_\mu \sigma(P_{X_s^*}, X_s^*) E[\mathbf{D}_s^H P_s] + \partial_x f(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) + \alpha_s \\
 & + \tilde{E}[(\partial_\mu f)_1(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^*, X_s^*, u_s^*)] \}] ds \\
 & + \int_0^T E[(u_s - u_s^*) \{ \tilde{E}[(\partial_\mu f)_2(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^*, X_s^*, u_s^*)] \\
 & + \partial_u f(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) \\
 & + \tilde{E}[\tilde{P}_s(\partial_\mu b)_2(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^*, X_s^*, u_s^*)] + P_s \partial_u b(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) \}] ds.
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Putting the first integral equal to zero, we choose

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha_s = & -\tilde{E}[\tilde{P}_s(\partial_\mu b)_1(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^*, X_s^*)] - P_s \partial_x b(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) \\
 & - \partial_\mu \sigma(P_{X_s^*}, X_s^*) E[\mathbf{D}_s^H P_s] - \partial_x f(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) \\
 & - \tilde{E}[(\partial_\mu f)_1(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^*, X_s^*, u_s^*)].
 \end{aligned}$$

This gives the following form of the BSDE for  $P_t = P_T - \int_t^T \alpha_s ds - \int_t^T \beta_s dW_s$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_t = P_T + \int_t^T & \left\{ \tilde{E}[\tilde{P}_s(\partial_\mu b)_1(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^*, X_s^*, u_s^*)] \right. \\
 & + P_s \partial_x b(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) \\
 & + \partial_\mu \sigma(P_{X_s^*}, X_s^*) E[\mathbf{D}_s^H P_s] + \partial_x f(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) \\
 & \left. + \tilde{E}[(\partial_\mu f)_1(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^*, X_s^*, u_s^*)] \right\} ds - \int_t^T \beta_s dW_s,
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

which is a mean-field BSDE driven by the standard Brownian motion  $W$ .

Let us assume that the above BSDE has an  $\mathbf{F}$ -adapted solution  $(P, \beta)$  (Discussion on existence and unique for the BSDE later).

Then (7) becomes

$$0 \leq \int_0^T E[(u_s - u_s^*) \{ \tilde{E}[(\partial_\mu f)_2(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^*, X_s^*, u_s^*)] + \partial_u f(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) + \tilde{E}[\tilde{P}_s(\partial_\mu b)_2(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^*, X_s^*, u_s^*)] + P_s \partial_u b(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) \}] ds. \quad (9)$$

As  $U$  is open and  $u \in \mathcal{U}([0, T])$  arbitrary, we have

$$0 = \tilde{E}[(\partial_\mu f)_2(P_{(X_t^*, u_t^*)}, \tilde{X}_t^*, \tilde{u}_t^*, X_t^*, u_t^*)] + \partial_u f(P_{(X_t^*, u_t^*)}, X_t^*, u_t^*) + \tilde{E}[\tilde{P}_t(\partial_\mu b)_2(P_{(X_t^*, u_t^*)}, \tilde{X}_t^*, \tilde{u}_t^*, X_t^*, u_t^*)] + P_t \partial_u b(P_{(X_t^*, u_t^*)}, X_t^*, u_t^*),$$

$dP$ -a.s.,  $dt$ -a.e.

Hence, we have following necessary conditions of Pontryagin-type.

**Theorem.** If  $(X^*, u^*)$  is an optimal pair of our control problem, then  $(X^*, u^*)$  satisfies the following system:

$$X_t^* = x + \int_0^t \sigma(P_{X_s^*}) dB_s^H + \int_0^t b(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) ds, \quad (10)$$

$$P_T = \partial_x g(X_T^*, P_{X_T^*}) + \tilde{E}[\partial_\mu g(\tilde{X}_T^*, P_{X_T^*}, X_T^*)],$$

$$P_t = P_T - \int_t^T \beta_s dW_s + \int_t^T \left\{ \tilde{E}[\tilde{P}_s(\partial_\mu b)_1(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^*, X_s^*, u_s^*)] \right. \\ \left. + P_s \partial_x b(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) + \partial_\mu \sigma(P_{X_s^*}, X_s^*) E[\mathbf{D}_s^H P_s] \right. \\ \left. + \partial_x f(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, X_s^*, u_s^*) + \tilde{E}[(\partial_\mu f)_1(P_{(X_s^*, u_s^*)}, \tilde{X}_s^*, \tilde{u}_s^*, X_s^*, u_s^*)] \right\} ds,$$

$$0 = \tilde{E}[\tilde{P}_t(\partial_\mu b)_2(P_{(X_t^*, u_t^*)}, \tilde{X}_t^*, \tilde{u}_t^*, X_t^*, u_t^*)] + P_t \partial_u b(P_{(X_t^*, u_t^*)}, X_t^*, u_t^*) \\ + \tilde{E}[(\partial_\mu f)_2(P_{(X_t^*, u_t^*)}, \tilde{X}_t^*, \tilde{u}_t^*, X_t^*, u_t^*)] + \partial_u f(P_{(X_t^*, u_t^*)}, X_t^*, u_t^*), \\ dP\text{-a.s.}, dt\text{-a.e.}$$

After this necessary condition we can give also a sufficient one:

**Theorem.** In addition to our standard assumptions, assume that  $g = g(x, \mu)$  is

convex in  $(x, \mu)$  and the Hamiltonian

$$H(\mu, x, u, y, z) := f(\mu, x, u) + b(\mu, x, u)y + \sigma(\mu)z$$

be jointly convex in  $(\mu, x, u)$ . Let  $(u^*, X^*)$  satisfy the above system. Then  $(u^*, X^*)$  is optimal:  $J(u^*) = \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}([0, T])} J(u)$ .

Remark. The convexity assumption on the Hamiltonian implies practically the linearity of  $b$  and  $\sigma$ .

Another assumption in which  $b$  and  $\sigma$  don't need to be linear:

- +  $g : R \times \mathcal{P}_2(R) \rightarrow R$  jointly convex in  $(x, \mu)$ , with  $\partial_x g \geq 0$ ,  $\partial_\mu g \geq 0$ ;
- +  $b(\mu, x, u) : \mathcal{P}_2(R \times U) \times R \times U \rightarrow R$  is jointly convex in  $(\mu, x, u)$  with  $(\partial_\mu b)_1(\mu, x, u, y) \geq 0$ , strictly convex in  $(\mu, u)$ ;
- +  $f(\mu, x, u) : \mathcal{P}_2(R \times U) \times R \times U \rightarrow R$  is jointly convex in  $(\mu, x, u)$ , and strictly convex in  $(\mu, u)$ , with  $(\partial_\mu f)_1(\eta, x, u, y) \geq 0$ ,  $\partial_x f(\eta, x, u, y) \geq 0$ ;
- +  $\sigma(\mu) \equiv \sigma \in R$ .

Recall (Carmona, Delarue, 2015):  $g$  convex (strictly convex), if there exists  $\lambda \geq 0$  (resp.,  $> 0$ ) such that for all  $x, x' \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\xi, \xi' \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ ,

$$g(x', P_{\xi'}) - g(x, P_{\xi}) \geq \partial_x g(x, P_{\xi})(x' - x) + E[\partial_{\mu} g(x, P_{\xi}, \xi)(\xi' - \xi)] + \lambda(|x - x'|^2 + E[|\xi - \xi'|^2]).$$

**Theorem.** If in addition to our standard assumptions the above assumption is satisfied and  $(u^*, X^*)$  solves the above system, then  $(u^*, X^*)$  is optimal:  $J(u^*) = \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}([0, T])} J(u)$ .

Concerning the solvability of the coupled forward-backward system (10) under the conditions of the preceding Theorem, we proceed as follows:

For any given  $(P, \xi) \in L^2(\mathcal{F}_t) \times L^2(\mathcal{F}_t)$ , we suppose that there is some  $\eta \in L^2(\mathcal{F}_t; U)$  such that:

$$0 = \tilde{E}[(\partial_\mu f)_2(P_{(\xi, \eta)}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}, \xi, \eta)] + \partial_u f(P_{(\xi, \eta)}, \xi, \eta) \\ + \tilde{E}[\tilde{P}(\partial_\mu b)_2(P_{(\xi, \eta)}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}, \xi, \eta)] + P(\partial_u b)(P_{(\xi, \eta)}, \xi, \eta).$$

**Lemma.** The mapping  $(P, \xi) \rightarrow \eta$  is unique and  $\eta = \eta(P, \xi)$  is Lipschitz in  $(P, \xi)$  under  $L^2$ -norm.

**Theorem.** Under the assumptions of the preceding theorem (i.e., in particular  $\sigma(\mu) = \sigma \in R$ ) and the preceding assumption, then, if the time horizon  $T > 0$  is sufficiently small, there exists a unique solution  $(X^*, (P, \beta), u^* = \eta(X^*, P))$  of the coupled FBSDE (10).



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