

On optimal stochastic control problem of McKean-Vlasov type with some applications via the derivative with respect the law of probability

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Our work distinguishes itself from the above ones in the following aspects.

- ① We study the more general controlled nonlinear McKean-Vlasov type system, where the coefficients of the equation depend on the state of the solution process $X^{u,\eta}$ as well as of its probability measures $P_{X^{u,\eta}(t)}$.
- ② Second, we apply the first and second-order derivatives with respect to probability measures to establish our Peng's type necessary optimality conditions.
- ③ Third, we study the general continuous-singular control problem, where the control domain is not assumed to be convex.

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4. Forth, the second-order derivative with respect to probability measures in *Wasserstein space* is applied to establish our result without convexity conditions.
5. Our McKean-Vlasov control problem occur naturally in the probabilistic analysis of financial optimization problems. Moreover, the above mathematical McKean-Vlasov approaches play an important role in different fields of economics, finance, physics, chemistry and game theory.

Definition

An admissible continuous-singular control is a pair $(u(\cdot), \eta(\cdot))$ of measurable $\mathbb{U}_1 \times \mathbb{U}_2$ -valued, \mathcal{F}_t -adapted processes, such that

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(2) $E \left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |u(t)|^2 + |\eta(T)|^2 \right] < \infty$.

where

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$\mathbb{U}_2 = ([0, +\infty))^m$.

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for any function $f : Q_2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we define a function $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\tilde{f}(X) = f(P_X), \quad X \in \mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{R}^n). \quad (4)$$

Clearly, the function \tilde{f} , called the *lift* of f , depends only on the law of $X \in \mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{R}^n)$ and is independent of the choice of the representative X . (see [3])

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A function $g : Q_2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be differentiable at a distribution $\mu_0 \in Q_2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if there exists $X_0 \in \mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{R}^n)$, with $\mu_0 = P_{X_0}$ such that its lift \tilde{g} is *Fréchet-differentiable* at X_0 .

- More precisely, there exists a continuous linear functional $\mathcal{D}\tilde{g}(X_0) : \mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{g}(X_0 + \zeta) - \tilde{g}(X_0) &= \langle \mathcal{D}\tilde{g}(X_0) \cdot \zeta \rangle + o(\|\zeta\|_2) \\ &= \mathcal{D}_\zeta g(\mu_0) + o(\|\zeta\|_2),\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

where $\langle \cdot \cdot \rangle$ is the dual product on $\mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{R}^n)$.

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- By applying *Riesz representation theorem*, there is a unique random variable $\Theta_0 \in \mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{R}^n)$ such that $\langle \mathcal{D}\tilde{g}(X_0) \cdot \zeta \rangle = (\Theta_0 \cdot \zeta)_2 = E[(\Theta_0 \cdot \zeta)_2]$ where $\zeta \in \mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{R}^n)$.

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$$|\partial_\mu g(\mu, x) - \partial_\mu g(\mu', x')| \leq C [\mathbb{T}(\mu, \mu') + |x - x'|], \\ \forall \mu, \mu' \in Q_2(\mathbb{R}^n), \forall x, x' \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

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Assumption (H3) The functions $G(\cdot) : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and $M(\cdot) : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ are continuous and bounded.

Main results. Adjoint equation

First-order adjoint equation. We consider the first-order adjoint equation, which is the following McKean-Vlasov linear BSDE:

$$\begin{cases} -dp(t) = \left[f_x(t)p(t) + \widehat{E} \left[\widehat{f}_\mu^*(t)(t)\widehat{p}(t) \right] + \sigma_x(t)q(t) + \widehat{E} \left[\widehat{\sigma}_\mu^*(t)\widehat{q}(t) \right] \right. \\ \quad \left. - \ell_x(t) - \widehat{E} \left[\widehat{\ell}_\mu^*(t)(t) \right] \right] dt - q(t)dB(t), \\ p(T) = h_x(T) + \widehat{E}[\widehat{h}_\mu^*(T)]. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Here, from (??), $t \in [0, T]$, for $\varphi = f, \sigma, \ell$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{E} \left[\partial_\mu \widehat{\varphi}^*(t) \right] &= \widehat{E} \left[\partial_\mu \varphi(t, \widehat{X}(t), P_{X^*(t)}, \widehat{u}^*(t); z) \right] \Big|_{z=X^*(t)} \\ &= \int_{\widehat{\Omega}} \partial_\mu \varphi(t, \widehat{X}(t, \widehat{w}), P_{X^*(t, w)}, \widehat{u}^*(t, \widehat{w}); X^*(t, w)) d\widehat{P}(\widehat{w}), \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

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Second-order adjoint equation. Consider the following standard linear BSDE

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Similar to (8) and (??), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{E}[\widehat{H}_{\mu y}^*(t)] &= \widehat{E} \left[\partial_\mu \partial_y H(t, \widehat{X}(t), P_{X^*(t)}, \widehat{u}^*(t), \widehat{p}(t), \widehat{q}(t); y) \right] \Big|_{y=X^*(t)} \\ &= \int_{\widehat{\Omega}} \partial_\mu \partial_y H(t, \widehat{X}(t, \widehat{w}), P_{X^*(t)}, \widehat{u}^*(t, \widehat{w}), \widehat{p}(t), \widehat{q}(t); X^*(t)) d\widehat{P}(\widehat{w}) \end{aligned}$$

Main results. Hamiltonian

Let us define the Hamiltonian associated to our continuous-singular control problem. For any $(t, x, \mu, u, p, q) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \times Q_2(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

$$H(t, x, \mu, u, p, q) = f(t, x, \mu, u)p + \sigma(t, x, \mu, u)q - \ell(t, x, \mu, u). \quad (10)$$

where $(p(\cdot), q(\cdot))$ be a pair of adapted processes, solution of the first-order adjoint equation

Main results. Necessary conditions

Let $(u^*(\cdot), \eta^*(\cdot), X^*(\cdot))$ is an optimal solution of the McKean-Vlasov control problem (2)-(1). We introduce the following variational equations for our continuous-singular control problem. Let $Y^{u^\varepsilon, \eta^\varepsilon}(\cdot)$ and $Z^\varepsilon(\cdot)$ be the solutions of (11), (12) associated to $(u^*(\cdot), \eta^*(\cdot))$ respectively.

First-order variational equation: let $E_\varepsilon = [0, \varepsilon]$, $t \in [0, T]$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} dY^{u^\varepsilon, \eta^\varepsilon}(t) = \left[f_x(t) Y^{u^\varepsilon, \eta^\varepsilon}(t) + \widehat{E}[\widehat{f}_\mu(t) \widehat{Y}^{u^\varepsilon, \eta^\varepsilon}(t)] + \delta f(t) 1_{E_\varepsilon}(t) \right] dt \\ \quad + \left[\sigma_x(t) Y^\varepsilon(t) + \widehat{E}[\widehat{\sigma}_\mu(t) \widehat{Y}^{u^\varepsilon, \eta^\varepsilon}(t)] + \delta \sigma(t) 1_{E_\varepsilon}(t) \right] dB(t) \\ \quad + G(t) d(\eta^\varepsilon - \eta^*)(t), \\ Y^{u^\varepsilon, \eta^\varepsilon}(0) = 0. \end{array} \right. \quad (11)$$

Here the process $Y^{u^\varepsilon, \eta^\varepsilon}(\cdot)$ is called the *first-order variational process*, associated to $(u^\varepsilon(\cdot), \eta^\varepsilon(\cdot))$ which is depend explicitly to singular control. The process $\eta^\varepsilon(\cdot)$ is the convex perturbed control given by $\eta^\varepsilon(t) = \eta^*(t) + \varepsilon(\eta(t) - \eta^*(t))$.

Main results. Necessary conditions

Second-order variational equation:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} dZ^\varepsilon(t) = \left[f_x(t)Z^\varepsilon(t) + \widehat{E}[\widehat{f}_\mu(t)\widehat{Z}^\varepsilon(t)] + \mathcal{L}_{xx}(t, f, Y^\varepsilon) + \mathcal{L}_{\mu x}(t, \widehat{f}, \widehat{Y}^\varepsilon) \right] dt \\ + \left[\sigma_x(t)Z^\varepsilon(t) + \widehat{E}[\widehat{\sigma}_\mu(t)\widehat{Z}^\varepsilon(t)] + \mathcal{L}_{xx}(t, \sigma, Y^\varepsilon) + \mathcal{L}_{\mu x}(t, \widehat{\sigma}, \widehat{Y}^\varepsilon) \right] dB(t), \\ + \left[\delta f_x(t)Y^\varepsilon(t) + \widehat{E}[\delta \widehat{f}_\mu(t)\widehat{Y}^\varepsilon(t)] \right] 1_{E_\varepsilon}(t) dt \\ + \left[\delta \sigma_x(t)Y^\varepsilon(t) + \widehat{E}[\delta \widehat{\sigma}_\mu(t)\widehat{Y}^\varepsilon(t)] \right] 1_{E_\varepsilon}(t) dB(t), \\ Z^\varepsilon(0) = 0. \end{array} \right. \quad (12)$$

Here the process $Z^\varepsilon(\cdot)$ is called the *second-order variational process*.

Main results. Estimations

Lemma

Let $X^\varepsilon(\cdot) = X^{u^\varepsilon, \eta^\varepsilon}(\cdot)$ be the solutions of (2) corresponding to continuous-singular control $(u^\varepsilon(\cdot), \eta^\varepsilon(\cdot))$. Let assumptions (H1) and (H2) hold. Then we have

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} E\left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |X^\varepsilon(t) - X^*(t)|^2\right) = 0.$$

Let $X^{u^\varepsilon, \eta^*}(\cdot)$ be the solution of (2), corresponding to $(u^\varepsilon(\cdot), \eta^*(\cdot))$. Let $Y^\varepsilon(\cdot)$ be the solution of (??), corresponding to $(u^\varepsilon(\cdot), \eta^*(\cdot))$, then the following estimation holds

Main results. Estimations

Lemma

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} E \left[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \left| X^{u^\varepsilon, \eta^*}(t) - X^*(t) \right|^2 \right] = 0. \quad (13)$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} E \left[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \left| X^\varepsilon(t) - X^{u^\varepsilon, \eta^*}(t) \right|^2 \right] = 0. \quad (14)$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} E \left[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \left| X^{u^\varepsilon, \eta^*}(t) - X^*(t) - Y^\varepsilon(t) \right|^2 \right] = 0. \quad (15)$$

Proposition

Let $Y^\varepsilon(t)$ solution (12) associated to $(u^\varepsilon(\cdot), \eta^*(\cdot))$. Under assumption H1, the following estimate holds

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} E \left[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \left| X^{u^\varepsilon, \eta^*}(t) - X^*(t) - Y^\varepsilon(t) - Z^\varepsilon(t) \right|^2 \right] = 0. \quad (16)$$

Main results. Stochastic maximum principle

The following theorem constitutes the main contribution of this paper.

Theorem

Theorem 3.1 (*Stochastic maximum principle*) Let $(u^*(\cdot), \eta^*(\cdot), X^*(\cdot))$ is an optimal solution of the McKean-Vlasov control problem (2)-(1). Let assumptions (H1), (H2) and (H3) hold. Then there are two pairs of F_t -adapted processes $(p(\cdot), q(\cdot))$ and $(P(\cdot), Q(\cdot))$ that satisfy (7) and (9) respectively, such that for all $(u(t), \eta(t)) \in U_1 \times U_2$, we have

$$0 \leq H(t, X^*(t), P_{X^*(t)}, u^*(t), p^*(t), q^*(t)) - H(t, x^*(t), P_{X^*(t)}, u(t), p^*(t), q^*(t)), \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - \frac{1}{2} P(t) \left(\sigma(t, X^*(t), P_{X^*(t)}, u(t)) - \sigma(t, X^*(t), P_{X^*(t)}, u^*(t)) \right)^2 \\ & + E \int_{[0, T]} (M(t) + G(t)p(t)) d(\eta - \eta^*)(t). \end{aligned}$$

$$P\text{-a.s., a.e. } t \in [0, T].$$

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We derive the variational inequality (??) in several steps. From the optimality of $(u^*(\cdot), \eta^*(\cdot))$, we have

$$J(u^\varepsilon(\cdot), \eta^\varepsilon(\cdot)) - J(u^*(\cdot), \eta^*(\cdot)) \geq 0. \quad (18)$$

Now, we separate the above inequality into two parts

$$J_1^\varepsilon = J(u^\varepsilon(\cdot), \eta^\varepsilon(\cdot)) - J(u^\varepsilon(\cdot), \eta^*(\cdot)), \quad (19)$$

$$J_2^\varepsilon = J(u^\varepsilon(\cdot), \eta^*(\cdot)) - J(u^*(\cdot), \eta^*(\cdot)), \quad (20)$$

where $J(u^\varepsilon(\cdot), \eta^\varepsilon(\cdot)) - J(u^*(\cdot), \eta^*(\cdot)) = J_1^\varepsilon + J_2^\varepsilon$. The variational inequality will be derived from the fact that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (J_1^\varepsilon + J_2^\varepsilon) \geq 0. \quad (21)$$

Future developments We have discussed a general Peng's type necessary conditions in the form of Pontryagin stochastic maximum principle of optimal continuous-singular control for nonlinear controlled McKean-Vlasov stochastic differential equation. If the coefficients of the singular parts $G(t) = M(t) = 0$, our stochastic maximum principle (Theorem 3.1) coincides with maximum principle developed in Buckdahn et al. [3, Theorem 3.5].

Apparently, there are many problems left unsolved such as:

- A.** One possible problem is to study the general Peng's type maximum principle for optimal control for SDE, the coefficients of the singular parts $G(\cdot)$ and $M(\cdot)$ depend explicitly to the state of the solution process $X^{u,\eta}$ of the form

$$\begin{cases} dX^{u,\eta}(t) = f(t, X^{u,\eta}(t), u(t)) dt + \sigma(t, X^{u,\eta}(t), u(t)) dW(t) \\ \quad + G(t, X^{u,\eta}) d\eta(t), \\ X^{u,\eta}(0) = x_0, \end{cases}$$

and the cost functional of the form

$$J(u(\cdot), \eta(\cdot)) = E \left[\int_0^T f(t, X^{u,\eta}(t), u(t)) dt + h(X^{u,\eta}(T)) \right. \\ \left. + \int_{[0,T]} M(t, X^{u,\eta}) d\eta(t) \right].$$

Future developments

- B.** It would be interesting to investigate the McKean-Vlasov maximum principle (local version via Bensoussan's convex method and general Peng's maximum principle) for optimal continuous-singular control for McKean-Vlasov SDE, the coefficients of the singular parts $G(\cdot)$ and $M(\cdot)$ of the state equation depend on the state of the solution process as well as of its probability law and the control variable of the form

$$\begin{cases} dX^{u,\eta}(t) = f\left(t, X^{u,\eta}(t), P_{X^{u,\eta}(t)}, u(t)\right) dt + \sigma\left(t, X^{u,\eta}(t), P_{X^{u,\eta}(t)}, u(t)\right) dW(t) \\ \quad + G(t, X^{u,\eta}, P_{X^{u,\eta}(t)}) d\eta(t), \\ X^{u,\eta}(0) = x_0, \end{cases}$$

and the expected cost has the form

$$J(u(\cdot), \eta(\cdot)) = E \left[\int_0^T f(t, X^{u,\eta}(t), P_{X^{u,\eta}(t)}, u(t)) dt + h(X^{u,\eta}(T), P_{X^{u,\eta}(T)}) \right. \\ \left. + \int_{[0,T]} M(t, X^{u,\eta}, P_{X^{u,\eta}(t)}) d\eta(t) \right].$$

Future developments

- C. Another challenging problem left unsolved is to derive a various maximum principles in the case where the coefficients f, σ, ℓ, G and M depend on the state of the solution process $X^{u,\eta}(\cdot)$, the continuous control variable $u(\cdot)$ as well as of probability law of the pair $P_{(X^{u,\eta}(t), u(t))}$. So we investigate the problem:

$$\begin{cases} dX^{u,\eta}(t) = f(t, X^{u,\eta}, u(t), P_{(X^{u,\eta}(t), u(t))})dt + \sigma(t, X^{u,\eta}(t), u(t), P_{(X^{u,\eta}(t), u(t))})d\eta(t), \\ X^{u,\eta}(0) = x_0, \end{cases}$$

and the cost functional has the general form

$$J(u(\cdot), \eta(\cdot)) = E \left[\int_0^T f(t, X^{u,\eta}, u(t), P_{(X^{u,\eta}(t), u(t))})dt + h(X^{u,\eta}(T), P_{(X^{u,\eta}(T), u(T))}) \right. \\ \left. + \int_{[0,T]} M(t, X^{u,\eta}, u(t), P_{(X^{u,\eta}(t), u(t))})d\eta(t) \right].$$

We hope to study these interesting new problems in forthcoming works.

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