Controlled Fractional Dynamics and Interacting Particle Systems

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- What is the minimal cost?
- What is the strategy to get such a cost?





- - - - - Stochastic control problem.- - - - - -

Aim: Minimize the final cost.

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Result 1 (Heavy-tail semi-Markov IPS).

The system is described as a semi-Markov process with waiting times attracted by stable laws whose parameters depend on the current state.

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$$F_{N,y}(t) = \begin{cases} \int_0^t \prod_{(k,l) \neq (i,j)} P[s \le \tau_{kl}(n_k/|N|, n_l/|N|)] \nu_{ij}(ds|n_i/|N|, n_j/|N|), & y = N^{ij}, \\ 0 & else \\ (1) \end{cases}$$

where $\nu_{ij}(ds|n_i/|N|, n_j/|N|)$ is the law of $\tau_{ij}(n_i/|N|, n_j/|N|)$.

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Objective: Minimize J by an appropriate selection of actions:

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Result 2. (Fractional HJB type equation)

The evolution equation for the payoff function of a scaled process has been *heuristically* derived and it satisfies a Fractional Partial Differential Equation.

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Fractional dynamic programming equation

Let $\hat{V}(t,x)$ be the value function associated with the limiting process of a scaled version of $Y^{\tilde{u}}$. Then, under appropriate assumptions, \hat{V} satisfies

$$A_{\alpha}^{*}\hat{V}(t,x) = -\hat{V}(0,x)\frac{t^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} - \sum_{i,j=1;j\neq i}^{d} P[M^{X,u} = (i,j)] \left[\frac{\partial\hat{V}}{\partial x_{j}}(t,x) - \frac{\partial\hat{V}}{\partial x_{i}}(t,x)\right],$$
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with initial data V(0,x) = H(x), where $\alpha = \alpha(x,t,u)$, $x \in \Sigma_d$, and

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and A^*_{α} is the dual of the generator of an α -stable subordinator:

$$A_{\alpha}^{*}f(x) = -\frac{1}{\Gamma(-\alpha)}\int_{0}^{\infty}(f(x-s)-f(x))\frac{ds}{s^{1+\alpha}}, \quad \alpha \in (0,1).$$



Summary

The main steps for answering our questions and their implications.



Final comments



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Ongoing research: Proof of the weak convergence of the underlying stochastic processes.

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